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Rural health crisis? Not in this county

Survey results released in the past month have revealed that most rural Texas counties are medically underserved. In fact, six Panhandle counties have no doctor at all.

But that isn't the case in the Castro County Hospital District, where six full-time and four part-time physicians are available for primary and specialized care.

The district appears to be in its healthiest condition in many years as both the average daily census in Plains Memorial Hospital and the number of patient encounters at the Medical Center of Dimmitt continue to climb, mainly because of the availability of doctors, medical

services and facilities here.

"We've been growing every year," district CEO Joe Sloan told the hospital board at its February meeting last Thursday night. "Recently we added 10 more beds because we needed them."

Associate Hospital Administrator Linda Rasor reported that those 10 new beds raised the hospital's capacity to 27 standard "acute care" patients (of a 41-bed total for all types of patients). Until those 10 beds were added, the acute-care facilities were crowded at times during the recent outbreak of upper respiratory problems.

Average daily census at the hospital in January was 13.87 patients

of all types—acute care, extended care, swing bed, maternity and geriatric/psychiatric. That's up from 13.22 in January 1999. Total patient days climbed from 410 in January '99 to 430 this January.

Health-care providers at the Medical Center of Dimmitt had 2,149 patient visits during January, compared with 1,731 the same month last year.

Local doctors admitted 108 patients to the hospital in January, compared with only 72 in January '99.

Most of this health-care progress stems from the decision of the
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REGIONAL CHAMPIONS! The Nazareth Swiftettes celebrate their 18th regional championship Saturday night after posting a 59-42 win over Sudan at South Plains College's Texan Dome in Levelland. Hoisting the regional trophy and leading the team in its celebration are the only two

seniors on the roster, Cassie Birkenfeld (10) and Sara Schulte (20). Other team members pictured are (from left) Lesley Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Nichole Huseman, Shawna Gerber, Lindsie Gerber, Tara Kleman, Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

Naz meets Moulton in state semis

Swiftettes will try for record 14th title

The Nazareth Swiftettes are headed back to Austin this weekend to try and claim the school's 14th state championship in girls' basketball.

The third-ranked Swiftettes captured the Region 1-A crown Saturday night with a 59-42 win over No. 2-ranked Sudan.

Now they are on the way to *The Drum* to face Moulton in a Class A state semifinal game today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m.

The Nazareth-Moulton matchup will be the first of several state semifinals on tap today at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin.

The other Class A semifinal at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) will feature the state's top-ranked team, Valley View, against Menard.

The Moulton Bobkittens are ranked fifth in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) and they claimed the Region 4-A crown Saturday with a 70-57 win over Wortham. This is the Bobkittens' second straight trip to state.

Moulton is no stranger to the state tournament. This will be the Bobkittens' 17th trip to Austin, but they have yet to come away with a title.

Moulton, 32-3 on the season, knocked off Fayetteville (65-27), Anderson-Shiro (93-44), Leakey (80-57) and Axtell (79-43) to reach the

regional finals against Wortham.

The Bobkittens are led by the regional tournament most valuable player, Nikki Weeaks, who sparked her team as it broke open a close game with Wortham in the second half Saturday.

Weeaks, a 6-0 junior forward, is averaging 17.1 points per game this season and is Moulton's leading scorer. She finished with 18 points against Wortham, hitting from all over the floor.

But Weeaks wasn't Moulton's leading scorer Saturday—that honor belonged to Allison Pustka, who poured in 30 points, mostly on cuts to the hole. The 5-8 junior forward played one of her best games of the year in the regional finals—she averages just 11.9 points per game.

Moulton also features defensive leader LeAnne Chaloupka, a 5-9 junior guard who averages nine points a game; Kellie Darilek, a 5-10 senior; and Dornak a 4-10 point guard who may be small, but she's very quick and averages 7.5 points.

Two other players that Coach Mike Albers was hoping to start this year are injured, so he has to use younger players off the bench.

In the other Class A semifinal, Valley View and Menard are slated to tip off at 10 a.m. today (Thursday).

Valley View is 36-1 on the year and is the Region 2-A champion, winning the crown in convincing fashion Saturday.

Valley View wasn't really challenged enroute to the state tournament, blowing out its five playoff foes. The first victim was Forestburg, which fell to Valley View 109-49. Other victims of Valley View were Ivanhoe Rayburn, 88-45; Karnack, 92-52; Tenaha, 84-43; and Slidell, 100-43.

Forward Julie Prescher is one of Valley View's best players, and she led the team in the title game, finishing with 28 points. The Lady Eagles' leading rebounder this season is Sarah Schneider, and she had a double-double in Saturday's finale, scoring 10 points and 10 boards.

Valley View's guard play is awesome as well, with three hitting double figure scoring in the regional final. Dabney Clifton tossed in 19 while Jordan Davis added 17 and McKenzie Meyer added 13.

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Local candidate filing continues

In the May 6 elections for city, school and hospital board positions, candidates may file for office through March 22.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who had filed as of Tuesday are listed below.

Dimmitt
 City of Dimmitt—City council members whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard,

Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4. Richard has filed in Dist. 3, and Garza in Dist. 1.

DISD—Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5.

Hart
 City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entrekin, and Horace E. "Tom" McLain.

Entrekin has filed, and Bill Rich-

HISD—Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed.

Nazareth
 City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the

end of their terms.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Hospital
 Trustees for the Castro County Hospital District whose terms are expiring are Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill.

Welch has filed.

Pct. 3 seeking bids for new motor grader

Castro County agreed Monday to advertise for bids for a new motor grader for Precinct 3.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige told commissioners he would like to trade in a 1995 Caterpillar 140G model for a new 2000 model road grader.

Bids will be opened at the county's March 27 meeting.

Commissioners also agreed to allow Castro County Clerk Joyce Thomas to hire a part-time worker to help out for the two-week early voting period for the March 14 primary.

Thomas said the person would work an 8-hour day for the two weeks at minimum wage, which is \$5.15 per hour.

The Dimmitt Lions Club is planning to sponsor a circus here on Oct. 8 and Lion Frank Mendoza asked commissioners if it would be okay to use the county's vacant lots as a site for the event.

The lots are located just north and west of the Castro County Expo

Building between Southeast Third and Southeast Fourth Steets, and between Stinson and Belsher Streets.

The Culpepper and Meriweather Circus was here in Dimmitt approximately five years ago and have agreed to return for another performance.

Commissioners approved use of the land, if the circus company can furnish the county with proof of liability insurance.

County Judge Irene Miller told commissioners she had heard from the owners of the Energas building, and they had agreed to sell the building to Castro County.

Miller said she was planning to have County Attorney Jerry Matthews to check over the paperwork and if everything is in order, will sign the contracts.

In other action, commissioners approved bonds for Michael Colley, Jerry Jansa and Don Williams; and agreed to renew its contract with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC).



JUST HANGIN' AROUND—This bee is taking advantage of the early blossoms on fruit trees on Cleveland Street in Dimmitt. Temperatures are expected to remain in the 60's range, but winds may bring rain today (Thursday) and cloudiness through the weekend. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Early voting continuing in primaries

Monday was the first day of early voting by personal appearance for the primary elections.

Tuesday will be the last day for the early voting clerk to receive applications for ballots by mail.

Early voting will end March 10. The primary elections will be held March 14.

If any runoff elections are required following the primaries, qualified persons may register to vote in the runoff by March 13. The runoff would be held April 11. Early voting for the runoff elections would be held April 3-7.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	70	33	
Friday	74	33	
Saturday	56	26	
Sunday	59	26	
Monday	74	34	
Tuesday	73	37	
Wednesday	66	33	

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

Dimmitt man arraigned on drug charges

Lynn Damon Nelson, 26, of Dimmitt was arraigned before Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young on Monday on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Nelson was jailed Sunday at 1:39 a.m. after he was arrested by Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Ron Mann. He was out on bond as of Monday afternoon.

Op-Ed

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Guest editorial

A call to arms: Surgeon General issues report on mental illness

By JOE LOVELACE

Who is the US Surgeon General and why does he wear a uniform?

The average Texan may not think much beyond those two questions about "the nation's doctor," the office is now part of the US Dept. of Health and Human Services and the uniform is a carryover from 1798, when Congress established a US Marine Hospital and put a medical officer in charge.

Today it is much more, and that point was driven home recently when the current US Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, put out a report that is a "call to arms" for Americans to recognize the prevalence of serious mental illness and the devastation it causes to individuals and families.

Four of the 10 leading causes of disability for persons 5 years old and older are mental disorders. Among developed nations, including the US, major depression is the leading cause of disability.

Suicide, the last stage of many mental illnesses, results in a 50% higher number of deaths in the US than does homicide.

Yet, many fail to recognize that a sick brain is a medical condition. Worse, many who have mental disorders do not realize that medical treatment exists and that it works.

The Surgeon General's report provides an opportunity to look at attitudes toward mental illness. And it is not a pretty picture. Many still hold to the old myths and stigma about mental illness. For too long the fear of mental illness has resulted in lost opportunities for treatment and recovery.

Congress declared the 1990s the Decade of the Brain. In that 10 years much has been learned through research about basic neuroscience, behavioral science and genetics and about the complex workings of the brain. This is significant because one in five Americans is affected with

mental illness each year. These illnesses appear as depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, to name a few.

The Surgeon General's report declares that mental disorders are not "character flaws" but legitimate biological illnesses that respond to specific treatments—especially new generation medications.

Unfortunately the research and development to bring these medications to the market makes them expensive when compared with the ones used to treat mental illnesses in the past. In private sector health plans, medications for the treatment of mental illness have become the number one drug expense.

Despite the added cost of new medications, a recent national Bureau of Economic Research study demonstrated that the total cost of treating depression, for example, decreased over 10% since new medications have been on the market. And this study did not take into account the benefit to the individual, family and society because of the increased functioning level of a patient.

There is overwhelming evidence that successful treatment decreases disability, improves work performance and prevents premature deaths from suicide.

In public health programs, increased costs of new generation medications have caused some serious budget problems. The reason is straightforward. The new treatments have major safety and efficacy advantages over older, albeit cheaper, drugs. In other words, newer medications work much better, so are being used more frequently.

Last year, Texas lawmakers heard the pleas for increased funding for mental health services and appropriated more than \$70 million to help Texans access these new medications.

Lawmakers came to believe that

patients and their families benefit from these new medications and their success is helping remove the stigma from those who seek treatment. That's good news for Texans.

But we still have a way to go to close the gap on the funding necessary to make available these cost-effective treatments to all who need them.

The Surgeon General's report lays down a challenge to the nation, to Texas communities, to health and social service agencies, to policy makers, legislators, employers, and to individuals.

It is a "call to arms" to firmly establish mental health as a cornerstone of health and to place the treatment of mental illness in the mainstream of health care services. It is a "call to arms" to ensure that patients who need mental health services will have access to that care.

I've heard the Surgeon General's call. I believe in his message. I hope others will hear that message and will take action.

Lovelace is a Dallas attorney, vice president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Texas, and the father of a 28-year-old son who has schizophrenia.

The average person takes between 12 and 18 breaths a minute.

It's believed the camel was domesticated about 5,000 years ago.

Once for once the strongest bone in the body is the thigh bone—and it's hollow.

In music, the term *strepitoso* means loud, noisy and boisterous.

Even though he was a Democrat, Andrew Johnson was nominated by Republicans to be Lincoln's running mate in 1865.

PHIL GRAMM

UNITED STATES SENATOR - TEXAS

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE

By US SEN. PHIL GRAMM



Texas was founded by Spanish explorers and existed under the flags of Spain, France and Mexico before Texans declared their independence 164 years ago at Washington-on-the-Brazos. The words of the declaration are quintessentially American in their assertion of individual freedom, and they ring as true today as they did then:

"When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted; and so far from being a guarantee for the enjoyment of those inestimable and inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hand of evil rulers

"The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation ... and that the people of Texas do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC..."

Texas was a land of pioneers—Spanish, Mexican and American—who were seeking a better life for themselves and their families, and who came to stay. Stephen F. Austin, following in the footsteps of his father, opened Texas to people from the United States who came and became "Texians." Then, with General Santa Anna's rise to power in Mexico and concentration of power and government in Mexico City, Texas men and women concluded they would have to fight in order to maintain the rights and freedoms that once had been guaranteed them under the Mexican Constitution. It was in those perilous

days that the Texians declared their independence and went to war.

As much as our Declaration of Independence, the spirit of our state is contained in a simple communication that emerged from the war. On February 24, 1836, Col. William Barret Travis made this plea from inside the Alamo: *To the People of Texas & all Americans in the world Fellow citizens & compatriots*

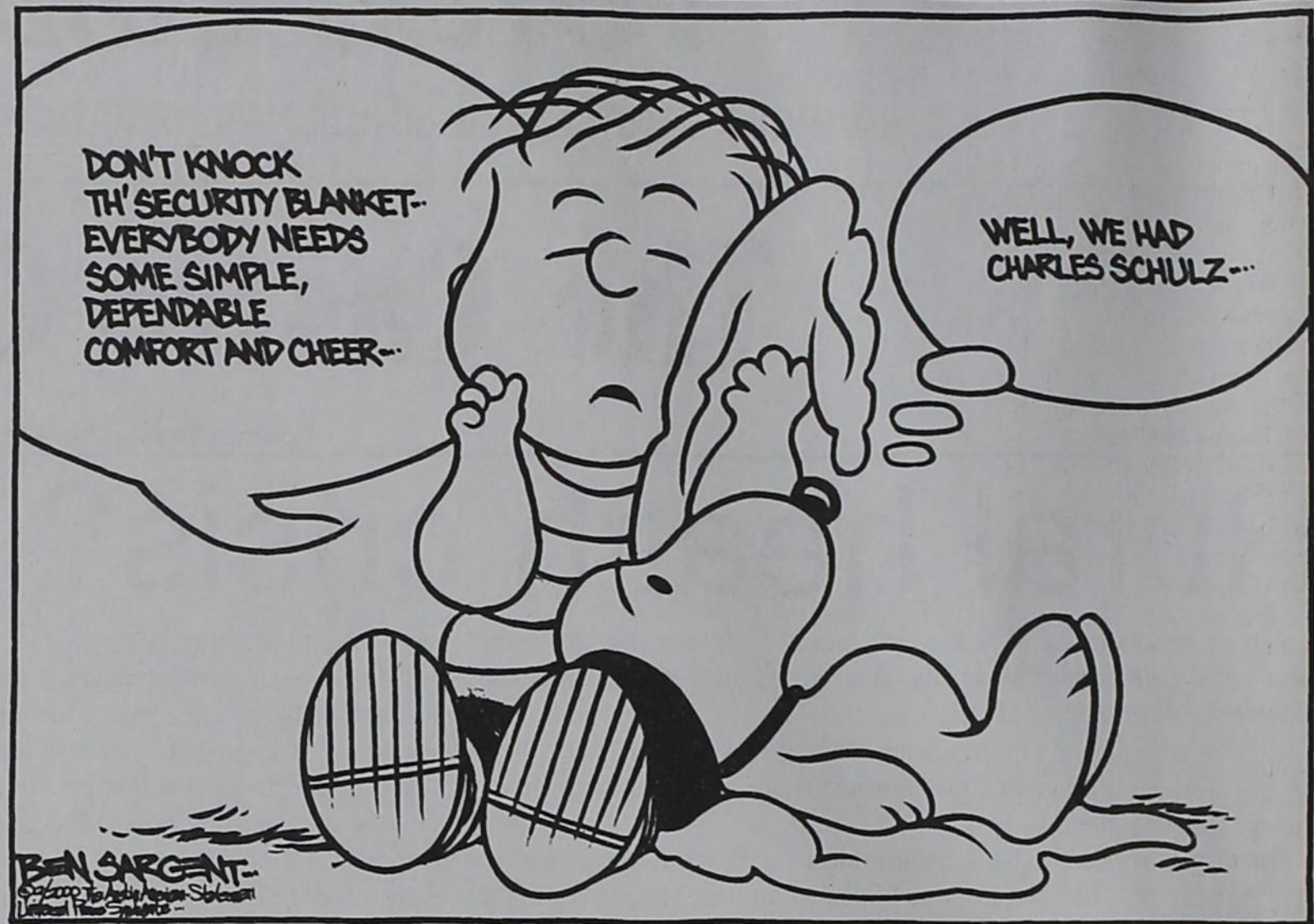
I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna—I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man—The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion; otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken—I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the wall—I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, or patriotism & of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch—The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily & will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country—Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis
Lt. Col. Comdt.

The Alamo was lost, but the war was won. On May 14, 1836, following Santa Anna's capture by Gen. Sam Houston after the Battle of San Jacinto, the Republic of Texas was founded.

In celebrating the anniversaries of Texas' early history—Independence Day is celebrated on March 2, The Alamo fell on March 6, the Battle of San Jacinto was fought on April 21—I hope we can all take a moment to recall those men and women whose dedication to freedom made it impossible for them to do anything less than revolt against tyranny.

(NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)



State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week warned governmental bodies against attempting to delay the release of information that is obviously public by requesting an open-records decision from his office.

All information compiled, maintained and stored by a governmental body in Texas is presumed to be open to the public, unless a specific exception applies.

A citizen who requests copies of public information should receive it promptly, state law says.

Cornyn said promptly means "release as soon as possible under the circumstances, that is, within a reasonable time, without delay."

A governmental body may withhold information it believes should remain confidential, but it must seek a decision from the attorney general within 10 business days.

Due in part to the great number of requests for a decision, it may take up to 55 working days for the attorney general's office to render an open records decision.

Examples of governmental bodies are state agencies, boards and commissions, counties, cities, hospital districts, utility districts, school districts and public colleges and universities.

When Cornyn renders a decision on whether certain information is available or not, the decision applies to local government and state agencies, he said.

No-Shrimping Zones Wanted
Hundreds of Kemp's ridley turtles die every year from getting caught in shrimpers' trawl nets along the Texas coast.

Last week, members of the Sierra Club and the Environmental Defense Fund submitted a proposal to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department seeking a year-round, no-shrimping zone on a thin strip of coastal water where the turtles are likely to be.

The requested no-shrimping zone is 42 feet wide along the entire coast, but 60 feet wide off Padre Island National Seashore during turtle mating season, March 1 through Aug. 31.

Documents to Be Preserved
Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst last week announced an initiative to preserve historical maps and documents housed at the Land Office and place images of them on the Internet for easier public access.

The Land Office, he said, is the constitutional home of more than 35 million documents and maps detailing land grants and transactions dating back to the 1700s, when Texas was part of Spain.

The two-pronged initiative, "Adopt-A-Map" and "Adopt-A-Document" asks individuals, schools, businesses and civic and professional organizations to donate funds for the conservation project.

Under the Texas Natural Resources Code, the Land Office may accept donations from the public to conserve the maps. Donations are tax-deductible.

'Smokers' Can Be Reported
Anyone who sees a vehicle releasing dirty smoke from its tailpipe for more than 10 consecutive seconds can take action.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission takes anonymous complaints at 1-800-453-SMOG.

Be prepared to give the Texas license plate number of the smoking vehicle, date and time observed, the location (street or intersection), and city.

Emissions of one poorly maintained, smoke-belching car equal those of 28 properly functioning ones, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission says.

Other Highlights
■ Texas A&M University plans to spend \$1 million to investigate the bonfire collapse on the College Station campus Nov. 18 in which 12 people died. Nearly half of the amount is earmarked for a business intelligence and investigation firm.

■ Concordia University at Austin, affiliated with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, is the first higher education institution in Texas to distribute laptop computers to its students. Each of Concordia's 500 full-time students recently was assigned a new Dell laptop computer valued at \$2,700.

■ The Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Feb. 4 adopted a policy that all offenders and persons visiting offenders are prohibited from possessing or using any tobacco products on prison premises.

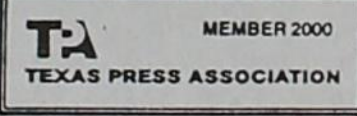
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Justice candidate appears in Dimmitt

Brian Quinn, justice for the Seventh Court of Appeals, is seeking reelection to the post after serving a six-year term.

He is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the position.

Quinn visited in Dimmitt last week, asking for the support of voters.

Although the Seventh Court of Appeals sits in Amarillo, Quinn is a resident of Lubbock. He said he is the first judge to maintain offices in both Lubbock and Amarillo.

The Seventh Court has four justices and covers 46 counties, ranging from Yoakum County to the south to Wilbarger County (Vernon) to the east and everything north of a line between the two.

Quinn said he is in agreement with the 1996 platform of the Republican Party, especially the tenets regarding the judiciary.

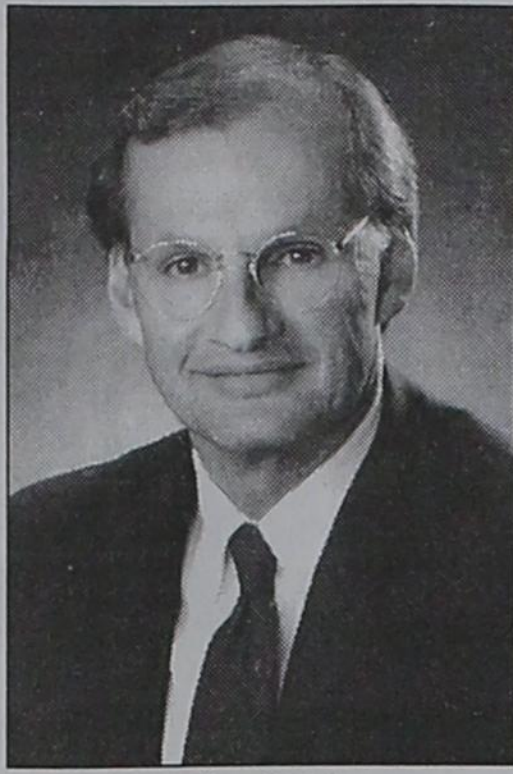
He said he favors judicial restraint, rather than judicial activism—judges should be trying to interpret the intent of the legislature, rather than trying to write the laws themselves.

Quinn said, "It is difficult to campaign and raise money from the very people who appear in front of you in court, but you have to live with that."

He said a way to get around that difficulty is to make sure that whoever donates or doesn't donate to his campaign understands that they will be treated the same in court.

"I make a real effort to always be impartial," Quinn said. "I have done that for five years and I plan to continue to do so."

Quinn said the Seventh Court of Appeals hears both criminal and civil cases, with about 62-63% of the



Brian Quinn

cases on the criminal side of the docket.

A recent development in the court is that the four judges agreed to move the location of court sessions on occasion, rather than always meeting in Amarillo. They feel that it adds to the public's understanding of the court system and the court of appeals in particular.

Quinn said there has been a lot of interest in the sessions, and the justices have opened up the sessions to allow questions afterward. The questions cannot be about the specific cases that have been heard, but rather about philosophies and issues, as well as the functions of the court.

Remote sessions have been held in Lubbock, Plainview, Perryton and Vernon, and one may be set in Borger. Another one is slated for Plainview in March.

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Bill and Jo Settle came to Dimmitt Wednesday night. On Thursday, Jo and I went to Lubbock, and Bill and his mother, Mike, met us.

Jo had a well check and I had to have a check on the knee I had replaced. I am going to appreciate good health from now on.

We had lunch with Dickie Holcomb at Harrigans.

Before we left Lubbock, Jo and I had dinner at the Red Lobster. Jack and Charlene Howell were there with their son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Mary, and their son, Sean. They were celebrating Mary's birthday. She didn't tell us how old she was.

Nina Moberg, who lived with Dickie for a year and attended school here; is getting married this summer. Dickie is going to Helsinki for the festivities. Nina's mother, Pia

Moberg, who was the very first exchange student Dimmitt had. She stayed with Emily Clingsmith.

Congratulations to the Dimmitt Bobcats for their wins over Littlefield and Monahans.

As usual the Dimmitt fans came out to support our teams.

Kyle Nelson, son of Joel and Allison Nelson, recently stayed with his grandparents, Donny and Wanda Nelson, while his parents were on a business trip. He likes his grandmother, but his granddaddy is his favorite.

Mearle Morgan had a brunch for Marzelle Powell and Francis Frazier in celebration of their birthdays. Those attending were Colleen Newman, Billye Gwyn Davis, Jane

Vaughan and the honorees, Francis Frazier and Marzelle Powell.

Mearle served a brunch enchilada with fruit salad and sweet breads.

Doris Flynt, Percy and Margaret Parsons, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson

and I had dinner at K-Bob's Friday night. This is what I call "The Fun Group."

Carolyn Jones usually goes with us, but she had gone to Friona to watch her granddaughter, Abby, play little dribblers.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

What a weekend!

It was truly a basketball fan's dream weekend.

On Friday evening, the Nazareth and Sudan girls' teams each took care of business, winning their respective semifinal games at South Plains College's Texan Dome in Levelland. The Swiftettes beat Guthrie, 88-47; and Sudan beat Smyer, 63-37.

This moved the No. 2-ranked Sudan and No. 3-ranked Nazareth, District 8-A rivals, into the regional finals Saturday evening at the Texan Dome. The winner would advance to state.

This was scary because it was the third meeting this season between the two teams, with Sudan winning both district games.

Sudan (30-2) saw a 28-game winning streak end at the hands of the Nazareth Swiftettes (31-5) Saturday, as they beat the Hornettes, 59-42 before a crowd of 2,200 fans.

We congratulate the Swiftettes, head coach Matt Garrett, and assistant coach Amy Huseman. They all did a great job.

It was amazing to see so many former Nazareth teachers, basketball players and families who drove a great distance to support our team and school.

We are also proud of our Nazareth Swifts, head coach Mike Scarbrough and assistant coach Rick Price, who advanced to the area round after posting a big bi-district win over Texline last Tuesday night at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

On Thursday night, the Swifts (17-8) faced Gruver (22-5) in the Class A Area playoff, but fell to the District 6-A champions at Amarillo High School.

Nazareth basketball fans enjoyed many games.

Martha Schulte, Raelene Hoelting and Cince Schulte enjoyed the past week in Denver, Colo. Martha was fitted with a reclining wheelchair at the Craig Hospital.

With the new chair, Martha enjoyed shopping with the girls and Carol Hoelting and Linda Smith, who live in Denver. They also

enjoyed driving up into the mountains and touring Denver.

Carol and Marvin Hoelting and John and Linda Smith always make them feel at home when they take Martha to Craig Hospital for her checkups.

Prayers are asked for Florine Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Odella Schulte, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman Lee, Virgil Brockman, Meredith Braddock, Dianne Huseman, Amber Waite, Katie Brockman and Herman Birkenfeld, who is a patient at Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo after having a stroke.

The Foresters' matching funds breakfast was held Sunday morning in the Nazareth Community Hall and it was well attended. Proceeds from the event will benefit the community's beautification project.

Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt today

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox). The influenza vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine will be available, too.

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

Quilt Festival entry deadline set March 18

March 18 is the last day that entries will be accepted for the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 6-8.

"We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt. Completed entry forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015, along with a picture of the quilt.

Members and non-members alike

may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards will be given.

The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 5 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 4. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop of Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, The Needle Nook in Midland, The Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., or Susie Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers in Pampa.

Classes will be held during quilt festival

A wide range of classes and activities will be offered at the third annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 6-8 in Dimmitt.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, leading out in three classes during the festival.

She will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on the Friday of the festival; and Friday afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class. All day Saturday will be devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique," with a class fee of \$50.

Other classes will all last 3 hours with a \$15 fee in addition to any re-

quired kits or materials.

Two special meals are planned. "Intergalactic Night" will be held April 6, starting at 7 p.m. and will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. An "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be featured.

"Fantastic Friday" on April 7 at 7 p.m. will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate and a lecture and trunk show by Christopherson. Also, a miniature quilt auction will be held. The deadline for ordering meal tickets for the two meals is March 31.

For more information or for registration forms, call Ogallala Quilter Society member Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

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From May 10, 1994, minutes of Castro County Commissioners' Court meeting, word for word:

Be it remembered that Commissioner's Court met in Executive Session on the 10th day of May, 1994 at 9:00 AM, with the following members present.

Mrs. M.L. Simpson, Jr., County Judge
Newlon Rowland, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Dale Winders, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Jeff Robertson, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Vincent Guggemos, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Item No. 1 on the Agenda was to Discuss Redistricting Litigation and Redistricting Bills.

After meeting in Executive Session the Commissioners Court reconvened into an Open Session to take the following action.

Motion No. 1 was made by Dale Winders and seconded by Newlon Rowland to terminate Daugherty and Associates of Amarillo, TX, as Castro Counties Redistricting Attorney's and any associates they have hired to work with them, regarding Castro Counties Redistricting.

Motion carried with Dale Winders, Newlon Rowland and Vincent Guggemos voting for and Jeff Robertson voting against.

MY QUESTION...

Why did the Commissioners' Court then pay Sidley and Austin (Washington, D.C. law firm retained by Daugherty) over \$77,000 AFTER they were terminated?

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The Amarillo Symphony will perform a variety of music celebrating America's Heritage during a concert on March 11 at 8 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

This concert is the sixth in the 1999-2000 season of the Amarillo Symphony.

The program will feature Samuel Jones' *Oil Well* from "Roundings," Debussy's *Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra*, Weber's *Clarinet Concerto No. 2*, Duke Ellington's *Black, Brown and Beige Suite* and Aaron Copland's *Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes*.

Single tickets are priced at \$22, \$17 and \$12. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the Civic Center only on the evening of the performance.

"This concert celebrates our American heritage with the music of two pre-eminent American composers, Ellington in the field of jazz and Copland in the orchestra world," said James Setapen, music director and conductor.

The clarinet soloist in the Weber and Debussy works will be David Shifrin.

In addition to being "unsurpassed as a clarinet soloist" (according to *Clarinet Magazine*), Shifrin is also the artistic director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the music director of Chamber Music Northwest the acclaimed summer music festival in Portland, Ore. He has recently appeared as soloist at the Mostly Mozart Festival in Lincoln Center; and with orchestras in Philadelphia, Dallas, Houston and Denver; and with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the New York Chamber Symphony of the 92nd Street Y.

Shifrin records for the Nonesuch, Delos, Arabesque and CRI labels. His recording of the Copland Clarinet Concerto of Angel/EMI received a Grammy nomination.

In May 1987, Shifrin was chosen to receive one of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grants, an award given to outstanding American artists.

His previous appearance with the Amarillo Symphony was in 1991, when he performed the Mozart Clarinet Concerto.

Dr. Jones' *Oil Well* from "Roundings" is the fifth movement of the seven-section composition to

be premiered this season. The entire work will receive its full premiere at the final concert of the season on April 8. KACV-TV is producing a documentary on this anniversary season commission that will air in August 2000.

For more information on the show, call the Amarillo Symphony office at 376-8782.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Maria Soledad and Jesus Diaz of Olton are the parents of a baby girl, Maria Soledad Diaz Mendoza, who was born at 9:40 p.m. on Feb. 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 25 inches long. She has four older siblings, including Maria Israel Diaz, Maria Magdalena Diaz, Jesus N. Diaz and Abraham M. Diaz. Paternal grandparents are Cirilo Diaz and Mercedes Zaragoza of Halfway. Maternal grandparents are Felimon Mendoza and Elena Mendoza Negrete of Mexico.

It's a boy for Sergio Navarro and April Tijerina of Dimmitt. Their son, Brandon Eli Navarro, was born at 8:39 p.m. on Feb. 17 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long when he was born. Paternal grandparents are Roy and Rosa Tijerina of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Andres and Sofia Navarro of Dimmitt.

It's a baby girl for Rigo Cuevas and Maria Meza of Dimmitt. Andrea Renee Cuevas was born Feb. 22 at 5:15 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 3.6 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has an older sister, Evelyn Rascon, 3. Maternal grandparents are Lino and Nelly Perez of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Nicholas and Rosario Cuevas of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Santos Perez of Dimmitt.

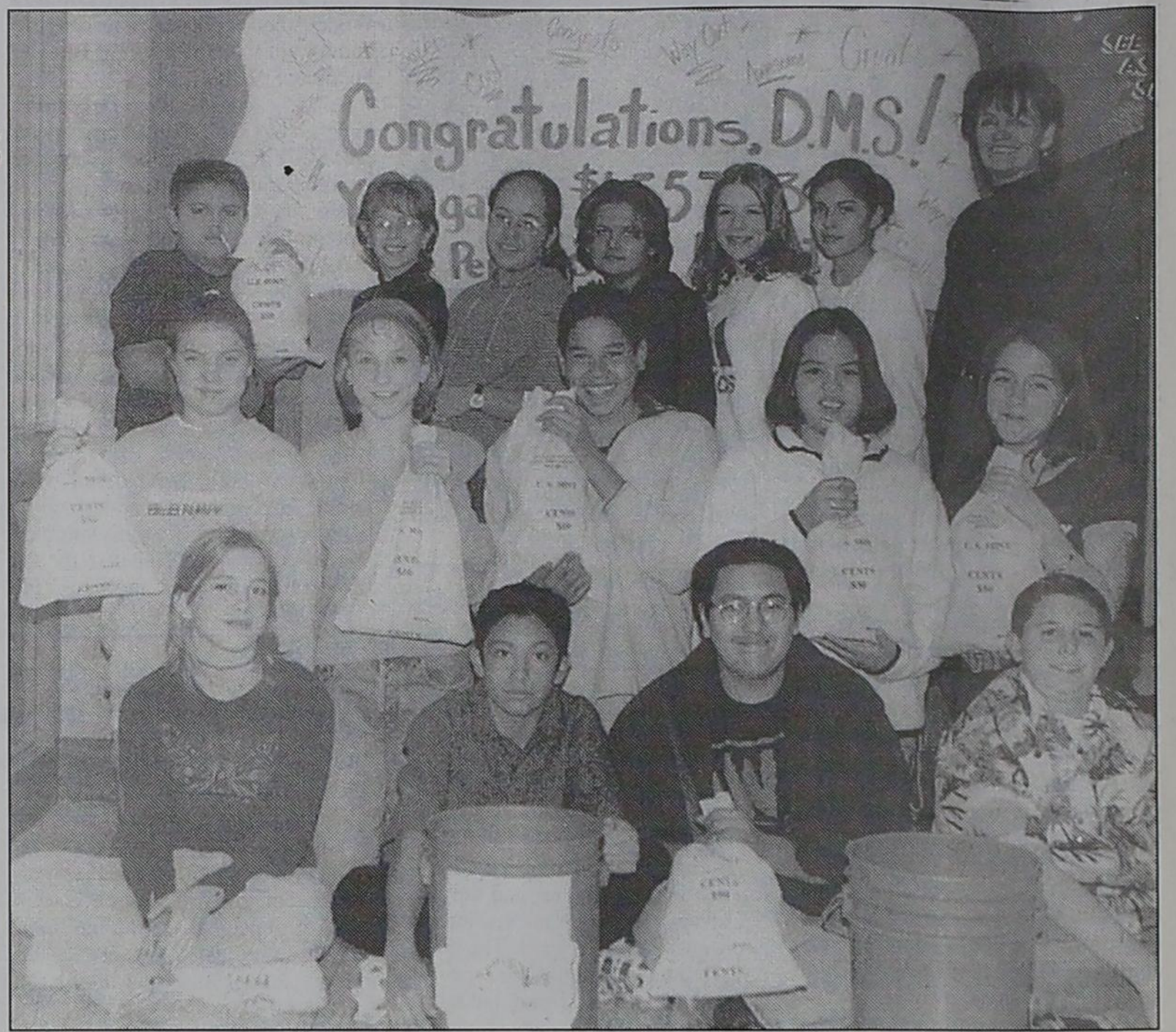
OUT OF TOWN

Parents Jeff and Suzan Headrick, big sister Katy, and big brother John David announce the birth of Tess Lee Headrick, who was born Feb. 11 at Agana, Guam, USA. The baby weighed in at 3 pounds and 15 ounces and was 16 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Vera Headrick of Sweetwater. Great-grandmothers are Katy Collins and Gwen Gilmore of Dimmitt.

Sports fans know him as Jim Thorpe, but his Native American name was Who-Tho-Huch.

The birthstone for July is the ruby; the flower is the water lily.

Rococo was an 18th century European art style that employed refined, elegant, highly decorative forms.



THE SEVENTH GRADE third period science class from Dimmitt Middle School collected \$175.83 in pennies for the "Pennies for Patients" project recently conducted at the school. DMS students as a whole raised \$1,557.23 for the project, but the seventh grade class raised the most among classes. The project will benefit leukemia patients. Students pictured are (standing, from left) Rudy Salinas, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Mari Rivera, Corrie Black, Elizabeth Hernandez and teacher Rose Ball; (kneeling, from left) Kristin McClure, Shelley Paxton, Jeremy Norman, Yadira Villalba and Kelly Reyes; and (seated, from left) Kayla Acker, Javier Rodriguez, Jaime Cavazos and Ryan Miller.

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Garden Checklist

By **JOHNNA PATTERSON**
Integrated Pest Management Agent, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees while they are dormant.

If you are planning a flower and/or vegetable garden, should begin making plans now before the rush of spring planting arrives. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it's fun to page through gardening catalogues.

Seeds should be sowed in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives.

Petunias, begonias and impatiens should be sown in early January. Warm temperature plants such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles should be sown in late January or early February.

Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half of a pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every four to six weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.

Plan to prepare beds, and garden areas for spring planting.

Select and order gladiolus corms for February and March planting. These bulbs should be planted at two-week intervals to prolong flowering periods.

Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring to begin feeding on the foliage.

Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.

The life of the plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the soil moist, but provide drainage so that excess moisture can flow from the pot. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4 to 6 feet) usually become established faster and are more effective in the landscape than the larger sizes.

Prune rose bushes during February or early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying and weak canes. Leave four to eight healthy canes, and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.

Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.

When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches, then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only; and last, shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

Plant dahlia tubers in late February or early March.

Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

Climbing roses should be trained, but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now prevents damage from winter winds and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-blooming shrub roses.

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SIGNS OF SPRING are beginning to sprout up across the area as afternoon temperatures soar into the 70s. Spring flowers are beginning to bloom, trees are blossoming and the world is coming to life as spring approaches. The forecast calls for a slight chance of rain in the Texas Panhandle today (Thursday) and again this weekend, with high temperatures hovering in the 60-degree range. *Photo by Anne Acker*

DHS choir earns Division II ratings

The Dimmitt High School Choir earned a Division II rating in ensemble competition and with several solos at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The group sang a madrigal from the Renaissance period, *Your Shining Eyes*, acappella. Members of the ensemble were Amanda Barrera, Valerie Everett, Edith Fuller, Dorothy Gil, Gina Gonzales, Virginia Herrera, Isela Loeza, Monica Martinez, Chris Paz, Priscilla Peralta, Esmer Ramirez, Rose Ann Rivera, Roxanne Rivera, Nicole Swain, Eddie Vargas and Cris Walls.

Those who earned Division II ratings with solo performances were Valerie Everett, Monica Martinez, Esmer Ramirez and Eddie Vargas. "This is the first time the majority of these students have ever participated in this UIL event," said Elaine Hazel, choir instructor at Dimmitt High School. "I am very proud of their achievement and hard work."

County spelling bee set Wednesday in Hart

Some of the best student spellers in Castro County will compete in the Castro County Spelling Bee, slated Wednesday at the Hart Elementary School Gymnasium. Don Sanders, elementary principal at Hart, will serve as a volunteer director for the event. This year's pronouncer will be Charita McWhorter, sixth grade language arts teacher at Hart Elementary School. McWhorter will select words from the 2000 edition of the *Paideia* booklet that may be ordered by calling Jeane Barlett at the *Amarillo Globe News*.

The junior spelling bee, for students in grades five and below, will begin at 2 p.m. The senior spelling bee, for students in grades six, seven and eight, will follow.

The deadline for reporting all area county spelling bee champions to Bartlett, who is the regional bee director, is March 31. Students in public, private and parochial schools are eligible to participate. Each school selects the date for its respective elimination event.

Lions Club from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth have donated a total of \$300 to this year's Castro County Spelling Bee for prizes. The money will be awarded in the amount of \$75 for the first-place finisher, \$50 for the second-place finisher and \$25 for the third-place finisher in each division.

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Nazareth group to host World Day of Prayer event

Christians in over 170 countries around the world will gather on Friday in observance of the 2000 World Day of Prayer service, and Castro County residents can join in the service at 3 p.m. at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

The local observance is being sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Organization in Nazareth.

World Day of Prayer was started in 1887 by Presbyterian laywoman Mary Ellen James. It brings together in informed prayer and prayerful action, international women from a myriad of backgrounds, cultures and Christian traditions.

Since 1941, World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, a grassroots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Ortho-

dox and other Christian women. This year's service, written by Christian women of Indonesia, focuses on the theme, "Talitha Kumi: Young Woman, Stand Up!" and is based on the Gospel of Mark 5:42. At the young age of 12, a girl was dying. Life was coming out of her, yet Jesus healed her.

Today, many Indonesian children are experiencing a similar situation. Poverty, child labor, and the exploitation of young people by multinational corporations all take away the precious life God intends.

Inspired by this text, the Indonesian women see the hand of Jesus reaching out to them, inviting them as He did this young woman, to life in all its fullness. They hear Jesus saying to them, "Talitha kumi: stand up with young people to affirm life."

JASON Project draws DMS students to WTAMU

Approximately 9,000 area fourth-through ninth-grade students, including a group from Dimmitt Middle School, will visit the West Texas A&M University campus between now and March 10 to experience the advanced you-are-there telecommunications technologies of the JASON Project.

Via four interactive broadcasts per day, the project will compare the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Aquarius Underwater Laboratory in the Florida Keys and NASA's International Space Station as research platforms that enable humans to go beyond their physical limitations to explore the unknown.

All sessions of the JASON Project will be presented in the WTAMU Alumni Banquet Facility. Dimmitt Middle School Students will visit the WTAMU campus at 10:30 a.m. on March 10.

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Vegetable growers can improve their odds of getting a good crop stand by following a few simple practices, according to a horticulturist from Texas A&M University who addressed producers at a recent West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford.

"Our top priorities in getting a good vegetable stand are good seed bed preparation, providing adequate soil moisture and protecting seedlings once they are up and growing," said Frank Daniello of College Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist. "A good seed bed should be your top priority—not

just prior to planting, but throughout the growing season.

"Vegetable crops need a well-pulverized seed bed, one that is free of debris," Daniello said. "Rototilling is perhaps the best way to accomplish this. Rototillers are slower and more time-consuming than plowing, but they work well if you plan soil preparation well in advance and factor in the size of tillers available. Plowing, especially with a disk, is less desirable because it promotes clodding and soil compaction that can inhibit root growth."

Once a well-pulverized seed bed is in place, growers should strive year-round to limit cultivation that reduces soil tilth, organic matter and soil moisture, he said.

"The best way to retain soil moisture is to limit cultivation. We also

need to accurately gauge soil moisture in the seed bed and irrigate if necessary, before or after planting, to bring it up to par. At planting, be sure you are placing the seed no deeper than three times the width of the seed. Irrigating after planting to retain uniform soil moisture until the crop is established is another way to optimize rapid germination and plant growth."

Strategically placed windbreaks are the best tool growers have to protect a crop once young plants are established, Daniello added. Windbreaks do just what their name implies—they reduce wind movement across a field. This reduces soil moisture evaporation and soil erosion, protects young plants from blowing soil or debris and improves the micro-climate surrounding young plants.

"Some of us have gotten away from windbreaks in recent years, but we shouldn't have. Adding windbreaks requires some additional planning and some extra cost, but you will see a direct benefit," he said.

As further insurance for a good stand and crop, Daniello recommended that growers buy and use only high-quality seeds or transplants.

"Know the optimum planting temperatures, or range of temperatures, for your crop and plant the best seed or transplants you can afford," he said. "Sometimes we can get a better stand from enhanced seeds—those already germinating—especially when soil temperatures are less than ideal at planting time."

Daniello was among a dozen speakers addressing more than 125 growers at this year's January con-

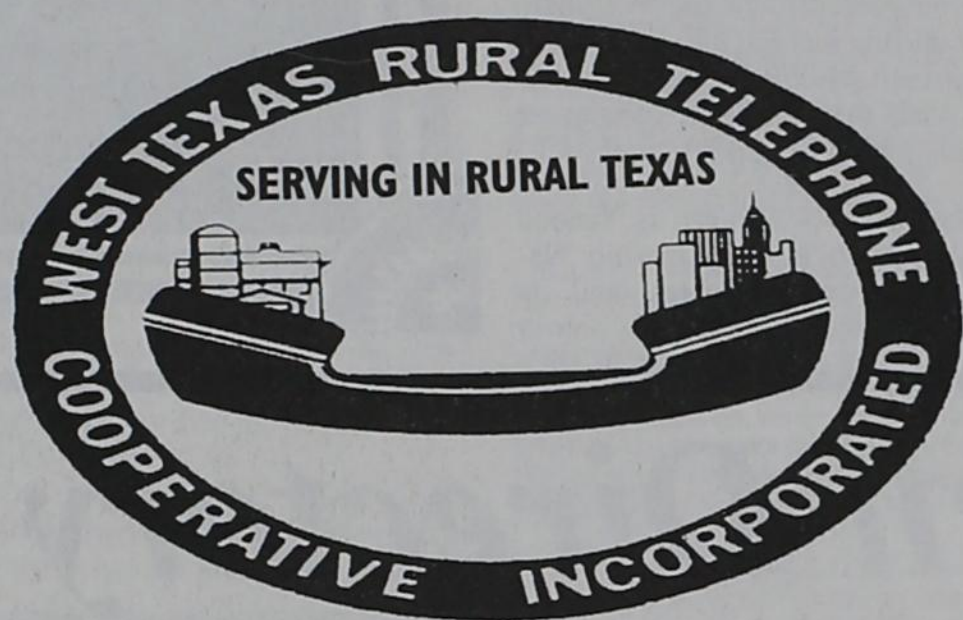
ference, which routinely draws vegetable growers, shippers, packers, industry representatives and researchers from five states.

Conference sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment

Station, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Tech University and Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

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Minding Your Own Business

A decade down and a couple to go

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

When I started writing this column 10 years ago, I had no long-term plan for it. I wanted to help small business owners find solutions for problems, but hadn't really thought about where that first column might take me.

I never dreamed that some day I would be writing to more than a million and a half readers in more than 100 newspapers and would squeeze a couple of business books in between. It has been a fast and furious decade, and outside of feeling the pressure of an occasional deadline, I've enjoyed writing the columns.

For those of you who enjoy trivia, here are a few tidbits of useless information. This is column number 522. The word count total stands at 322,832. The columns average about 620 words each. It only takes an average reader three to four minutes to read it. It takes me about eight hours to outline, research, write and edit each column.

The most commonly asked question is, "Where do you come up with the topics you write about?"

The answer is, "various sources."

The most common sources include your letters and suggestions; my clients' problems and successes, business books and articles, my own experiences and my family.

It begins with an idea

All columns begin with an idea. I often jot them down and throw them in a file of ideas. I review that file from time-to-time and add thoughts or notes from different sources. Often, I combine three or four ideas that have a central theme into one column.

When I'm ready to write a column, I usually create a rough outline of major points or thoughts to include. I still write every column in long hand. We make changes on the computer, but I prefer to edit hard copy.

I still read every letter you write but have given up trying to answer that volume of mail. I hope you understand.

Times are changing

We now distribute the column mostly via e-mail. We still send paper copies to a few newspapers. We now have distribution in all 50 states and 40 countries outside the US.

In 1990, when we first began to write, Wal-Mart's effect on small business was the hot media topic. Wal-Mart has since grown to become the world's largest retailer—from \$26 billion in 1990 to \$165 billion this year. Wal-Mart's retail dominance is now back page news.

As we roll through 2000 and beyond, the red-hot business topic is E-commerce. The big question is "Will E-tailing send retailing high tailing?" The answer is, "not likely."

Technology is changing the way we think about and do business.

E-commerce is driving government agencies nuts. How can they tax this moving media? It's about as easy as nailing Jell-O on the wall; however, I'll bet on the government. They will find ways to tax Internet sales and use, and I wouldn't be too surprised to see a property tax assigned to Web sites.

Wall Street had a busy decade, too. The Dow-Jones Industrial Average opened the 1990s at just over the 2,800 mark, and recent closes have been above 11,000. It was a good decade for the US economy.

There have been a few changes at home, too. I'm now married to a PhD. No, not a new wife—just a new degree. Sue received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Texas A&M University last August. Our daughter, Christi, now 23, is working on her first degree. She is nearly there.

Thank you for sharing this decade with us. If you will keep reading, I'll keep writing.

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.

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Crop insurance deadline is March 15 for Texas farmers

Texas farmers have until March 15 to take advantage of an estimated 25% premium discount on higher levels of crop insurance protection. "We're trying to make higher levels of protection affordable," said Ronald L. Berryhill, director of the Risk Management Agency's regional office in Oklahoma City, Okla. "Farmers should contact an insurance agent immediately to discuss coverage options on crops insurable in their county."

In addition to higher levels of coverage, the catastrophic level of insurance protection (CAT) is also available to producers. For only \$60

per crop, per county, farmers may obtain a low level of protection. Limited resource farmers may not have to pay the \$60 fee for CAT coverage if they fill out a waiver available from their crop insurance agent.

Farmers who need more information about sales closing dates or their insurance options should contact a crop insurance agent. A listing of crop insurance agents is available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices or at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>.

Estate planning seminar is scheduled in Lubbock

A two-day seminar designed to help Texans reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered March 22-23 in Lubbock.

"The goal of our Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminars is to help rural Texans make wise estate planning decisions by providing a wealth of information on tax and estate planning matters," said Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist-management. "It is useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, trustees and those who want to make estate settlement less burdensome for their loved ones."

Program topics will include:

- ◆ Basic estate planning devices such as wills, living trusts, estate tax deferral, gifts and property titles.
- ◆ Treating beneficiaries fairly.
- ◆ Estate planning tools for agriculture; focusing on the use of corporations and partnerships, special farm land valuation, family-owned business exclusion, and rules for deferring estate tax payments.

◆ The role of life insurance in estate planning and tax valuation rules.

Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension economist. He works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. The seminars run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration costs \$100 per person and includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch each day. Registration and other information is available by calling Hayenga or Sharon Wehring-Forster at (979) 845-2226. Their fax line is (979) 847-9374.

Conference will focus on keeping trees healthy

West Texans can learn how to keep their landscape and shade trees healthy and long-lived at tree health conferences on March 23 and 24.

The first conference will be held March 23 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. The center is three miles north of Lubbock International Airport and 1/2 mile east of Interstate 27 on FM 1294.

The second conference will be on March 24 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Both conferences will begin with coffee and registration at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person, per conference.

Participants can earn six continuing education units (CEUs) from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association by attending either conference. Three Texas Dept. of

Agriculture-approved CEUs in integrated pest management will be offered at Amarillo and 3-1/2 integrated pest management CEUs will be offered at Lubbock.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, commercial nursery and parks and recreation representatives will discuss shade tree insect and disease management, pruning, fertilization and transplanting, oak wilt, how to choose resistant trees and the economic and casualty value of trees in urban and rural landscapes.

To register for either conference, send your name and address, along with a \$20 check payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service (account 240101) to Harold Kaufman or Vicki Bartlett, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Route 3, Box 213AA, Lubbock, Texas 79403.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

PCG wants changes

Plains Cotton Growers, a long-time supporter of affordable risk management solutions for producers, recently revisited the issue of crop insurance premiums and offered USDA Risk Management representatives a two-day refresher course on High Plains cotton production.

That was back in October and preliminary results from the get-together are encouraging. PCG representatives met again this past week with RMA and economists from Montana State University who were contracted to provide rating recommendations to the agency using a statistical model to determine applicable rates.

The MSU model is called the Indexed Income Protection (IIP) model which was first used to derive rates for the Income Protection policies piloted by RMA over the past few years. In the case of cotton premium rating, the IIP rating process uses the same methodology but limits it to only the yield component.

Given the input from PCG, and subsequent discussions with PCG staff, early indications are that some relief may be in the offing as early as 2001 for Texas cotton producers.

RMA will now analyze the data and begin the process of determining whether or not the revised rates should be adopted for Texas. Rates derived from the same process were used to make significant changes to rates in the Delta and Mid-South region in 2000.

Texas is seen as a critical test for the rating methodology employed by the Montana State University economists overseeing the project.

PCG and the National Cotton

Council are in the process of formulating comments urging RMA to fully consider the MSU studies results and to adopt the revised structure.

Lubbock hearing

The House Agriculture Committee has finalized the time and location for the first of ten field hearings to be held around the US.

The Lubbock hearing will be held in the banquet hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Monday. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Members of the House Ag Committee, led by Chairman Larry Combest of Lubbock, will hear testimony from producers during the hearing. The primary focus for the event will be the identification of possible solutions to the current ag crisis.

It appears that there will be a significant level of participation from among members of the House Agriculture Committee since this will be the first hearing in the series.

Most members have indicated that they are well aware of the scope and type of problems facing agriculture and are most interested in hearing ideas for solutions instead of recitations of the problems.

Schedule of events

March 6—House Agriculture Committee Field Hearing, 9 a.m., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall, Lubbock

April 6—PCG 43rd Annual Meeting, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Rm 107, Lubbock

April 6-7—TCGA Convention & Trade Show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock

Texas Forest Service issues fire danger warning for area

The South Plains and the Panhandle are under an extreme fire danger warning, according to Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Les Rogers.

Current high winds, low humidity and a heavy fuel load have created the potential for wind-driven fires.

Rogers has asked that area residents postpone all outdoor burning.

"The South Plains and the Panhandle will not be out of extreme danger until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred," Rogers said.

He suggests that smoking materials should be extinguished in vehicle ashtrays, rather than out of a window or on the ground.

He also warned that hot catalytic

converters also can ignite dry vegetation whether in a field or on the side of the road.

Those who are welding out doors also should use caution, making sure to water down the surrounding work area and having a fire extinguisher handy.

"Fire prevention—it's up to you," Rogers said.

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The first alphabet was developed by the Phoenicians around 1350 B.C.

The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.

-Karl Marx

Campaign signs not allowed along highway right-of-ways

As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right-of-ways. These areas are reserved for official traffic control signs.

Campaign signs erected on highway right-of-ways will be removed by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign on a highway right-of-way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

"The law is intended to keep highway right-of-way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public," said Carl Utley, TxDOT district engineer from Lubbock. "It means you can't place signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs or other objects in the highway right-of-way."

Campaign signs can be placed on private property with the landowner's permission if they meet

certain restrictions. Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet. They can be erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after the election.

Signs within city limits may be subject to local ordinances.

TSCRA offers ranching schools

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is planning five "Schools for Successful Ranching" to be held during the year at various locations in Oklahoma and Texas.

"Course content will be tailored to each region, with topics ranging from animal health to wildlife to brush control," said J. Mark McLaughlin, president of TSCRA. "CEUs will be offered at each school."

"The schools are designed to make it easier on the rancher's schedule and budget by reducing travel and concentrating a lot of information into one day," McLaughlin said.

Schools are scheduled for March 30 at Weatherford, Okla., May 11 at Nacogdoches, June 20 at Kerrville, June 27 at Abilene, and June 29 at the M.K. Brown Center in Pampa.

For more information on the schools, call Todd Tippett at 1-800-242-7820, ext. 145.

The Federal Land Bank Associations of Texas are helping sponsor the schools in Texas, along with Pfizer Animal Health and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

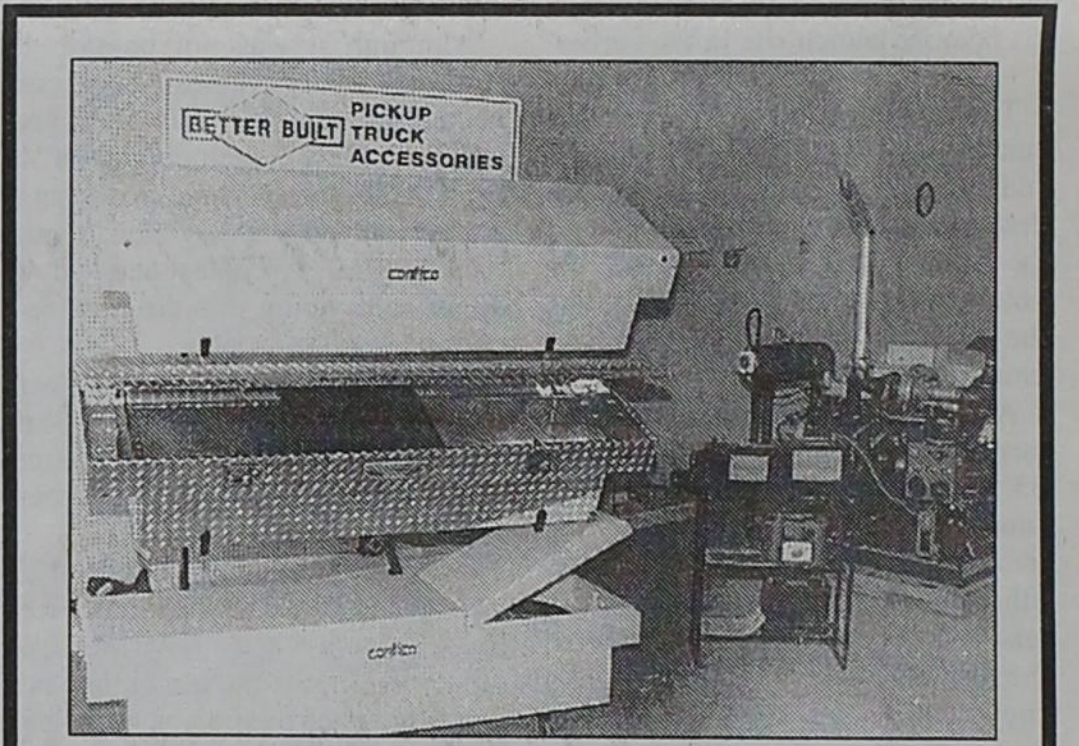
Senior Citizens plan game night

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

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Sports



Area championship game

Bobcats out-gun Monahans, 86-80

In the highest-scoring playoff game in North Texas Friday night—and one of the most exciting games of the year for Dimmitt fans—the Bobcats won the area championship with a thrilling 86-80 win over District 3-AAA champion Monahans.

Senior guard Daniel Flores was red-hot from all ranges, knocking down three treys, eight two-point field goals and 10 of 12 free throws for a whopping 35 points to lead the Bobcat attack.

Keevin Sanders added 16, Taylor Matthews 14 and Sammy Prieto 12 to offset the torrid scoring pace of the Loboes' senior triumvirate—6-1 post Chris Adams (24 points), 6-1 guard Brian Morris (23) and 6-0 guard Fabian Welch (17).

The Bobcats needed every point they could get as they came from behind to build a 43-34 halftime lead, then held on as the Loboes outscored them 29-27 in a torrid third quarter and 17-16 in the nail-biting fourth.

The game was punctuated by 21 three-point bombs—12 by Monahans and nine by Dimmitt. Morris nailed seven and Welch five for the Loboes to account for almost half of their 80 points, while Prieto drained four, Flores three and Sanders two for the Bobcats.

The Loboes took a 10-4 lead on a 15-foot jumper by Ben Johnson and back-to-back three-pointers by Morris.

The Bobcats wrestled the lead away with a pair of free throws by Matthews and back-to-back treys by Flores and Prieto, then built a 20-12 advantage before the Loboes narrowed it to 21-17 at the first-quarter buzzer.

After Matthews ante'd up with the first basket of the second quarter, Sanders and Flores got hot and accounted for 19 of Dimmitt's 22 points in the quarter. Six of Sanders' points came on a pair of treys from his favorite launch site in the corner.

The scoring pace of the first two quarters—21 and 22 for Dimmitt, 17 and 17 for Monahans—ultimately determined the game's outcome as the Loboes staged a blistering 29-point charge in the third quarter and the Bobcats answered with a 27-point response.

After Welch closed the third with a trey to narrow Dimmitt's lead to 70-63, the inspired Loboes opened the fourth with a 13-5 run—including two long bombs by Morris and another by Welch—to take a 76-75 lead with 3:52 left in the game, and the Bobcats found themselves with a fire to put out.

Matthews, who had been nursing four fouls, came back in after Morris

closed Dimmitt's lead to 72-68 at the 6:30 mark, but he picked up his fifth foul a minute later while rebounding.

"It hurt to foul out, but I believed my teammates would pick it up for me and win this one," Matthews said.

The Bobcats put out the fire with a four-point surge by Flores for a 79-76 lead, then with smart clock-work and free throws in the stretch.

"I just thought, 'If we just keep scoring with them, we'll be all right, we'll be in good shape,'" Flores said. "Everybody was hitting their shots."

The Loboes collected their crucial 10th foul with 1:28 left, making every foul a two-shot opportunity for Dimmitt.

Flores sank five of seven free throws in the stretch while the Bobcat defense stifled the Loboes' efforts to get a decent long shot.

Junior post Matthew Sandoval sank a free throw at the 1:28 mark, then snared a big defensive rebound after a miss by Monahans' Chris Adams at 1:10, then made a key steal at 0:54 and collected another free throw when he was fouled.

"We just decided we were going to come back out and finish this like Bobcats," Sandoval said. "It was a good win."

Adams got Monahans' final four points on a pair of free throws with 50 seconds left and a tip-in with 24 ticks remaining to cut Dimmitt's lead to 84-80, but that's as close as the sharp-shooting Loboes could come.

Flores put a cap on the 166-point slugfest with his final two free throws with eight seconds remaining.

"They had a bunch of good shooters, and they got hot there at the end," Sanders said. "It was a little nerve-racking. I didn't realize there was so much scoring. It was up and down the whole time."

They were quick, they were fast, but we were with them," Prieto said. "I was giving it all I had. We were just trying to go to the basket and do as much as we could, and draw fouls and go to the line."

After the scoring marathon, Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle was, in a word, relieved.

"I didn't think we were ever going to get far enough ahead of those guys," he said.

"I told our kids at halftime, when we were up by about 10, that 10 points was not a big lead against this team, considering the way they were shooting the ball, and just the pace of the game.

"We tried to do everything we could do on defense, but I think our offense won this game for us, simply because we scored more than they did. You have to, with teams that are hitting the basket like that."

He added, "Yes, it feels good to beat another district champion. It shows you a little bit about the brand of basketball up north. Monahans had a good basketball team, there's no doubt about it. They played awfully well.

"I'm just proud of our kids; they played well also."



BOARD BATTLE—As Monahans' Scott Moore (13) goes up for a shot, Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt (left foreground) and Keevin Sanders (right foreground) position themselves for a rebound in the second quarter of the Class AAA area championship game Friday night in Lamesa. Other players around the basket are Dimmitt's Sammy Prieto (12) and Taylor Matthews (13) and Monahans' Fabian Welch (14) and Ramon Porras (11). At this point the Bobcats led by 28-24; they went on to win, 86-80. Photo by Carter Townsend

Shallowater ends Bobcats' quest

The Bobcats' playoff quest ended with a 77-70 overtime loss to the Shallowater Mustangs in the Region I-AAA quarterfinals Tuesday night in the SPC Texan Dome in Levelland.

Although it was not one of the Bobcats' better games—they connected on only 25 of 76 field goal attempts (33%), including 9 of 40 from the important three-point range—they played a classy floor game, won the strategy contest and had the upper hand going into the final seconds of regulation play.

After stalling for the final 1:20 with the score tied at 61-61, the Bobcats went for the basket that could propel them into the regional tournament and the state's Sweet 16.

But the Mustangs' D' Hudson managed to knock the ball loose from Daniel Flores' hands as he was driving for the shot at the top of the lane. Flores regained possession of the ball and managed to toss up a prayer, but it rimmed out at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime.

After dodging the bullet, the Mustangs started the overtime period with a stampede, scoring seven points in 67 seconds on three trips down the court, while rebounding four Bobcat misses.

Fifteen seconds into the overtime, Hudson—the Mustangs' main gunner—sank a 16-footer. Thirty seconds later, wing man Derek Shannon nailed a three-pointer, and 22 seconds after that, big 6-3 postman Dustin Hill delivered a fast-break layup to give Shallowater a commanding 68-61 lead.

The Bobcats were never able to get closer than six points after that.

The game produced a shooting match between the two teams' superb senior guards—Shallowater's Hudson and Dimmitt's Flores.

Hudson hit 12 of 26 field-goal attempts, including 5 of 11 from three-point range, and added a perfect 5-of-5 from the free-throw line to finish with a game-high 34 points.

Flores actually had an off night, but still scored 33 points as he hit 12 of 35 field-goal attempts, including 6 of 24 from beyond the arc—sometimes way beyond, with the Mustang defense crowding him—and 3 of 5 free throws.

Five of Flores' six treys came in the second half.

With time running out in the overtime, Flores drove toward the hoop and then dished off to Taylor Matthews for the game's final layup with two seconds left.

Sammy Prieto added 13 points for Dimmitt, Keevin Sanders 11, Taylor Matthews 9 and Daniel Proffitt 4. For Shallowater, Hill added 17, Shannon 8, Paul Crestwait and Keenan Kitchens 4 apiece, Aaron Morris and Klel Kitchens 3 each, and Max Brashear and Dusty Janssen 2 each. Shallowater got 10 points off the bench to Dimmitt's none.

Rebounding was a major factor in the game, and the taller Mustangs won that battle, 56-36. On defense, Shallowater picked off four of every five errant Dimmitt shots to deny the Bobcats many follow-up opportunities.

However, the Bobcats forced 18

Shallowater turnovers while committing only eight themselves, and collected 25 points off of turnovers to Shallowater's 12.

The Bobcats built a 12-8 lead during the first quarter, only to see Hudson rip the net for seven points in the final 1:05 on a 15-ft. jumper, a fast-break layup and a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a sudden 15-12 advantage.

The Bobcats climbed back in the second period and took a 29-28 lead, but a free throw by Hudson and a fast-break layup by Morris gave the Mustangs a 31-29 halftime edge. The Bobcats, meanwhile, were watching most of their shots from all distances rim out.

The contest stayed close through the third. In the final 1:34, Flores drained a pair of back-to-back treys and Matthews sank a turnaround jumper on a beautiful last-second play to stake Dimmitt to a 52-49 lead.

With adept ball handling, the Bobcats maintained their lead through the first half of the final period, and in the process suckered the Mustangs into committing their sixth and seventh fouls to get into a bonus free-

throw situation.

However, they sank only four of seven from the line while the Mustangs tied the score at 56-56, 58-58, and finally 61-61 before the Bobcats got a big defensive rebound at the 1:23 mark and started working the clock for the game-winner that didn't work out.

"Our best chance to win it was in regulation," Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle said. "We are normally a good free-throw shooting team, but we missed a few there toward the end."

On the final play, Steinle said, "We were going to run a screen with Taylor clearing Daniel for the shot, and let Sammy come up to the free-throw line in case Daniel was covered. They got that slap in that made the difference, though."

"We had our chances, but it just didn't work out."

He added, "I'm not going to let my disappointment overshadow what these kids have accomplished."

The Bobcats finished their season with a 21-12 record and three gold basketballs—as district co-champions, bi-district and area champions.

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Swifts fall to Gruver in area playoff, 66-59

The Gruver Greyhounds took advantage of second and third shot attempts on several possessions last Thursday as they overpowered the Nazareth Swifts, 66-59, in a Class A Area playoff at Amarillo High School.

The taller and bulkier Greyhounds were able to snatch several offensive caroms in the game and many of those rebounds turned into points.

The Swifts moved Ky Wilcox inside at the beginning of the game and the 5-10 sophomore forward, along with 6-4 freshman post Eric Schilling, were able to draw a couple of fouls on Gruver's 6-3 senior Bray Armes and 6-0 senior Sean Cone.

But when Armes picked up his third foul in the second quarter, Gruver replaced him with Jason Shoulders, a 6-5 junior post who was able to dominate the boards and pick up some easy baskets off of the offensive boards.

Shoulders finished as his team's leading scorer with 18 points and had 12 boards. Armes, although he saw limited action, pulled down 14 rebounds and finished with eight points.

The Swifts were able to counter some of Gruver's inside shots with solid perimeter play from sophomore guard Kade Wilcox, who finished with 26 points. After going 0-for-5 from three-point range in the opening period, he rebounded to hit 6-of-16 shots for the game. He added a pair of layups after steals in the third quarter and was perfect on four attempts from the free throw line.

Schilling managed to pick up 18 points, hitting half of his shots (5-of-10) from inside the arc and sinking all eight of his charity throws.

Ky Wilcox finished with 13 points, gaining the majority of his shots inside the paint.

Gruver shooters stepped to the free throw line 32 times in the game, but only made half of their attempts. Nazareth was almost perfect from the line, hitting 13-of-14 tries.

The Swifts finished the game with 14-of-33 shooting from two-point range and made 6-of-22 from outside the three-point line.

Gruver made 22 of its 62 shots from the field and attempted just five three-pointers, making two of those.

The Greyhounds out-rebounded the Swifts, 44-28; and had fewer turnovers, 12-19.

Both teams got off to a cold start from the field last Thursday.

Gruver counted just 3-of-15 shots in the stanza while Nazareth was 3-of-16 from the field.

The Greyhounds took an 8-6 lead in the quarter after Dan Odom and Shoulders each made one of two free throws.

Nazareth had taken a 4-2 lead with 5:49 left on a shot by Schilling, but Gruver came back to tie the score when Armes connected. The score remained knotted at 4 until Shoulders entered the game in the final two minutes of the quarter.

He picked up his first hoop with 1:55 left, then added a free throw with 35 seconds left to give his team

a 7-4 lead. Tyler Ehly counted a shot off the

dribble with 16 seconds left to pull Nazareth within one, but Odom

made the second of his two free throw attempts with four seconds left to make it 8-6, Gruver.

Schilling tied the score at 8 early in the second before Dallas Henson went on a tear, connecting on back-to-back three-pointers within 30 seconds, giving Gruver a 14-8 lead. Henson finished with 13 points.

Nazareth called a time out to regroup and was able to shut down the Gruver offense for two minutes.

During that period, Kade Wilcox decided to erase Henson's threes with a couple of his own. The first came with 4:46 left in the half and pulled Nazareth within three.

Gruver answered with shot by Kyler Barkley before Nazareth reeled off five unanswered points.

Ky Wilcox started the comeback with an inside move to make it a three-point game again, then Kade Wilcox tied it at 16 on a long three from the top of the key at the 3:34 mark.

After Gruver picked up a free throw, Nazareth took a one-point lead on a pair of free throws by Schilling.

The Swifts couldn't hold onto the lead, though. Over the next two minutes, Gruver was able to build a five-point lead, 25-20.

Kade Wilcox trimmed that lead to a basket when he sank his third try of the period with 42 seconds left and the half ended with Gruver clinging to a 25-23 lead.

Nazareth struggled over the first four minutes of the third quarter, allowing the Greyhounds to pick up

several easy baskets inside.

Gruver took a 37-26 lead on an Odom basket with 3:44 left in the quarter before Nazareth started a comeback.

A pair of free throws by Schilling helped get the Swifts on track, then he added another shot 30 seconds later. Kade Wilcox swiped the ball from Gruver and drove the court for a layup with 2:41 left to pull Nazareth within seven and Gruver asked for a time out.

The Greyhounds came back to take a nine-point lead before the Swifts came back with a three-point play by Ky Wilcox and another steal and layup by Kade Wilcox.

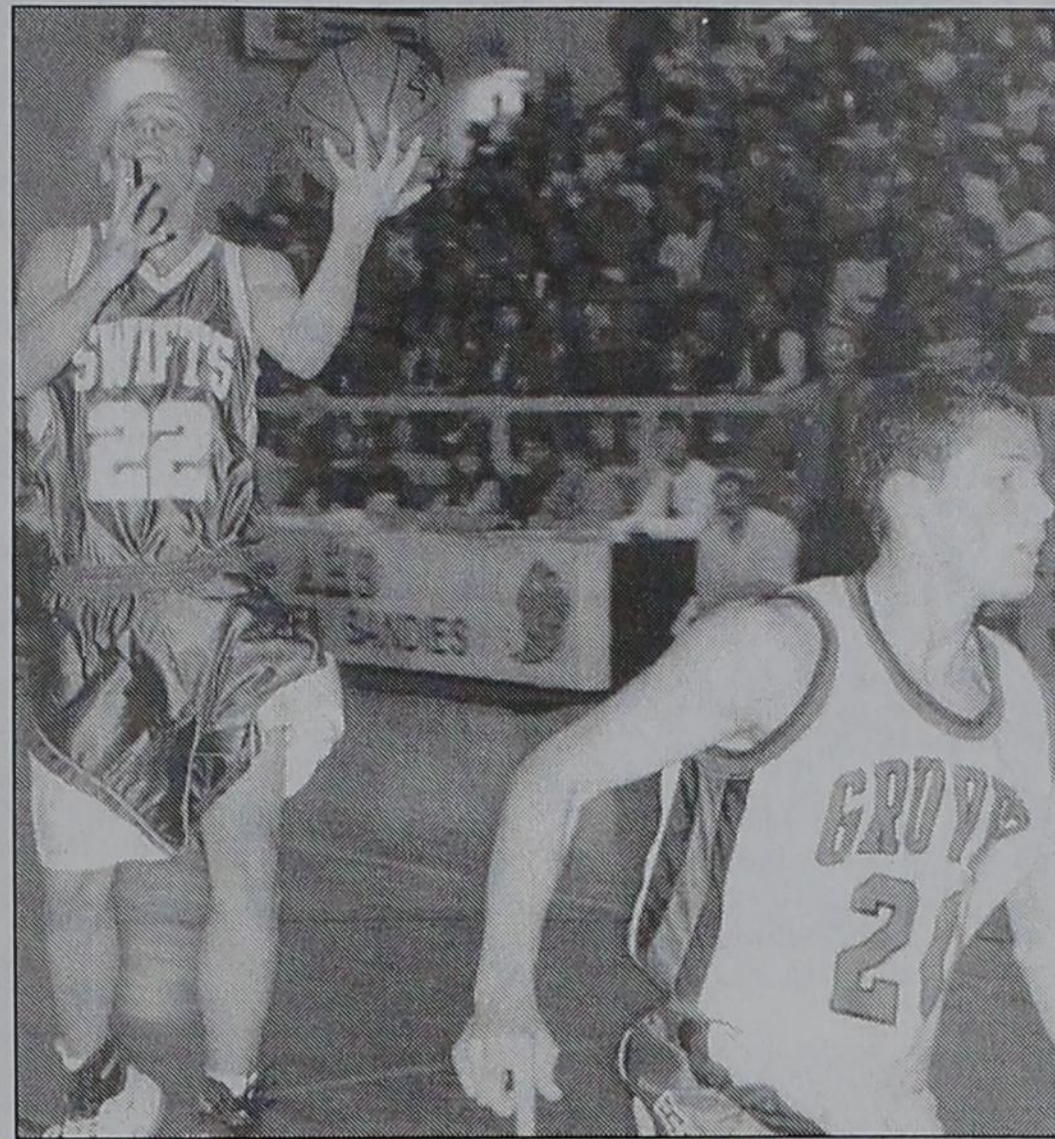
Shoulders made one of two free throws with 16 seconds left to give Gruver a five-point edge, 44-39, headed into the final eight minutes.

Nazareth cut the Gruver lead to three points early in the quarter, but the Greyhounds continued to dominate the boards and regained an 11-point edge with just under three minutes left in the game.

Nazareth chipped away at that 46-57 deficit, starting a comeback bid with a shot by Schilling. Ky Wilcox added another second later to trim the lead to seven.

The Swifts pulled within five points on a three by Kade Wilcox with 54 seconds left, but that was as close as Nazareth would get.

Anthony Villalobos made four of six free throws over the final minute to keep Gruver in the lead and preserved the 66-59 win.



KADE WILCOX (22) surprises Gruver's defense by penetrating the lane and picking up two points last Thursday in a Class A Area playoff at Amarillo High School. Gruver kept a hand in Wilcox's face all night, trying to shut down the sharp-shooting three-point specialist. The Greyhounds didn't shut down Wilcox—he finished with 26 points—but the taller and more physical Greyhounds dominated the boards, getting several second and third shots enroute to a 66-59 win.

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Season Record: 21-12

Scores		Bobcats
Bobbies		54, Randall 61
32, Randall 56		69, Levelland 60
32, Levelland 37		67, Borger 60
31, Borger 66		74, Farwell 57
Queen's Classic		60, Hereford 33
27, Plainview 66		Pioneer Classic
62, Vega 69		67, Estacado 66
55, Hale Center 40		47, Hale Center 50
35, Hereford 49		78, Muleshoe 72
Levelland Invitational		Abernathy Tournament
40, Idalou 42		64, Trinity Christian 84
49, Slaton 51		40, Muleshoe 45
57, Muleshoe 59		50, Idalou 38
46, Levelland 50		54, Friona 42
40, Friona 53		56, Lubbock Coronado 62
46, Lubbock Coronado 85		Caprock Tournament
Caprock Tournament		52, Big Spring 54
50, Lamesa 32		47, Caprock 44
40, Shallowater 67		61, Seminole 69
55, Lubbock Estacado 44		55, Littlefield 40
45, Caprock 51		54, Slaton 41
50, Littlefield 34		47, Muleshoe 61
53, Slaton 50		56, Tulia 51
61, Perryton 70		70, River Road 64
58, Tulia 46		66, Sanford-Fritch 69
75, River Road 70		65, Dalhart 45
62, Sanford-Fritch 41		33, Tulia 61
49, Dalhart 34		35, Perryton 32
49, Tulia 62		63, Sanford-Fritch 50
59, Perryton 66		73, River Road 41
44, Sanford-Fritch 55		86, Dalhart 62
66, River Road 68		57, Perryton 53
53, Dalhart 48		39, Tulia 73
65, Hale Center 60		61, Littlefield 50
43, Muleshoe 49		86, Monahans 80
Season Record: 11-21		70, Shallowater 77
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Swiftettes are back!

Naz defense exterminates Hornettes in regional finals

Defense wins championships. Just ask the No. 3-ranked Nazareth Swiftettes, who earned an 18th trip to the state tournament Saturday night after their pressure defense cracked the second-ranked Sudan Hornettes in the Region 1-A finals at South Plains College in Levelland.

Nazareth came away with a 59-42 win Saturday, avenging two district losses to the Hornettes. The regional finale was a rematch of the two marquee District 8-A battles, both of which Sudan won, 61-48, and 46-39.

After missing the playoffs a year ago, Nazareth returned to the court this season focused on one thing—returning to Austin.

"Not making it out of district last year was a big thing for us," said Shawna Gerber, who tied with Sara Schulte for high-point honors with 14 Saturday. "All year long we've worked for this moment. We wanted to win district, but when that didn't happen, it motivated us."

"I guess the third time's the charm for us," Schulte said.

Nazareth threw a couple of different things at the Hornettes Saturday, including a trapping pressure defense down the court that forced turnover after turnover. If Sudan did manage to break the Swiftettes' press, Nazareth dropped back into a zone and was able to contain Sudan's quick guards and stop the penetration, something that killed the Swiftettes in the two previous games.

"We knew we needed to turn it on or they'd turn it on," Schulte said. "When we started pulling away in the third I was excited and nervous. I was nervous because I was worried we'd get too confident. But I was excited because we were able to take the lead against such a good team. I just kept thinking about Austin. I told myself to stay focused and it would happen."

Nazareth's pressure defense forced 22 turnovers and the Swiftettes were able to pick up 22 points off of those Hornet miscues.

"We worked and worked on that press. We talked about not backing down and sticking with it," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett.

"Sudan played outstanding. They did such a great job on defense that we couldn't get many good looks outside and we had a hard time getting the ball inside. This was a game be-



LOOK OUT SUDAN, HERE COMES SARA! Sara Schulte of Nazareth pops a short jumper after stealing the ball from Sudan's Casie Legg (21) Saturday in the regional championship game at Levelland. Schulte sparked Nazareth in the second half as the Swiftettes pulled away from their rivals for a 59-42 win. Schulte finished with 14 points and four steals for the Swiftettes.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

two great teams."

Sudan's big post, Sheena Embry; and super-quick guard, Sheila Huey, led the Hornettes with 14 points each. Half of Huey's points came late in the fourth quarter after Nazareth had taken a comfortable lead.

Leading the Swiftettes' defensive assault was Schulte, who was the

sparkplug in the pivotal third quarter when Nazareth turned a tied score into an 8-point advantage.

Schulte, who finished with four steals and three rebounds along with her 14 points, directed the defensive effort and took control on the offensive end of the floor when Sudan's

defense shut down Nazareth's Cassie Birkenfeld and Gerber.

Once Schulte started popping threes, Sudan was forced to honor her as an outside threat. But the determined Schulte responded by driving the baseline and hitting a couple of layups in the third quarter. That opened up the rest of the offense.

"Sara was a warrior tonight," said Garrett. "When she started scoring like she did I think it really hurt Sudan. She's our fastest defensive player, and tonight she used that quickness on offense as well. Her baseline drives were huge."

Gerber and Birkenfeld, who had been held to six points apiece through three quarters, took charge in the fourth quarter, scoring eight and six points, respectively, to seal the win.

Gerber drained two key three pointers in the fourth quarter and the second, which came at the 2:05 mark, gave Nazareth its biggest lead of the game at that point, 46-34.

"When we got a small lead in the third quarter, it seemed to give us the confidence to keep shooting," said Gerber. "I think in the second half we came out with a lot more energy. At halftime we talked about how we needed to rebound and stay sharp on defense."

Schulte and Gerber finished with 14 apiece while Birkenfeld added 12 and Stephanie Thiel contributed 11.

Nazareth led by as many as five points in the first quarter, but both teams got off to a slow start.

Schulte started things off with a three-pointer, then Nazareth got a bucket from Thiel to go up 5-0.

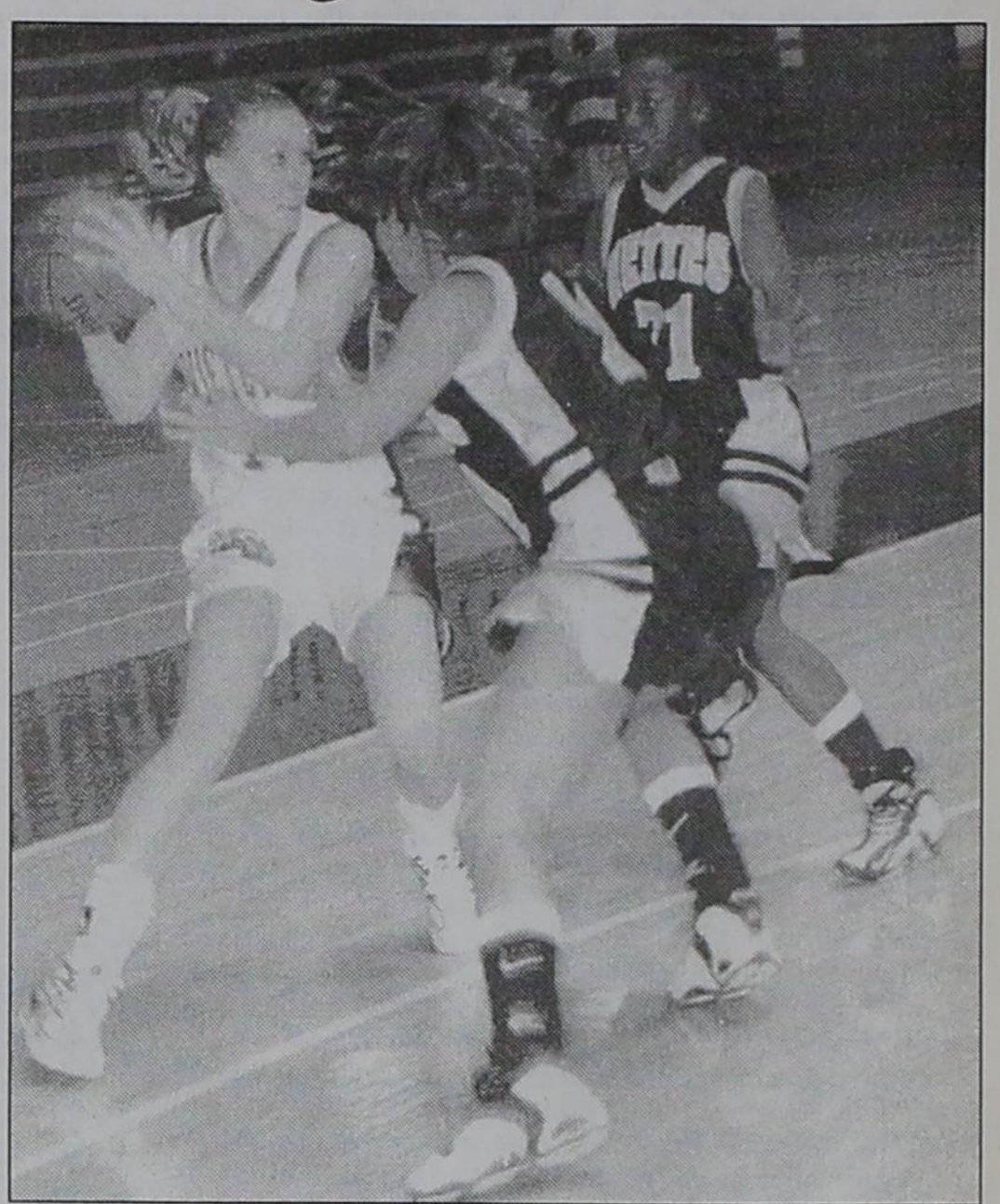
Sudan's first points came with 5:34 left in the period when Cassie Legg popped a mid-range jumper.

Sudan battled back from the 2-7 deficit to knot the game at 7, using a three-pointer by Huey and an inside shot by Embry.

Nazareth regained the lead when Gerber got her own offensive rebound and put it back up for two with less than a minute left in the quarter.

Sudan added a pair of free throws by Embry in the final seconds to cut Nazareth's lead to a point, 9-8, by the time the buzzer sounded.

Sudan took the lead early in the second quarter, reeling off six unanswered points to claim a 14-9 lead



TRAPPED? Sudan's Casie Legg (21) and Lawanda Young (31) appear to have Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel (14) trapped along the sideline, but Thiel is able to dish off to a teammate to avoid a turnover Saturday when the two district rivals met in the regional finals. Nazareth was able to hold off Sudan in the game, avenging two earlier district losses, and earned tickets to the state tournament in Austin with a 59-42 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

before the Swiftettes found the goal.

The Nazareth drought ended with 6:17 left in the half when Gerber connected. Sudan came back to take a 16-11 lead, but the Swiftettes got a big play from Thiel that neutralized the sting.

Thiel popped a three-pointer with 4:45 left, then Gerber connected to tie the score at 16 with 4:05 left. Sudan would hold a three-point edge down the stretch and Nazareth would answer with a couple of shots for a two-point advantage before Embry was able to tie it at 21 near the end of the half.

Nazareth came out on fire in the third quarter, running away from Sudan by scoring the first nine points of the quarter for a 30-21 lead.

Schulte hit five points to spark Nazareth during the drive. Birkenfeld picked up a baseline jumper on an inbounds play and Gerber got a steal and layup as Nazareth started to click.

Sudan's first points of the second half came with 2:19 left when Legg connected.

Nazareth answered with two more shots, including one by Schulte that

gave the Swiftettes a 34-23 lead with 1:52 left.

Nazareth tried to slow things down in the fourth quarter to chew up the clock, but Sudan started applying a press that rattled the Swiftettes for a couple of minutes.

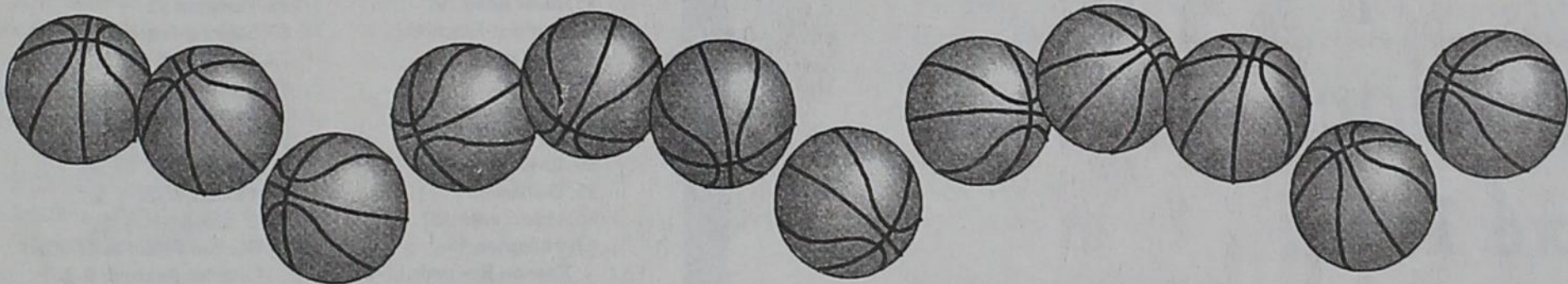
Sudan was able to get some turnovers, but couldn't take advantage.

The Hornettes managed to trim Nazareth's lead to seven when Embry scored with 3:39 left, but Nazareth's defense held Sudan to one free throw over the next two minutes.

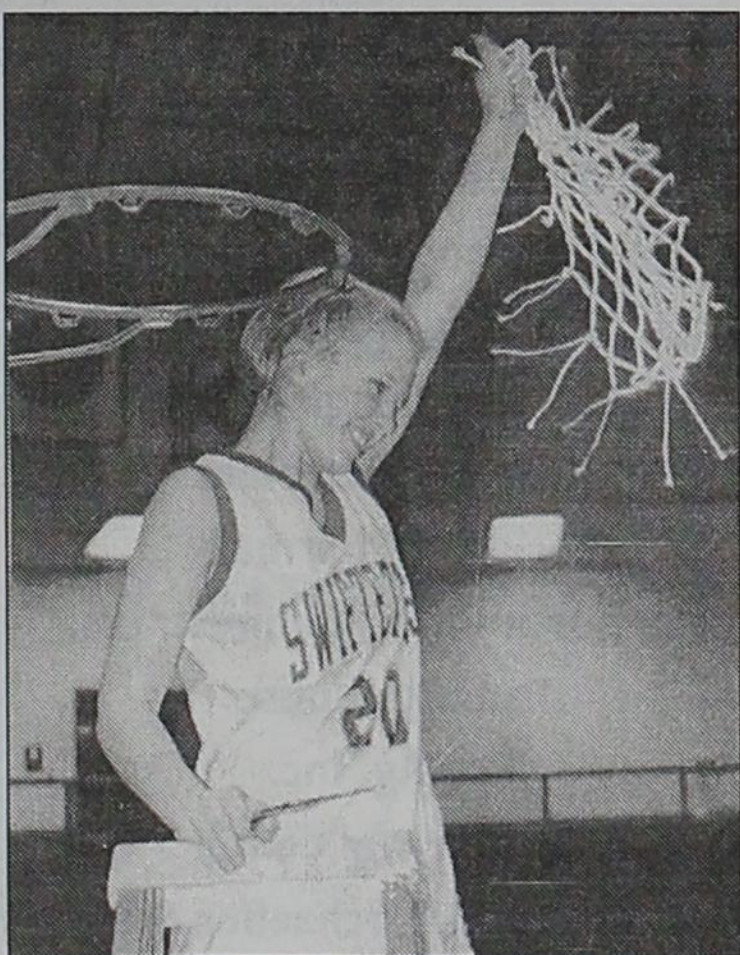
During that span, Nazareth got a big three from Gerber. Thiel added a layup and four free throws in the final 1:46 to help hold Sudan at bay. Down the stretch, Nazareth hit 9-of-12 free throws as the Swiftettes held on for the win.

Nazareth hit more than 50% of its shots from the field—22-of-42—and six of those on-the-mark shots were from three-point range. Nazareth hit 9-of-13 free throws in the game.

Sudan made 17 of its 42 shots from the field and 6-of-10 from the charity stripe.



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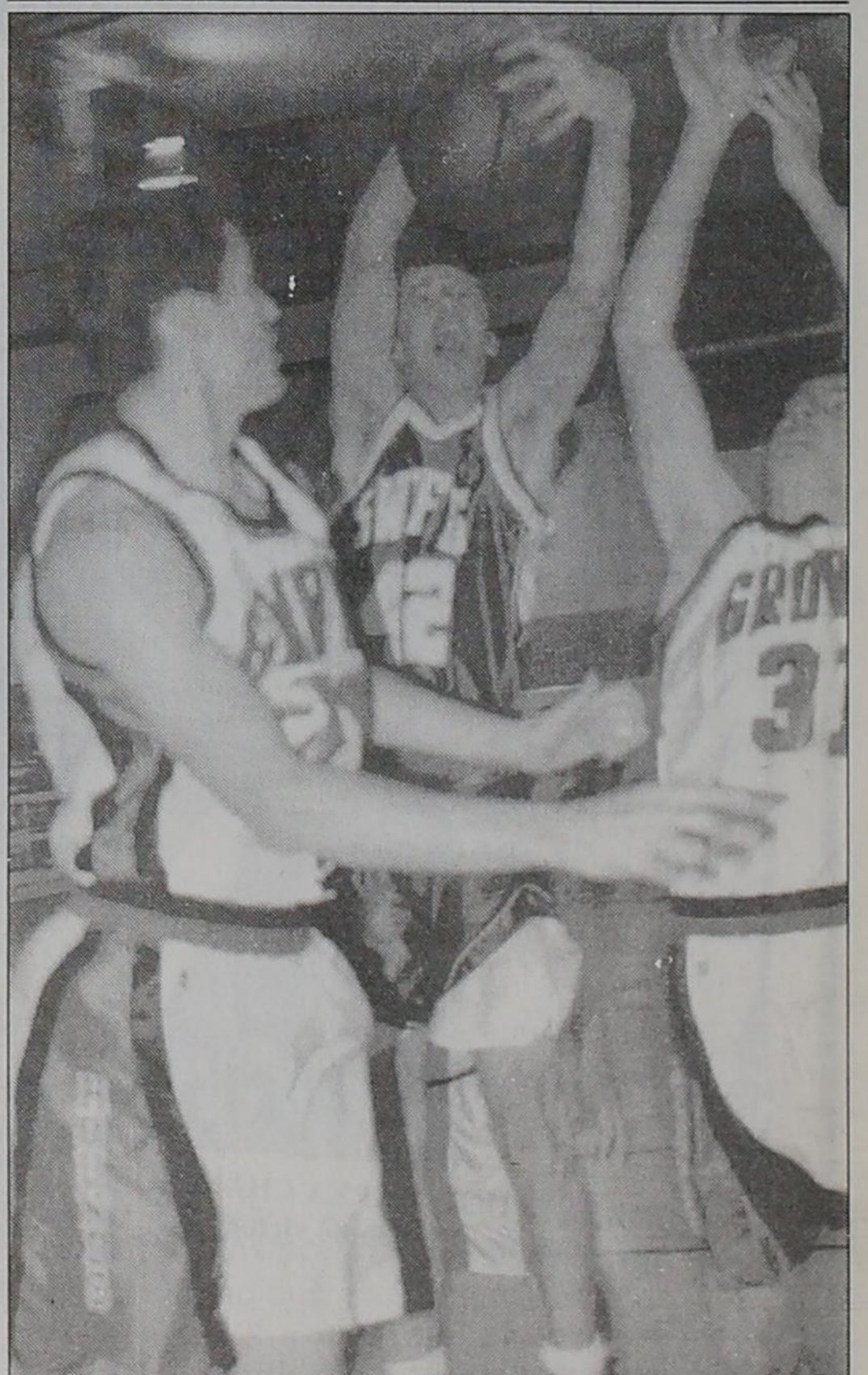
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IT'S MINE! Nazareth post Eric Schilling (24) manages to snag a rebound despite being sandwiched between two Gruver Greyhounds last Thursday. The two teams met in a Class A Area playoff at Amarillo High School and Gruver came out on top, 66-59. The Greyhounds used their size advantage to power their way inside for several offensive rebounds which they were able to convert into points and that was the difference in the game.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes pop 14 treys enroute to big semifinal win over Guthrie

The Nazareth Swiftettes enjoyed one of their better shooting performances of the season as they halted Guthrie Friday night, claiming a big 88-47 win in a Region 1-A semifinal at South Plains College in Levelland.

The Swiftettes popped 14 three-pointers in the game, making 42.4% of their attempts from outside the arc. Nazareth had no problems from inside the arc, either, nailing another 14 attempts. Naz also was accurate from the line, making 18-of-21 free throws.

The Swiftettes dominated the boards Friday, out-rebounding the Lady Jags 44-20; and the defense forced 15 Guthrie turnovers in the game. Nazareth capitalized on those turnovers by converting them into 23 points.

The Swiftettes did have a few problems shutting down Guthrie's leading scorers, the Shipman sisters, Joli and Krissy, who accounted for all but eight of their team's 47 points.

Krissy Shipman penetrated the Swiftette defense all night long, hitting 11 of her 16 shots from the field to finish with 25 points. Joli Shipman tallied 14 for the Lady Jags.

"The Shipman girls are two of the best athletes you'll ever find," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "I know 24 (Krissy Shipman) just ripped us apart."

Garrett said the Swiftettes' main focus was on shutting down the Shipman sisters, and he rotated several defensive players on the two, trying to keep fresh people on defense.

"We wanted to rotate and give them different looks, but we got into a little bit of foul trouble and that hurt us. We put Cassie (Birkenfeld) and Sara (Schulte) on their two best players and they played great," Garrett said. "I thought Sara did a good job of containing 24 (Krissy Shipman) until she picked up her fourth foul."

Three Swiftettes scored in double figures Friday, led by Stephanie Thiel, who had 26 points. Shawna Gerber added 23 and Birkenfeld chipped in 21.

Nazareth opened the game by pressing the Lady Jags, and by the end of the first quarter, the pressure started taking a toll on Guthrie.

Nazareth forced six turnovers in the period and started pulling away midway through the quarter. The Swiftettes were up 22-9 by the end of the stanza.

Birkenfeld was the offensive spark in the period, hitting three treys to finish with nine points.

Her success from the field continued into the second quarter when she made two more and added a layup after a steal.

Nazareth held a 21-point lead with 4:25 left in the first half and never looked back. It was a 47-21 game at halftime, with Birkenfeld and Thiel accounting for eight points apiece and Gerber chipping in nine during the second stanza.

Krissy Shipman attacked the Nazareth defense with a vengeance



ALMOST! Nazareth's Shawna Gerber (22) attempts to snatch a rebound away from Guthrie's Ashley Bouher (22) Friday in a Region 1-A semifinal game at South Plains College in Levelland. Also battling for position underneath the basket is Nazareth's Lesley Brockman. Nazareth shooters were hot Friday, hitting 14 three-pointers in the game as they took a big 88-47 win to earn a spot in the regional finals Saturday.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

in the third quarter, penetrating the paint and scoring six unanswered points before the Swiftettes settled down.

The rally died with Nazareth's first basket of the second half, though, and the Swiftettes were ahead by a comfortable 68-35 margin after three quarters.

Nazareth cleared its bench in the fourth quarter and coasted for an 88-47 win.

"I thought Guthrie did a good job of playing defense tonight, we just got some lucky breaks and our shots went in," Garrett said.

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CLASS A AREA PLAYOFF

at Amarillo High School
Swifts 59, Gruver 66
Nazareth 6 17 16 20—59
Gruver 8 17 19 22—66
NAZARETH: Kade Wilcox 8 4-4—26; Ky Wilcox 6 1-1—13; Eric Schilling 5 8-8—18; Daryl Pohlmeier 0 0-0—0; Blake Birkenfeld 0 0-1—0; Cameron McLain 0 0-0—0; Tyler Ehly 1 0-0—2; Jase Merritt 0 0-0—0; Justin Kleman 0 0-0—0; Adam Acker 0 0-0—0; Chase Schulte 0 0-0—0; Wade Price 0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 20 13-14—59.

GRUVER: Dallas Henson 4 3-10—13; Sean Cone 1 0-0—2; Bray Arnes 3 2-4—8; Dan Odum 6 3-6—15; Kyle Barkley 1 0-0—2; Jason Shoulders 8 2-4—18; Anthony Villalobos 1 4-6—6; Brady Hart 0 2-2—2. **TOTALS:** 24 16-32—66.

THREE-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 6-of-22 (Kade Wilcox 6); Gruver 2-of-5 (Dallas Henson 2). **TURNOVERS:** Nazareth 19, Gruver 12. **REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 28, Gruver 44.

CLASS AAA AREA PLAYOFF

at Lamesa High School
Bobcats 86, Monahans 80
Monahans 17 17 29 17—80
Dimmitt 21 22 27 16—86

DIMMITT: Daniel Flores 11 10-12—35; Sammy Prieto 4 0-0—12; Keevin Sanders 5 4-4—16; Taylor Matthews 5 4-6—14;

MONAHANS: Brandi Seago 0 0-0—0; Joli Shipman 5 1-2—14; Krissy Shipman 11 3-10—25; Ashley Pettiet 2 0-1—4; Michele Clark 0 0-0—0; Amanda Ferguson 2 0-0—4. **TOTALS:** 20 4-13—47.

THREE-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 14 (Thiel and Birkenfeld 5, Gerber 3, Black 1); Guthrie 3 (Joli Shipman 3). **REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 44 (Thiel and Hoelting 8, Gerber 6); Guthrie 20 (Ferguson 6). **ASSISTS:** Nazareth 15 (Thiel, Hoelting and Birkenfeld 4); Guthrie 6 (Joli Shipman 5). **TURNOVERS:** Nazareth 11 (Birkenfeld 2); Guthrie 15 (Joli Shipman and Krissy Shipman 5). **STEALS:** Nazareth 8 (Gerber, Thiel and Schulte 2); Guthrie 3 (Joli Shipman, Clark and Krissy Shipman). **FOULS:** Nazareth 19, Guthrie 12. **FOULED OUT:** Joli Shipman.

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Daniel Proffitt 2 0-3—4; Marcus Larra 0 1-3—1; Matthew Sandoval 1 2-4—4. **TOTALS:** 28 21-32—86.

MONAHANS: Chris Adams 9 6-7—24; Brian Morris 8 0-1—23; Fabian Welch 5 2-3—17; Jorge Arroyo 0 4-6—4; Lucas Ramos 0 2-4—2; Scott Moore 2 0-2—4; Ben Johnson 1 0-0—2; Daniel Gaddis 1 0-0—2; Ramon Porras 1 0-0—2. **TOTALS:** 27 14-23—80.

THREE-POINT GOALS: Dimmitt 9 (Prieto 4, Flores 3, Sanders 2); Monahans 12 (Morris 7, Welch 5).

REGION 1-A SEMIFINALS

at South Plains College, Levelland
Swiftettes 88, Guthrie 47
Guthrie 9 12 14 12—47
Nazareth 22 25 21 20—88
NAZARETH: Cassie Birkenfeld 7 2-2—21; Shawna Gerber 7 6-6—23; Stephanie Thiel 9 3-5—26; Sara Schulte 0 0-0—0; Lesley Brockman 0 0-0—0; Tara Klemm 0 0-0—0; Wendy Black 1 3-4—6; Mandy Hoelting 0 0-0—0; Whitney Hoelting 3 2-8; Nichole Huseman 0 0-0—0; Lindsie Gerber 1 2-2—4; Danette Ramaekers 0 0-0—0; Marsha Black 0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 28 18-21—88.

GUTHRIE: Brandi Seago 0 0-0—0; Joli Shipman 5 1-2—14; Krissy Shipman 11 3-10—25; Ashley Pettiet 2 0-1—4; Michele Clark 0 0-0—0; Amanda Ferguson 2 0-0—4. **TOTALS:** 20 4-13—47.

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REGION 1-A FINALS

at South Plains College, Levelland
Swiftettes 59, Sudan 42
Sudan 8 13 7 14—42
Nazareth 9 12 15 23—59
NAZARETH: Cassie Birkenfeld 4 4-4—12; Shawna Gerber 6 0-0—14; Stephanie Thiel 3 4-4—11; Sara Schulte 6 0-1—14; Lesley Brockman 1 1-2—3; Whitney Hoelting 1 0-2—2; Wendy Black 1 0-0—3; Tara Klemm 0 0-0—0; Mandy Hoelting 0 0-0—0; Nichole Huseman 0 0-

0-0—0; Lindsie Gerber 0 0-0—0; Danette Ramaekers 0 0-0—0; Marsha Black 0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 22 9-13—59.

SUDAN: Jill Stout 1 2-2—4; Casie Legg 5 0-0—10; Sheila Huey 6 0-0—14; Lawanda Young 0 0-0—0; Sheena Embry 5 4-7—14; Amber Legg 0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 17 6-10—42.

THREE-POINT GOALS: Nazareth 6-of-14 (Gerber and Schulte 2, Thiel and Black 1); Sudan 2-of-14 (Huey 2). **REBOUNDS:** Nazareth 28 (Hoelting 6, Thiel 4); Sudan 22 (Legg 7). **STEALS:** Nazareth 13 (Schulte 4, Gerber 3); Sudan 5 (Embry and Young 2). **ASSISTS:** Nazareth 10 (Gerber 5, Birkenfeld 3); Sudan 10 (Stout 5). **TURNOVERS:** Nazareth 22 (Gerber 7, Thiel 6); Sudan 22 (Stout 8). **FOULS:** Nazareth 14, Sudan 16. **FOULED OUT:** Schulte and Stout.

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Bobcats 70, Shallowater 77 (OT)
Shallowater 15 16 18 12 16—77
Dimmitt 12 17 23 9 9—70
DIMMITT: Marcos Larra 0 0-0—0; Daniel Proffitt 1 2-4—4; Sammy Prieto 4 3-4—13; Taylor Matthews 4 1-2—9; Keevin Sanders 4 2-2—11; Daniel Flores 12 3-5—33; B.J. Hill 0-0—0; Matthew Sandoval 0 0-0—0. **TOTALS:** 25 11-17—70.

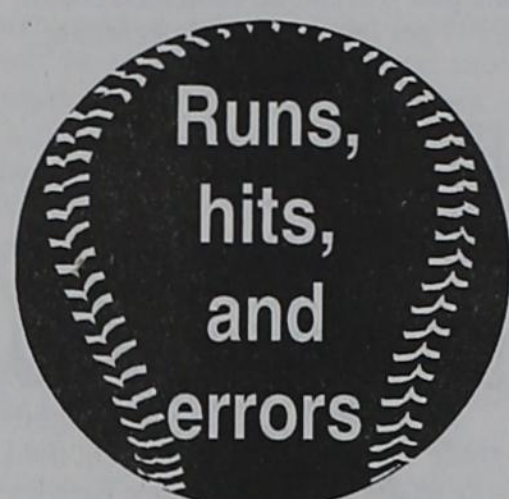
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THREE-POINT GOALS: Dimmitt 9 (Flores 6, Sanders 1), Shallowater 7 (Hudson 5, Shannon 2). **REBOUNDS:** Dimmitt 36 (Matthews 11, Prieto 9); Shallowater 56 (Hill 12, Crestwait 11). **TURNOVERS:** Dimmitt 8 (Flores 3), Shallowater 18 (Hudson and Kitchens 5). **ASSISTS:** Dimmitt 14 (Proffitt 3), Shallowater 15 (Crestwait, Hudson and Kitchens 4). **STEALS:** Dimmitt 12 (Prieto 4), Shallowater 6 (Norris 3). **TOTAL FOULS:** Dimmitt 19, Shallowater 20. **FOULED OUT:** None.

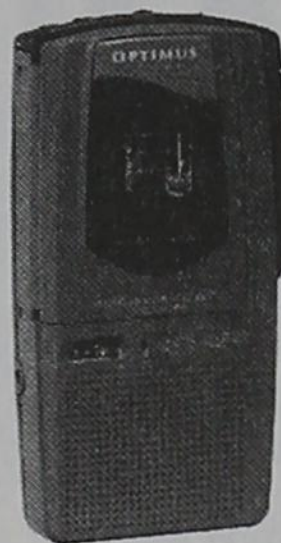
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Police Calls

Two Dimmitt men, ages 19 and 22, were jailed Saturday night for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, a Class B misdemeanor.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed last Thursday night for evading arrest in a motor vehicle and no driver's license.

A Dimmitt woman, 37, was jailed last Thursday morning for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

Sunday night, a Hart woman reported to deputies a case of assault/bodily injury/family member. The incident happened southwest of Hart.

Daniel Martinez and a juvenile reported to police Saturday morning that a suspect took a motor vehicle belonging to Yolanda Martinez without her consent in an incident of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The complainants valued the 1999 Ford Escort at \$16,500.

Tommy Kenworthy of Dimmitt told police Monday morning that someone kicked in the side of a pickup belonging to Rafter 3 Feedyard while it was parked in the 1600 block of Sunset Circle. The suspect or suspects also apparently tried to break the glass on the pickup. The damage to the right back fender was estimated at \$400.

An employee of Allsup's in Dimmitt told police Friday afternoon that an unknown male pumped \$17.79-worth of fuel and left without

paying. Saturday at 7:30 a.m., an 18-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication.

Sunday at 11:35 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 29, was jailed for public intoxication. Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—Last Thursday, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for assault causing bodily injury.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 30, for assault and criminal mischief under \$20.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 20, on bond surrenders for assault of a public servant and robbery.

Feb. 18 at 12:22 p.m., a 1999 Buick Le Sabre driven by Loretta Carol Warren, 62, of Dimmitt, backed out of a parking area in the 300 block of North Broadway and struck a 1988 Toyota Camry driven by Kelsey Laren Welch, 16, of Dimmitt, who was heading south on Broadway. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Feb. 20 at 3:15 p.m., a 1999 Ford Escort driven by Coby Joe Martinez, 14, of Dimmitt, struck the back end of a 1994 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Harriett Eleanor Goodwin, 73, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles had been heading east in the 200 block of

West Lee, and Goodwin was slowing to stop and make a left turn. No injuries were reported and both vehicles were rated with light damage. Martinez was given a ticket for driving without a license and failure to control speed.

Feb. 22 at 1 p.m., a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Raul Sanchez, 28, of Dimmitt, struck a 1997 Mercury Cougar driven by Elida Dominguez Frye, 50, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles had been heading north in the 300 block of North Broadway, when the pickup changed lanes and struck the car, causing it to leave the roadway and strike a road sign. Sanchez was cited for changing lanes when unsafe. No injuries were reported. Damage to the pickup was rated moderate, while the car had light to moderate damage. Damage to the road sign was estimated at \$116.01.

Jail Count

There were 14 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, and eight had been "farmed out" for the past week at an estimated cost of \$304 per day or \$2,128 per week.

Eighth grade classes plan groundbreaking

Dimmitt Middle School's eighth grade earth science classes will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the school, and the public is invited.

The students are ready to start construction on their outdoor classroom, which has been in the planning stages since the first of the school year. The outdoor classroom will provide environmental learning opportunities for students from the middle school, as well as the elementary school.

The students are taught by Kathy Lust. She said that a work schedule will be posted at the site and the students would appreciate volunteers who would be willing to sign up to help with various work details during the week.

Plans for the outdoor classroom include space dedicated to art sculptures, benches, tables, some type of water feature, indigenous plants, and habitat for small wildlife.

In the 1940 NFL championship game, the Chicago Bears beat the Washington Redskins by the score of 73-0.

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MATTHEW SANDOVAL snares a rebound away from Monahans' Jorge Arroyo in the second quarter of the area championship game Friday night in Lamesa. Sandoval recorded a key rebound, a steal and a free throw in the final 1:10 of the game to help the Bobcats stay in command en route to an exciting 86-80 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend

School set for local Republican election workers

The Castro County Republican Party will hold an election school for those who will be helping with the upcoming March 14 primary election.

The training session will be conducted on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the District Courtroom, located on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt.

The school will be conducted by Deanne Clark of Lubbock, former Castro County Republican Party chairwoman.

Those who have been contacted to work in this primary election are asked to attend this training session, according to Emma Jean King, Castro County Republican chairwoman.

More about Swiftettes . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Valley View will take on Menard, the Region 2-A champion.

Menard brings a 32-3 record into the state tournament after beating Huckabay, 49-37, in the regional finals. Menard's road to Austin started with an 80-31 win over Rochelle. Wins over Brookesmith (70-51), Baird (50-33) and Borden County (42-34) followed before Menard met Huckabay in the regional championship game.

Menard features an impressive 6-3 post player in Lysie Blau, and she's joined by her sister, Lacey Blau, and another post, Kristen McAllister, inside the paint.

That trio makes up most of Menard's offense, but working to get those three the ball are guards Hope Kuykendall and Mia Lopez. And both can hit the three as they proved in the regional tournament.

Band boosters set work day, meeting

The Dimmitt Band Boosters have set a work day for Saturday, starting at 9:15 a.m., and a general membership meeting for Monday at 7 p.m.

Those helping with the work day are asked to meet at Dimmitt Middle School. High school students also are welcome to come help move the equipment from the gym concession stand back to the football concession building.

The general membership meeting will be at the Dimmitt High School band hall and all parents of band students in grades 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to attend.

More about Bobcats . . .

(Continued from Page 8)

Steinle said Dimmitt's fans were a major factor in the Bobcats' success this season.

"We probably take it for granted too much in Dimmitt, but I can't say enough about our fan support," he said. "We appreciate the support that our fans have given to this team throughout the season and during the playoffs. That's a big reason why our kids respond the way they do."

Shallowater, the District 2 champ, will take a 31-4 mark into the Region I-AAA Tournament Friday in Texas Tech's new United Spirit Arena.

District 1's other regional quarter-finalist team, the Tulia Hornets, lost to Seminole, 53-44, Tuesday night.

Plainview team claims title in Polar Bear Tournery

Roger Thompson and Greg Couch, both of Plainview, teamed to win the Country Club of Dimmitt's Polar Bear Tournament last weekend.

The duo shot nine-hole scores of 32, 37 and 37 to finish with 106 and that was good enough for first-place honors in the Championship Flight.

Finishing second in the Championship Flight were Chris Powers and Jeremy O'Quinn, both of Plainview. Their three-round scores were 34, 39 and 35 for a final of 108 strokes.

Winners in the First Flight were Jerry Watts and Clay Davis of Dimmitt, who finished with 110 strokes after rounds of 35, 41 and 34.

Two teams finished with 114 in the First Flight. They were Marin Rivas and Joe Saucedo of Hereford (36-43-35-114) and Ray Cameron

and Randy Willingham of Amarillo (36-39-39-114).

David Ramirez and Lee Estrada of Plainview won the Second Flight with scores of 38, 39 and 35 for a final stroke tally of 112. Second-place honors in the flight went to Frank Silvas and Jim Roberson of Plainview (37-39-39-115).

Country Club of Dimmitt will host its next tournament on March 18-19—the two-person Cabin Fever Scramble. The Don Cornett Tournament, a three-person scramble, has been slated for April 8-9.

WIFE state board meets

Texas Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) had their first Board of Directors meeting in Plainview recently to discuss issues for the year.

The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Verette of Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock. Guests from El Paso and Snyder attended, along with 27 members.

WIFE members began working on Ag Day activities to promote agriculture.

Ag Day will be March 20 and all interested persons are encouraged to wear green ribbons to show support for farmers and ranchers.

WIFE members also are encouraging farmers to attend the hearings before the House Agriculture Committee in Lubbock on Monday, beginning at 9 a.m. in the banquet hall at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Led by US Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), the hearings are being held to discuss US farm policy.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 2-10.

DIMMITT
Elementary Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Blueberry loaf, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fruit cocktail and milk.
 MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bars, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Donut sticks, apple juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Teddy Grahams, orange wedges and milk.
 THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.

High School Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.
 FRIDAY: Toasted English muffin, apple juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Pancake with syrup, apple slices and milk.
 TUESDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, grape juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Hot oatmeal, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.
 FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.
 MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, garlic bread, haystack finger salad and milk.
 TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italian or vegetable pasta Alfredo, stir fried rice, pas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or pork rib patty; savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, hot

rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potato or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger, cheese enchiladas or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART
Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, pancake and chicken breakfast stick and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled egg and sausage, biscuits, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, peanut butter bar,

Retired school personnel hope to organize group

A group of retired school personnel gathered at Rhoads Memorial Library last Wednesday to consider organizing a Retired School Personnel Association in Dimmitt. The group heard from two speakers—Roy Pennington of Dumas and John Krodel of Amarillo. The two let the group know about the function and importance of such an organization. Pennington is president of District 16 Retired School Personnel Association and Krodel is first vice president of membership for District 16.

graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes and gravy, mashed potato, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, chicken sandwich with chips or brisket; baked potato, salad, fresh fruit, pinto beans, Texas toast, cornbread and milk, punch or tea.
 MONDAY: Choice of pork chop or chicken sandwich with chips, rolls, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, corn dog or lasagna with ground beef; bread stick, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of tuna salad, fish nuggets or sub sandwich; macaroni and cheese, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, carrot sticks, pecan cookie and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice steak finger basket or chicken sandwich with chips, rolls, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich with chips or cheese enchilada; tortilla pieces, salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries; tossed salad, corn, pears, cobbler and milk or juice.
 TUESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich; potato cube, lettuce, green beans, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.
 WEDNESDAY: * Fish and hushpuppies or pizza; coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, apple, dessert and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, applesauce, fruit salad and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Cheese pizza or baked potato, salad, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



HOLD THAT EMU—An emu belonging to Oscar Navarro of Dimmitt escaped from its pen on the east edge of Dimmitt sometime Friday, and around noon it was sighted on the west edge of Dimmitt on Northwest 12th Street. After a circuitous chase, the bird was trapped in the backyard of a home in the 800 block of West Dulin. Two police units and Animal Control Officer Ty Lively were aided by Navarro and volunteers in subduing the bird, which was uninjured. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Coffee Memorial Blood Center plans 'Bring a Buddy' promotion

In an effort to increase blood donations and keep the blood supply at a safe, adequate level, Coffee Memorial Blood Center has planned a special promotion for March. "Bring a Buddy, Get a Buddy" is the promotion Coffee has planned for this month, and the Blood Center is offering a blood drop beanie for all donors who bring a "buddy" who also donates blood at the 1915 Coulter Drive location in Amarillo. Bth the donor and their buddy will receive the Buddy Blood Drop Beanie. Winter months are traditionally more challenging with the cold and flu season affecting donors' ability to give blood. For the entire month of February, the Blood Center was low on O-Positive blood, the most common type and the one most used and needed.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is celebrating 50 years of sharing the gift of life, serving 24 counties in the Texas Panhandle, including Castro. More than 500 units of blood are needed every week to meet the needs of patients in the Panhandle. Most people presume that blood will be there if they need it; however, that is only true if volunteer donors, the only source for the gift of life, actually donate. The need for blood never takes a holiday, a day off or a sick day. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, adults and children need blood to survive severe injuries and fight cancer, leukemia and other life threatening illnesses. For more information about the Bring a Buddy promotion, call Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

ACS sets meeting

The Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will have a planning meeting Wednesday (March 8) at noon at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Lunch will be served and chapter members will finalize plans for the rally that will kick off the "Relay for Life," a fund-raising event set for later in the year. All interested persons are invited to attend. The rally will be held March 22 at noon at the First United Methodist Church, and lunch will be served to those attending. The purpose of the rally will be to explain about the "Relay for Life" and stimulate interest in the event. For more information, contact chapter president and project chair Gwen Bryant at 647-8512, chapter secretary Kaye Stevens at 647-5106, or Bill Sava at 647-2524.

Breast cancer screenings set this week

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt this month and appointments are now being accepted. The first clinic will be conducted today (Thursday) and the second is being planned for Wednesday. Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment. The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System. Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.



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CUSTOM FARMING: No-till, drill, mini-till, tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard. (806) 945-2270 or (806) 627-4623. Mobile, 657-7980 or 647-7981. 10-8-tfc

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11—Feed, Seed & Grain

PALETTES FOR SALE. \$2.50 each. Oat seed for sale, \$5.50 per bag. Nazareth Feed & Supply. 945-2291. 11-42-tfc

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SEED CONTRACT—Need 120 acres clean ground for spring oat seed production. Gayland Ward, 258-7394. 11-48-2tc

12—Farm Produce

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- Homes and land for sale
 - Farms for sale
 - Homes and apartments for rent
 - Things people want to rent
 - Miscellaneous items for sale
 - Garage sales
 - Household goods for sale
 - Farm equipment and supplies
 - Agricultural services
 - Feed, seed and grain for sale
 - Farm produce for sale
 - Livestock and pets
 - Automobiles for sale
 - Recreational vehicles
 - Auto parts and supplies
 - Business opportunities
 - Services
 - Insurance
 - Students seeking work
 - Help wanted
 - Notices
 - Lost and found
 - Cards of thanks
 - Legal notices

14—Automobiles

1982 RIVIERA 89K miles. Good work car. After 5. 647-4367. 14-45-4tc

1999 MALIBU, leather, V-6, loaded, 3,300 miles. \$13,500. 647-5597. 14-47-2tc

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Expedition XLT. 46,000 miles, loaded with CD, leather interior, rear air, etc. Call 647-3375 after 6 p.m. 14-47-2tc

16—Automotive Parts & Supplies

FOR SALE: 1986 6 cylinder motor with 5-speed transmission. 647-5786. 16-48-2tc

17—Business Opportunities

THEATER FOR SALE in Dimmitt. Great extra income. All equipment included. \$39,500. Call (806) 385-5987. 17-48-1tc

18—Services

HORSE SHOING—15 years experience. Dave Jones. 364-4699. 18-48-tfc

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 FREE ESTIMATES
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20—Help Wanted

CANTERBURY VILLA of Dimmitt, immediate openings CNA's, LVN or RN. Flexible hours and competitive wages. Apply at 1621 Butler Road. 20-46-3tc

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Man lives by affirmation even more than he does by bread. -Victor Hugo

1—Real Estate Homes & Land

FOUR BEDROOM, three bath, basement, barns, corrals, two-car garage, approximately 16-acre pasture. 1.5 miles from town. Shown by appointment. Dr. Sims, 647-5605 or 647-5606. 1-45-4tp

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REMODELED HOME for sale by owner. 727 Oak, 1,600 square feet, large kitchen and living area. 945-2282. 1-43-tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER. Three bedroom, two bath, 2-car garage. New carpet and appliances. 1516 Ruskin, \$55,000. 647-1030. 1-48-4tp

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USDA Rural Development

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: MARCH 7, 2000
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: THE FOYER OF THE COURTHOUSE IN CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT, TEXAS

202 NW 11th, Dimmitt, Texas
 3 bedrooms; 1 bath; 1,021 Sq. Feet
 Minimum Bid \$11,407.00

TOTAL BID IN CASH DUE AT THE SALE

Phone (806) 468-8600 for further information

USDA Rural Development

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: MARCH 7, 2000
TIME: 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: THE FOYER OF THE COURTHOUSE IN CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT, TEXAS

604 NW 5th, Dimmitt, Texas
 3 bedrooms; 1 bath; 1,094 Sq. Feet
 Minimum Bid \$14,155.00

TOTAL BID IN CASH DUE AT THE SALE

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3—Real Estate For Rent

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NEW LISTING—Large three bedroom house on large corner lot, 2-1/2 baths, fireplace, large basement, double garage, lots of storage, and sprinkler system. \$140,000.

HOUSE ON CORNER—Three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, double garage, fireplace, with large shop, and storage building. \$70,000.

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5—For Rent, Misc.

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NEW TYS, YCRS & APPLIANCES
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20—Help Wanted

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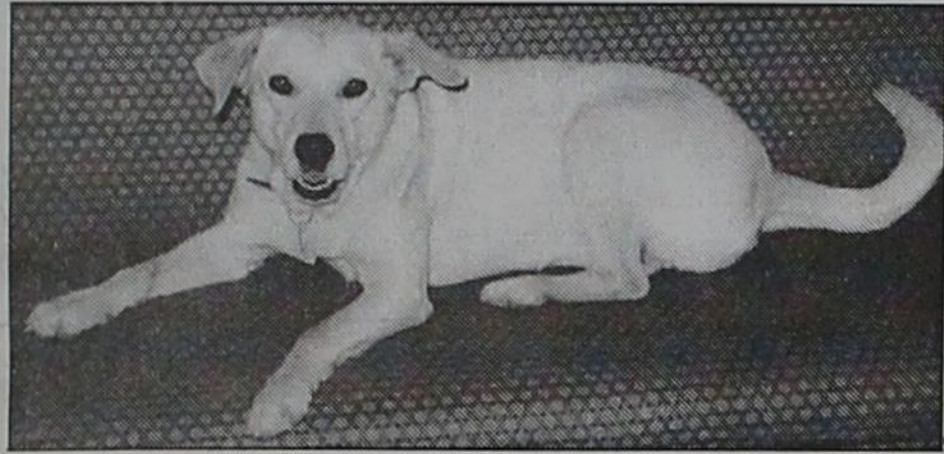
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HELP WANTED: Experienced rig operator or capable rig trainer. Call (806) 364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump Co., Inc., 1206 East New York Avenue, Hereford, Texas. 20-47-2tc

22—Notices

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 14 primary election.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
For County Tax Assessor/Collector:
Billy Hackleman (I)
Marshall Young

For County Constable:
James Dobbs (I)

For Precinct 1 Commissioner:
Newlon Rowland (I)
Harold Smith

For Precinct 3 Commissioner:
W.A. "Bay" Baldrige (I)

For County/District Attorney:
Jack Edwards
James Horton
Jerry Matthews (I)

For County Sheriff:
CD Fitzgearld (I)
Santos Perez

Political advertisement paid by candidates.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 22-48-5tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
To the Dimmitt Buyers Club:
Thank you so very much for buying my pig at the recent stock show. I appreciate your support. Thanks again.
DEACON BUCKLEY
24-48-1tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks so much for your love and support through this last month with my Dad. Earth has no sorrows that heaven can't heal.
DANNY & BRENDA BRUTON
KEVIN & KRISSE BRUTON
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank the people of this community for their prayers, thoughts and concerns shown during the loss of our brother, Harold Broadstreet.
GENE BROADSTREET FAMILY
GERALD BROADSTREET FAMILY
GLENN BROADSTREET FAMILY
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
Words cannot express our love and appreciation to our wonderful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for the lovely 60th anniversary party they gave us. We also want to thank the ones who congratulated us by gifts, cards and phone calls. Thanks again.
MELVIN & JUANITA SUMMERS
24-48-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
Many thanks for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards and food that have come my way during my illness, hospital stay and recovery. Special thanks goes to Dr. Joplin, the nurses and the staff at Plains Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received. God bless you all.
BOB WEST
24-48-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
Lonnie and I would like to express our appreciation for your cards, prayers and concerns regarding the passing of our mother, Doris Bowling. Thank you so much.
LONNIE & TRACI ROBB & FAMILY
24-48-1tc

25—Legal Notices

INVITATION TO BID
The Castro County Hospital District in Dimmitt, Texas, will be accepting sealed bids for two major renovation projects. Bid packets/prints will be available on Monday, March 6, 2000, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the administration office, 310 West Halsell. Refundable deposit of \$100 is required for packets. (Company check payable to Castro County Hospital District). Deadline for return of sealed bids is 4 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2000. For further information contact Randy Bailey, (806) 647-2191. Ext. 306, office; (806) 647-3437, fax; or (806) 647-9306, cellular. 25-48-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License, Package Store Permit and Local Distributor's Permit. Said business to be operated under a general partnership by Rodney Schulte, Ramona Schulte, Darrin Heiman and Jennifer Heiman. Business will operate as The 19th Hole Package Store, and will be located at Highway 86, North Side, .6 miles east of the intersection with Highway 168, Nazareth, Castro County, Texas, 79063. 25-47-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine Only Package Store Permit and a Beer Retail Dealer's Off Premise License. Said business will be operated under a general partnership by Rodney Schulte, Ramona Schulte, Darrin Heiman and Jennifer Heiman. Business will operate as The 19th Hole Beer & Wine, and will be located at Highway 86, North Side, .6 miles and 40 feet east of the intersection with Highway 168, Nazareth, Castro County, Texas, 79063. 25-47-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for one (1) new tandem-powered motor grader for trade-in of one (1) 140 G motor grader. Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2000. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
25-48-2tc

In architecture, a portico is a structure consisting of a roof supported by columns, usually attached to a building.

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court will accept proposals through March 7, 2000, until 5 p.m. for bond counsel for a \$2.5 million bond election. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
25-47-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court will accept proposals through March 7, 2000, until 5 p.m. for a Financial Advisor for a \$2.5 million bond election. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
25-47-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
No. PR 2367
THE ESTATE OF
RUTH M. WOOTEN, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUTH M. WOOTEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of RUTH M. WOOTEN, Deceased, were issued to BOBBIE RUTH EUBANKS, REX WOOTEN, and STANLEY SCHAEFFER on the 22nd day of February, 2000, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court named above, are required to present the same to the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:
MS. BOBBIE RUTH EUBANKS, c/o Mr. Jimmy L. Ross, Resident Agent, PO Box 35, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
MR. REX WOOTEN, 722 Oak Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
MR. STANLEY SCHAEFFER, PO Box 99, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
25-48-1tc

Some armadillos spend up to 80 percent of their life sleeping or dozing.

A man who uses a great many words to express his meaning is like a bad marksman who instead of aiming a single stone at an object takes up a handful and throws at it in hopes he may hit.
-Samuel Johnson

Canyon Pregnancy Center to offer REALITY CHECK

The Canyon Pregnancy Center has received a \$12,000 grant from the High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation to fund an abstinence and life skills education program for one year.

The program, REALITY CHECK, is an innovative, proactive program. Areas of education in the program will include abstinence until marriage, healthy relationships and self-esteem, sexually transmitted diseases, secondary virginity, and responsible decision making.

REALITY CHECK will be offered to youth and teens through school, church, or civic presentations in Armstrong, Castro, Deaf Smith, Farmer, Randall and Swisher counties.

Any organization or individual who is interested in learning more about REALITY CHECK may call Amy Crowley, executive director of the Canyon Pregnancy Center, or Rhonda Morgan, coordinator of the program, at 655-4673. One reason the Canyon Pregnancy Center believes the program

will be successful is that all aspects of the education are proactive. The goals of the project are to promote healthy, safe choices and decisions that result in responsible lifestyles. REALITY CHECK will serve to prevent rather than to treat the problems of pre-marital sexual activity.

The amount of money received from this grant will operate the program for a period of one year. After that the center must raise the additional funds for subsequent years of the program.

Jones has bull listed

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull listed in the 2000 Spring Sire Evaluation Report, published by the American Angus Association (AAA), which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, director of performance programs for AAA. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 62% have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product."

EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail fat.

The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University by Doyle E. Wilson and Dr. Abebe Hassen.

Navarro earns student honor

Rocky Navarro has been named the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Navarro is the son of Maria and Andres Navarro Jr. He was born Aug. 3, 1990, in Dimmitt.

He lists the following among his favorite things:

- Food—Pizza.
- Book—Hank the Cowdog.
- Animal—Dog.

Navarro says he plays basketball well and he wants to be a better math student. The thing he likes most about Dimmitt Middle School is that he "gets to go to lots of classes."

When he grows up, Navarro wants to be a mechanic. He admires his father.

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Obituaries

John Davila

Funeral services for John Davila, 50, of Portales, N.M., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning at Wheeler Mortuary Chapel in Portales, with Rev. Hugh Wallis officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock.

Mr. Davila died Feb. 25 at his home in Portales.

He was born Jan. 13, 1950, in Lubbock. He grew up in Dimmitt, where he attended school. In 1970 he moved to Lubbock, and later went to Dallas, where he worked in auto body shops. In 1992, following the death of his father, he moved back to Dimmitt to live with his mother. He married Olivia Vargas on Jan. 3, 1995, in Farwell. In 1996 they moved to Portales and he established John's Paint and Body Shop on the Arch highway. He was a member of the Church of God in Portales.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Joe Vargas of Ontario, Canada; two daughters, JoAnn Ortiz of Lubbock and Priscilla Vargas of Portales; his mother, Victoria Davila of Dimmitt; three brothers, Toribio Davila Jr. and Pete Davila, both of Dimmitt, and Richard Davila of Hereford; two sisters, Vall Cantu of Grand Prairie and Bertha Melendez of Denver, Colo.; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to C&S Oil Co., 222 N. Main, Portales, N.M. 88130.

Mary Evelyn Davis

Mary Evelyn Davis, 88, of Lubbock, formerly of Hart, died last Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Services were held Saturday morning at Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview with Aaron Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hart, officiating. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was born in Hill Country and moved to Brownfield. She then moved to the Cousins community where she attended schools. She married Henry William Davis in 1933 at Clovis, N.M. He died in 1969.

After her marriage, she lived in Hart where she was a member of the First Baptist Church. In 1982, she moved to Lubbock.

Survivors include her son, Henry William Davis of Lubbock; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jack Stanley Dyer

Services for Jack Stanley Dyer, 66, of Hart, were held Monday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Hart with the Rev. Silas Short officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wesley Holland. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Dyer died Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hart.

He was born Feb. 12, 1934, in Cotton Center. He married Arlene Hoffman on June 5, 1953, in Lubbock.

He moved to Hart in 1957 and was a farmer. He was a member of the Castro County Masonic Lodge and the Khiva Shriners. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hart.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Stanley Dyer of Hart and Kim Dyer of Marble Falls; a daughter, Cindy Davis of Hart; his mother, Clara Mae Dyer of Cotton Center; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, 213 W. Etter, Dimmitt 79027.

Donald R.

"Jack" Minshew

Funeral services for Donald Rex "Jack" Minshew, 63, of Palestine, brother of Earlene Steiert of Hart, were held Friday at the Palestine City Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Neal officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Bailey and Foster of Palestine.

Mr. Minshew died Feb. 23 at Palestine Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 9, 1937, in Paducah, the son of Clifford Alvin Minshew and Juanita Twilley Minshew. He attended Hart High School.

He was retired from the US Army with the rank of master sergeant. He was a veteran, having served in Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3907.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Minshew of Palestine; three sons, Rex Minshew of California, Brett D. Briggs of Lafayette, La., and Brian E. Briggs of Palestine; a daughter, Nita; a brother, Sam Minshew of California; and two grandchildren.

Norman Newton

Norman Newton, 67, of San Angelo, brother of Bettye Huckabay of Dimmitt, died Feb. 23.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in Albuquerque, N.M. under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Newton was born Sept. 22, 1932, in Wellington. He married Elizabeth McCullough on June 8, 1957, in Albuquerque. She died Aug. 1, 1994.

He served in the US Army and was the retired owner of Data 2000, a computer company in Lubbock.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Butschek and Meg Newton, both of Houston; four sons, Herb Newton and Zack Newton, both of San Angelo, Cody Newton of Austin and Josh Newton of Houston; a sister, Bettye Huckabay of Dimmitt; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the United Way Office, 955 Turner Street, San Angelo; or to a favorite charity.

Three Dimmitt students earn college degrees

Jill E. McLean, Jill S. Millican and Cheryl L. Upshaw, all of Dimmitt, were among those who earned diplomas from West Texas A&M University during December commencement ceremonies.

Millican graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. To graduate *cum laude*, Millican had to maintain a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.74. She was one of 25 students to graduate with the honor.

McLean earned her master of science degree in nursing.

Upshaw was awarded a master of education degree in counseling.

Gonzales inducted into honor society

Valerie Gonzales of Dimmitt will be inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society, during special ceremonies on Sunday at Eastern New Mexico University.

Students with outstanding academic records are asked to apply for membership to the honor society.

Gonzales, a sophomore education major, has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average for the fall semester at Eastern New Mexico University.

She is the daughter of Roy and Robin Gonzales of Dimmitt.

Dimes were made almost completely of silver until 1965. That year, Congress ruled that dimes should be made with a solid copper center between two layers of copper-nickel alloy.

Golden Spread Aggie Moms elect officers

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms elected new officers at their regular meeting Monday at K-Bob's in Hereford.

Those who will be installed in September for two-year terms are historian Diane Townsend, who is the incumbent in the position, Rita Huckert of Nazareth as reporter, and Becky Book of Dimmitt as treasurer.

Outgoing treasurer Eileen Alley of Hereford was recognized for serving in the position since 1991.

In other business, the club formed a new scholarship committee. Appointed to interview applicants were Townsend, Book, Alley and Susan Perrin of Hereford. School districts eligible for the Golden Spread Aggie Moms scholarships are Hereford, Dimmitt, Nazareth, Friona, Vega, Adrian, Muleshoe and Farwell. The winners of the two scholarships will be announced in May.

Chapter President Ginger Olson of Hereford reported on the Federation of Aggie Moms meeting that was held Feb. 12 in Plainview. She told about the Parents' Weekend, set for April 15-16 at Texas A&M. All Aggie Moms are invited to attend a luncheon during the weekend, and a quilt will be presented to the outgoing federation president. Aggie grandmother Katy Wright of Dimmitt created one of the quilt squares. Olson said that clubs belonging to the federation are invited to participate in the archives made available to them in the George Bush

Presidential Library at College Station.

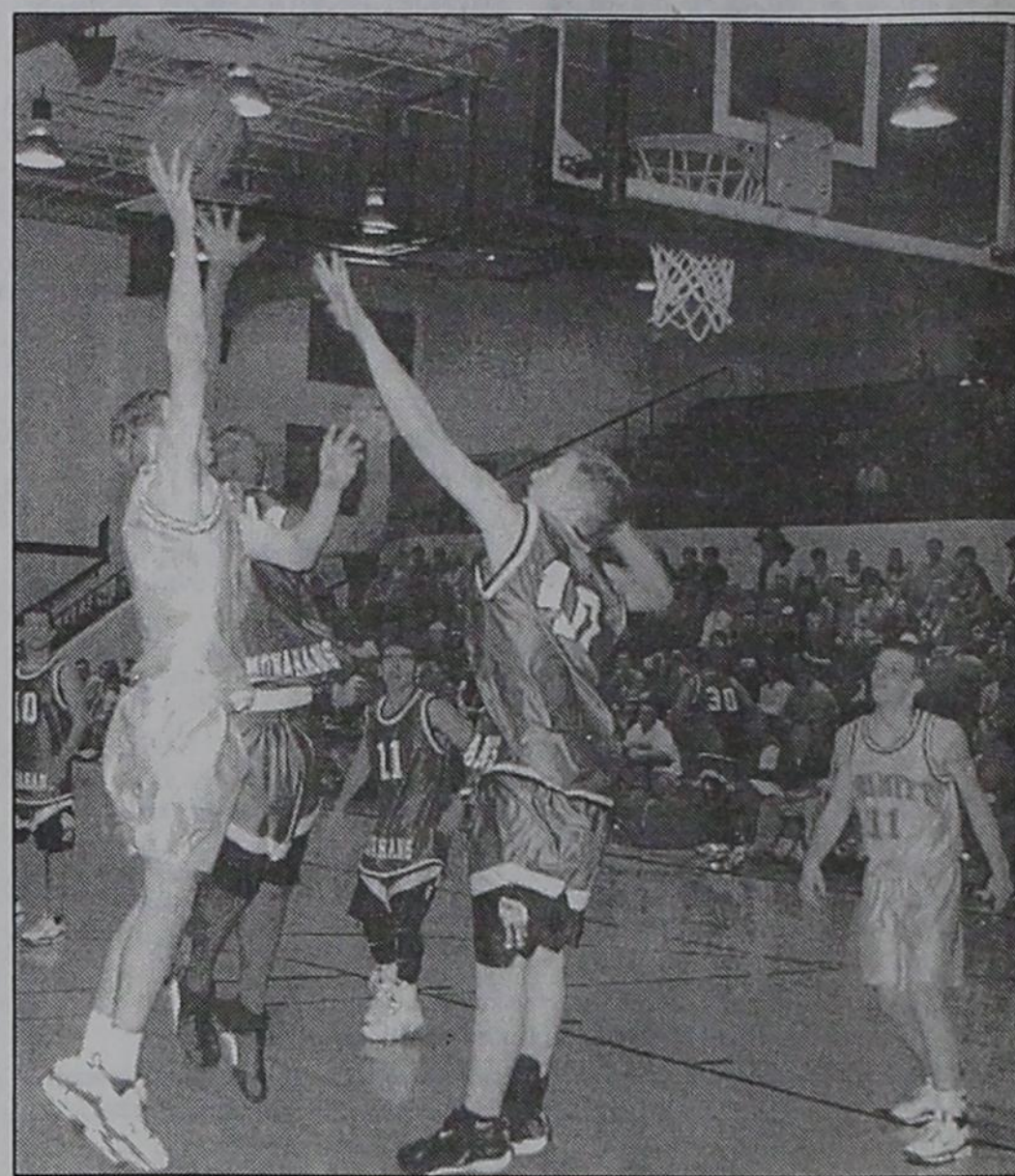
The next meeting of the Golden Spread chapter will be April 24, and plans will be made for the annual ice cream social, set for May to welcome incoming freshmen and their families, recognize scholarship recipients, and present six area Texas A&M seniors with commemorative paper weights. Seniors who will be recognized are Aimee Alley, Brack Bryant, Brent Marnell, Justin Scott and Jeb Skiles, all of Hereford, and Joel Townsend of Dimmitt.

Olson also shared a thank you letter from the Bonfire Relief Fund for the club's donation to assist families with expenses associated with injury or death of a son or daughter due to the Bonfire accident.

Beverly Bryant of Hereford, club vice president for projects, reported on the Dec. 15 bake sale held in Hereford, saying that it was a huge success. The funds raised are used for the club scholarships.

Carla Scott of Hereford, secretary, passed around thank you notes received from area Texas A&M students for the fall finals care packages provided by the club. The club sent out 31 packages of food and other helpful items.

Also in attendance at the meeting and sharing "Aggie Brags" were Virginia Artho and Mariellen Homfeld, both of Hereford, and Janet McDaniel, Santos Fierro, and Joyce Wright, all of Dimmitt.



ONE WAY OR THE OTHER—Dimmitt's Taylor Matthews (left foreground) is fouled by a Monahans player as he shoots a turnaround jumper in the first quarter of the area championship game Friday night in Lamesa. The foul caused a miss, but Matthews sank both free throws to cut Monahans' lead to 10-6. Getting in rebounding position at right is Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt (11). The Bobcats took the lead half a minute later and went on to win the exciting shootout over the District 4-AAA champions, 86-80.

Photo by Carter Townsend

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Rural health . . .

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district's trustees and administrators to "fight instead of switch" during earlier health-care crises.

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- On primary election day, you may participate in the election process by voting in the Democratic Party's or the Republican Party's primary elections, or by attending precinct conventions of parties not holding primary elections.
- Your voting certificate will be stamped, at the time you vote, with the name of the party in whose primary you vote.
- You may vote in only one party's primary. If there is a runoff, you may vote only in the same party's runoff election.
- Only party members may participate in the precinct, county, or senatorial district, and state conventions of a particular party. Proof of party affiliation (i.e., your stamped voting certificate) is needed in order to be admitted to a party's convention.
- Parties other than those whose candidates are listed in this *Voters Guide* are not holding primary elections; instead, they hold precinct, county, and state conventions at which candidates are nominated and selected. As of publication, the Libertarian Party will hold conventions.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Election of delegates to the Republican National Convention starts at the precinct convention and moves to district and state conventions. The process also includes congressional district nomination meetings to propose delegates and alternates to the national convention. Precinct conventions are held immediately after polls close on primary election day. Signs posted outside polling places will give the time and location.

Only residents of the precinct who voted in the Republican primary (including early voters) are eligible to attend precinct conventions. Convention delegates will elect delegates to senatorial district or county conventions (depending on local party structure), and will consider resolutions pertaining to party platform.

Anyone attending precinct conventions may nominate a potential delegate and nominees need not be present. Election is by majority vote. Delegates must be registered voters in the precinct and must have voted in the primary. The format will be repeated at the

county or senatorial district convention. Before the state convention, congressional district nomination committee meetings will occur. Each presidential candidate entitled to at least one delegate will select a delegate slate and alternates for representation at national convention. Each slate includes one nominee for each delegate or alternate to which he/she is entitled. In each congressional caucus delegates are able to nominate additional names for national delegates or alternates. Each delegate or alternate pledges support to the candidate for three votes. At state convention, delegates elect 90 delegates and 90 alternates in the congressional caucus. Thirty-four delegates and alternates will be elected at large. Resolutions pertaining to the state party platform will be considered. At national convention, delegates elect presidential and vice presidential nominees, adopt a final party platform and rules for the national party.

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U.S. SENATOR

HUTCHISON, Kay Bailey (incumbent)

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Railroad Commissioner

Six-year term (on a three-person commission). Must be a Texas resident and qualified voter, not less than 25 years old, and must have no interest in any railroad. Among duties: regulation of the oil and gas industry, including drilling production, and environmental protection; natural gas utility companies; natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety; surface mining of coal, uranium, and iron ore gravel; transportation and storage of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, and liquefied natural gas; and railroad safety. Salary: \$92,217.

Full Term

Charles R. MATTHEWS (incumbent)

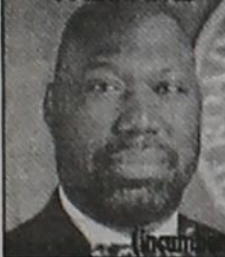
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Unexpired Term

Andy DRAUGHN



Michael L. WILLIAMS



How are you qualified for this position?

Railroad Commissioners should not need on the job training. Its main responsibility is the regulation of the energy industry. For more than nineteen years I have been actively involved in the energy industry at all levels including using the latest technology. I understand the complexities, of this unique elected position.

Appointed by Governor Bush, I have twenty years of substantial legal, policy, and regulatory experience. I have developed a positive record of cutting red tape, putting money back into the hands of taxpayers. My peers unanimously elected me Chairman and we enjoy endorsements from an historic number of Republican leaders.

Do you believe that the decision-making process of the Railroad Commission should include more avenues for input from citizens and public interest groups? Please explain.

Anytime citizens are encouraged to participate in the governmental process it ensures more effective decisions. There currently are plenty of opportunities at the Railroad Commission to receive citizen input, but the Railroad Commission has done an inadequate job of informing the public as to those opportunities. I will actively encourage the public to be more involved in the opportunities for input that exist at the Railroad Commission.

As the Commission's "point person" for regulatory reform and technology modernization, one of the first things I did was to assemble an advisory group of interested stakeholders - producers, royalty owners, and concerned citizens - to provide necessary advice and consultation. My personal web page and the Commission's ECAP program will allow the Commission to do more things better, faster, and cheaper, as well as make more Commission data and information readily available to the public.

How would you address the Railroad Commission's environmental responsibilities?

Too often people feel that on one side is economic progress and on the other side is a clean environment. Protecting our environment now is actually cheaper, and smarter than cleaning it up later. The Railroad Commission must ensure that our pipelines are safe to protect our environment and public safety. We must not compromise public safety.

We must pass on to future Texans a Texas that is clean and safe. For FY 2000, I voted to redirect \$636,000 from salaries to increase our well plugging and site remediation budget. We are coordinating with other state agencies and reevaluating our operations to insure that we efficiently and effectively protect Texas land and waters. I have invited operators to share their environmental "best practices" on my web page.

Texas Supreme Court Justice

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. This Court is composed of a Chief Justice and eight Justices. It has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction in all civil and juvenile cases. Most cases heard are appeals from appellate rulings by intermediate Courts of Appeals. Salary: \$113,000.

Describe your background and experience for this position.

What is the role of the appellate court in reviewing jury verdicts?

Many people believe that the legal system has become too expensive. What changes, if any, do you propose to make the legal system more accessible to the general public?

PLACE 1

Valorie W. DAVENPORT

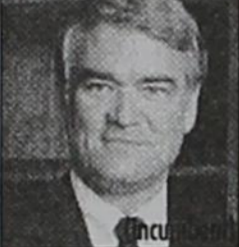


I've practiced law for 15 years, 10 heading my own firm. I served as Republican Justice Sam Bass' briefing attorney on the Court of Appeals. I've tried complex cases and handled dozens of appeals, including a landmark First Amendment case. I have a strong sense of fairness, compassion and integrity.

I believe that the collective minds of 12 jurors are far better able to decide a case than an appellate judge who does not have the opportunity to view the credibility of the witnesses and, therefore, decide the weight to be given each witness's testimony. Therefore, I believe that, if a case has been fully presented and there are no serious errors in law, the jury's verdict should be respected.

The Court has the ability to reduce the cost of the legal process through its rule making power. We must adopt rules of court procedure which insure that all litigants are afforded a level playing field; claims should not be lost or settled because people can't afford to fight or fight back. Mediation should be encouraged and made more available, especially for smaller (but legitimate) claims and in multi-party, complex cases.

Nathan HECHT



Senior Justice, Texas Supreme Court (elected 1988, re-elected 1994); Justice, Fifth Court of Appeals, Dallas (1986-1988); Judge, 95th District Court, Dallas (1981-1986); attorney, Locke Purnell Boren Laney Neely (1976-1981); J.D., SMU Law School *cum laude*, B.A., Yale University (Honors in Philosophy); Lieutenant, USNR, Judge Advocate General Corps.

Trial by jury is a fundamental, constitutional right of Texans and all Americans. Juries are uniquely suited to judging the credibility of parties and witnesses and deciding factual disputes. Appellate courts must respect jury verdicts. Under Texas law, a verdict in a civil case cannot be set aside unless it lacks support in the evidence, or unless a legal error in the trial probably caused the jury to reach an improper result.

One of my responsibilities on the Texas Supreme Court is to oversee changes in court rules to improve judicial system efficiency and reduce costs and delay. In the past three years I have helped write rules to streamline appellate courts and pretrial discovery, making it easier and less expensive for people, both plaintiffs and defendants, to have their disputes resolved in court. I also oversee efforts to make court information computer accessible.

PLACE 2

Priscilla OWEN (incumbent)

U N O P P O S E D

PLACE 3

Al GONZALES



Justice, Texas Supreme Court; Secretary of State of Texas; General Counsel to Governor Bush; Partner, Vinson & Elkins; Adjunct Law Professor, University of Houston; J.D. Harvard Law School; B.A., Rice University; Director, State Bar of Texas; President, Hispanic Bar Association; 1992 Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas.

Our jury system depends on the dedicated participation of our citizens. By deciding facts in evidence and applying the law, juries occupy one of the most important roles in our legal system. Their decisions, when based on the evidence in the record and when made in accordance with legally appropriate instructions by the trial judge, should be respected by the appellate courts.

The Supreme Court, through its rulemaking powers and its role in redistribution of caseloads among judicial regions, can continue to make our legal system more efficient, and thus more affordable. The court can also continue to require the bar to explore how to make legal services more accessible, including incentives for pro bono services. The court should continue to support legislation that will make the legal system more accessible.

Rod E. GORMAN

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Experienced trial attorney with more than 34 years in active practice of law. Born in Houston, Texas. Attended public schools. Received law and undergraduate degrees from University of Texas. Served two years US Army, Military Police Corp, five years as Assistant District Attorney and three years as Assistant Attorney General.

Review of jury verdicts by appellate courts should be on issues of law and the adequacy of evidence, such as: Did the jury follow the trial court instructions? Were the instructions proper? and Did the evidence support the jury verdict? Appellate courts and trial judges should not substitute their judgements for fact finding that are contrary to a jury's verdict.

Access to the court system has become too expensive and use of the court system has become unpredictable. People do not trust the justice system. This is due in part to the appellate courts constantly changing the rules and promoting political agendas. We need an environment of reliability and predictability. I support the expansion of alternate dispute resolution processes and increase responsibility for trial judges to narrow legal and fact issues for trials.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

Six-year term. Must be at least 35 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Texas. Must have been a practicing lawyer or a lawyer and a judge of a court of record for a total of 10 years or more. This Court is the highest state court for appeals resulting from criminal cases. It is comprised of a Presiding Judge and eight Judges. Decisions of Courts of Appeals in criminal cases may be appealed to this Court. All cases which result in the Death Penalty are directed to this Court. Salary for Presiding Judge, \$115,000; salary for judges, \$113,000.

Describe your background and experience for this position.

What is the role of the appellate court in reviewing jury verdicts?

There is a tension in the criminal justice system between protecting the rights of the accused and ensuring public safety. How would you balance these competing interests?

PRESIDING JUDGE

Sharon KELLER



I've been called the intellectual leader of the Court's conservative wing. I've written more capital murder opinions - 43 - than any judge during my tenure. Two years I led the Court overall in signed, lead opinions. I've served on numerous court committees, testified before the Legislature, and participated in administrative duties.

Appellate courts should defer to the jury on issues of fact and of credibility of witnesses, rather than substitute the court's opinion of which witnesses to believe. Generally, if a trial court's ruling is correct under any theory of the law, it should be upheld. In reviewing sufficiency of evidence, the appellate court ordinarily views the evidence in the light most favorable to the jury's verdict.

Both public safety and the rights of the accused are protected by the Constitution and by the laws enacted by the legislature. Our duty as an appellate court is to follow the Constitution and statutory law. If statutory law violates the Constitution, it is our obligation to hold the particular statute unconstitutional. Appellate courts exceed their authority, though, when they stray from the Constitution and laws to create "rights."

Connie J. KELLEY



U.T. Law School Graduate; Licensed Texas Supreme Court, 1983; Licensed Federal Court, 1986; Author, speaker - criminal appeals seminar, 1997; Member - College of State Bar of Texas; Private practice criminal law since 1988; Assisted representatives of diverse groups in drafting 1997 stalking law - 1st bill passed; U.S. Army 1974-1976.

The role is to determine whether the proceedings leading to the verdict were conducted fairly by the trial judge. Was each side given a fair chance to present its case to the jury, subject to the rules of evidence? A verdict should never be overturned because appellate judges weigh or interpret the evidence differently from the jury or might themselves disagree with the outcome. As long as a trial is fair, jury verdicts should stand.

I believe judges should give deference and respect to jury verdicts and legislative acts, because the balancing of these competing interests is inherently performed when a jury decides a person's fate or our representatives pass laws. I have answered this question as directly as possible recognizing Canon 5, Code of Judicial Conduct, prohibiting judicial candidates from making "any pledges or promises of conduct in office... other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties."

Tom PRICE



Trial and appellate judge for 26 years. Presided over 4,000 trials, sentencing defendants to probation, prison and death. Assessed and collected millions of dollars in fines. Participated in 2,000 appellate opinions. Elected by peers to 6 terms as Dallas County Presiding Judge over 15 felony courts, administering \$50,000,000.00 annual budget.

Every juror in this great State is sworn to "a true verdict render." For centuries, the law has presumed the correctness of jury verdicts based upon this ancient oath; consequently, deference has rightfully been paid to the outcome of the trial process. Appellate review should protect and maintain that historical presumption. Its scope is properly limited to correctness of admitted evidence and correctness of applied charges. Finding those conditions met ends the process.

Competing interests in our justice system are protection of constitutional rights versus administration of justice. The balance is struck when the punishment rendered is nothing more than justice applied. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the pronouncement of a death sentence, because the unjustified taking of life should naturally result in execution. When all trial evidence is properly admitted, and all applicable jury charges properly given, the resulting verdict represents the perfect balance.

J. Gary TRICHTER



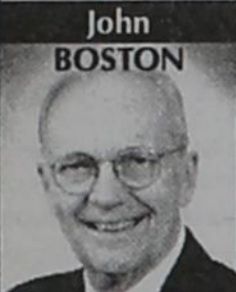
With over 25 years experience in the criminal justice system, I have taught at 2 law schools, lectured at 250 seminars, written 40 articles and a book. I regularly practice law in small and large Texas towns. My experience includes being a policeman, grand juror, and a prosecution administrator.

Reviewing jury verdicts, an appellate court must insure that the accused, the jury and the prosecution are fairly treated. Jury instructions are now overly vague and confusing. They must be simplified for the jurors for better understanding and application. Also, jurors must not be denied the right to make more informed decisions. To this end, jurors must be given an opportunity for a more active roll in the trial.

Democracy regrettably requires a tension between citizen freedoms and effective law enforcement. Regrettably too, the law is unnecessarily confusing for trial courts, prosecutors, police, defense lawyers, and our citizens. The best way to balance this tension and avoid confusion is to create clear cut and concise "bright line" rules with sanctions for prosecution and police violations. Such rules would result in greater law enforcement professionalism and foster increased respect for the law by Texans.

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Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

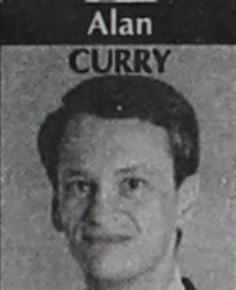


John BOSTON

U.T. Law School, 1975. Administrative Law Judge/Hearings Examiner, 10 years. Planned/conducted over 200 continuing legal education courses for lawyers and judges as director of state-wide association of attorneys. Retired Marine Colonel, fighter pilot, judge advocate. Member: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Republican Club of Austin.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has discretion to review cases from the 14 Courts of Appeals, based on requests (petitions) by the defendant or the State of Texas. The court reviews capital convictions directly from the trial court ("jury verdicts") for factual and/or legal sufficiency in accordance with the law and the constitution. The standard of this review is to evaluate the validity of the conviction in the light most favorable to the verdict.

The founding fathers drafted the constitution with the intent to create fundamental harmony between the rights of accused persons and ensuring public safety. Any conflicts created by granting rights to accused persons and ensuring domestic tranquility must be resolved by the rule of law. As a judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals, I promise to strictly interpret the laws and fairly apply them in all cases.

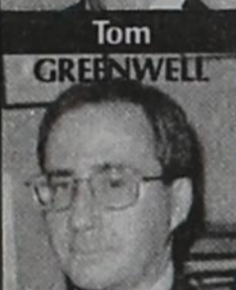


Alan CURRY

As a Harris County Assistant District Attorney, I am a Section Chief in the Appellate Division. I have prosecuted over 1,300 appeals, authored over 1,300 appellate briefs, presented oral arguments hundreds of times before nearly every state appellate court in Texas, including over 40 before the Court of Criminal Appeals.

An appellate court is to be deferential to a jury verdict, recognizing that jurors were able to view the evidence firsthand, view the demeanor of a witness, and weigh the credibility of a witness. A jury verdict should be overturned only if it is legally unsound, or if the defendant's statutory and/or constitutional rights have been denied to such a degree that he has not been afforded a fair trial.

The law should do both. If an accused has received a fair trial, and it has been shown beyond a reasonable doubt that he committed an offense, then his rights have been protected, and public safety has been ensured. On the other hand, public safety can only be ensured if the government is permitted only to punish those who have received a fair trial and have been shown to be guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

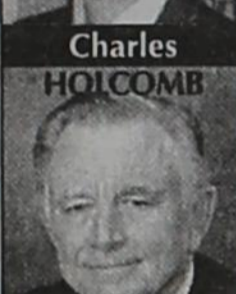


Tom GREENWELL

I graduated UT Law School with honors, and was the criminal or chief staff attorney for the 13th Court of Appeals for 15 years, assisting six judges write thousands of appellate opinions. In 1997, I entered private practice and was the 1998 Republican 319th District Judge candidate in Corpus Christi.

Appellate courts review trial court proceedings to determine whether claimed errors are harmful. Convictions should be reversed only when there is no evidence to support juries' factual findings or when procedural errors cause defendants to be denied fair trials. A court must adhere to precedent, interpret law in strict compliance with legislative language or intent, and only reverse verdicts when actual harmful error is shown. Appellate courts should not invent law or have an agenda.

I am committed to a fair criminal justice system, but I will reject extreme positions that harm public safety. In deliberating, I would consider history, legal precedent, the specific right involved, the purpose behind the right, and the effect my ruling would have on personal freedom and public safety. Rights of the accused should never be considered in a vacuum. Public safety and personal freedoms must be part of the consideration.

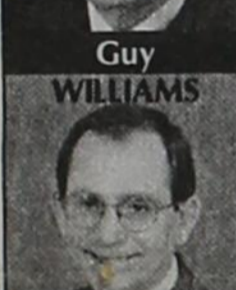


Charles HOLCOMB

Married; three children, four grandchildren; graduate of South Texas College of Law; seven years private civil and criminal practice; five years, Judge, County Court at Law; eighteen years, County and District Attorney; six years, Justice, Tyler Court of Appeals; presently, Senior Appellate Judge, sitting by assignment.

I believe the jury system is the bedrock of our liberty. The appellate court has to always remember the jury was in a better position to determine the truth since they heard the evidence and saw the witnesses. They should review the jury's verdict in the light most favorable to its decision and reverse only if it is clearly wrong, unjust and the defendant was harmed in a meaningful way.

I am not a judicial activist. However, I will do everything in my power to dispose of all cases quickly. I would reverse only on those matters which caused an improper decision, harmed the accused or violated our laws and Constitution.



Guy WILLIAMS

Native Texan. Small town family values. Married, one daughter, two grandchildren. Worked my way through high school, college, and law school. U.S. Marine Corps, Viet Nam Veteran, Purple Heart Medal, Infantry Combat Duty. Special Agent, Naval Investigative Service. Special Agent, Treasury Department. Trial and appellate attorney in criminal law.

Appellate Courts have the duty to decide cases on the doctrine of *stare decisis*, that is, to follow the rules and principles laid down by previous judicial decisions unless they contravene the principles of justice. Judges do not make the law. The legislature writes the law and judges are to interpret the law according to the intent of the legislature and legal precedent laid down by the courts. I will follow this doctrine.

According to Canon 5 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, judges must be faithful and impartial in the performance of their duties. Each case must stand on its own merit. I will defend the Texas Constitution and decide cases according to legal precedent.

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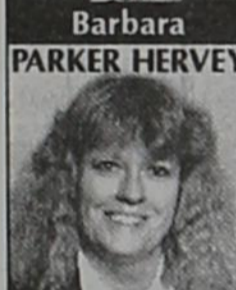


Pat PARKER

10 years State Prosecutor - Elected to statewide Prosecutor Council
12 years General and Criminal Defense Practice
National Rifle Association Referral Attorney
Education: B.A., U.T. (Austin) 1971 and Law Degree (J.D.) Baylor 1976
Supports traditional Christian family values
Married 33 years with 2 grown children

Appellate court review of jury verdicts is tempered by the fact that while the accused is presumed "innocent" before jury verdict, the convicted is presumed "guilty" on appeal. Great deference should be paid to any jury verdict, and a reversal for new trial should only be done when the record is clear that the trial was manifestly unfair or the verdict irrational.

My campaign card contains the following sentence: "A judge should maintain a balance between the rights of the individual accused and the right of the people to be free from criminal acts." As a member of the court, I would support and defend the rule of law and *stare decisis* (legal precedent) and require that acts of the legislature and constitutional provisions ratified by the people are fairly enforced in letter and in spirit.

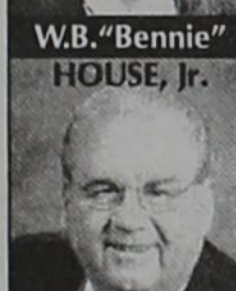


Barbara PARKER HERVEY

Licensed in November of 1979, I joined the Bexar County District Attorney's Office in November of 1984, continuously assigned to the Appellate Section, where I have represented the State of Texas in hundreds of appeals before Courts of Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals, including over 80 published cases.

The role of the appellate court in reviewing jury verdicts is to always give due deference to the decision of the panel, however, in situations where a review is required, such as following attacks for legal or factual sufficiency, the court must review the verdict to ensure the accused has received a fair trial. This is accomplished by reviewing the verdict to determine if the decision is rational and supported by properly admitted evidence.

This tension has been legislatively balanced. As a judge, I would follow the law, applying it to the facts of each case, equally weighing the interests of both sectors. Rules governing bail demonstrate balance. While available to most offenders, the law allows judges discretion to restrict freedom, despite a pre-trial presumption of innocence, by imposing restrictions in consideration of the future safety of the community, balanced against the accused's right to freedom from oppression.

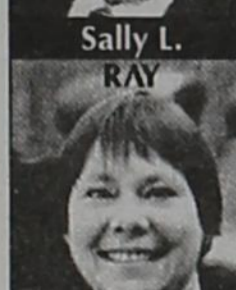


W.B. "Bennie" HOUSE, Jr.

J.D. and licensed in 1970. Board certified in criminal law since 1975. 100 plus trials, 30 plus appellate briefs (estimation). State and Federal practice. Instructor at over 25 seminars plus attended seminars to maintain MCLE/Certification. Oral arguments before Tex. Ct. Cr. App., Ct. App., and 5th Cir. Ct. App.

Appellate courts should be respectful of jury verdicts because jurors are in the best position to judge the credibility of the witnesses and to weigh their testimony. However, appellate courts should not hesitate to reverse a jury's verdict when the record evidence demonstrates a manifestly unjust conviction. Under the circumstances, appellate courts should accept their proper role in the criminal justice system to ensure that no one is unjustly convicted.

We must balance our Constitution and laws with the dictates of public interest to ensure both the rights of the accused and public safety. Public policy has always had a way of becoming a part of the legal framework. Examples; tougher DWI and sex offender laws. Balancing the two interests must be done within this framework to ensure the protection of both interests.

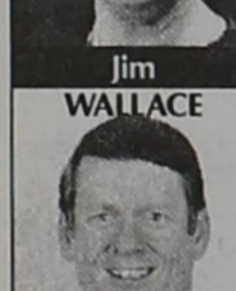


Sally L. RAY

I have almost 20 years experience in all levels of the criminal judicial system. I was Assistant to a Court of Criminal Appeals Judge for 8 years, an Assistant District Attorney in Williamson County, the first female Staff Counsel for Prisoners in Huntsville, and a Board-Certified Criminal Law Specialist.

Appellate Judges are in no position to second-guess a jury's decisions about what facts occurred in a criminal case, because the jury heard and observed the witnesses in person, while the appellate court can only read about the trial months later. Trust in the common-sense and life experience of 12 jurors, personally observing the entire trial, is one of the most solid supports underlying our system of justice.

The more basic tension is between protecting rights of people accused of crime and the integrity of the truth-finding process. If the process is faithful, the truth will be found, convicting the guilty while releasing the innocent. Public confidence in the criminal justice system requires that determinations of guilt/innocence be based on all evidence available. Laws depriving juries of trustworthy evidence are only justified when essential to protecting our most important constitutional liberties.



Jim WALLACE

I have been an attorney for over 23 years. I am a former Assistant District Attorney and have, for the past five years, been Judge of the 263rd Criminal District Court in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

An appellate court ensures that the jury verdict and the rulings of the trial court are not contrary to the law and the evidence presented. The appellate court is a kind of "watchdog" to safeguard the rights of all parties to the proceeding by ensuring that the law was properly followed and applied and, if found not to be the case, to overturn jury verdicts which are fundamentally and constitutionally defective.

There indeed must be a balance between protecting the rights of accused persons and at the same time ensuring public safety. These competing interests are best decided on a case-by-case basis. The court should not, by its rulings, create a "police state" in an effort to address public safety concerns, nor create "loopholes" through which guilty parties are allowed to avoid criminal liability and responsibility for their individual actions.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Texas will send 231 delegates and 32 alternates to the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, Aug. 14-17. This plan allocates senatorial district level delegates and alternates through a proportional representation plan, based on the results of the March 14, 2000, presidential primary. Other delegates are allocated to pledged party leaders and elected official delegates and at-large delegates and alternates through a three-tiered caucus/convention system. The Texas Democratic delegation will be elected at a post-primary state convention to be held June 9-10, 2000, in Ft. Worth, Texas, and will consist of the following categories and alternates: Pledged Senatorial District-127 delegates (75% of base delegate positions); 21 alternates (65% of alternate positions); Unpledged DNC Members - 15 delegates; Democratic members of Congress - 17 delegates; Former Speaker of U.S. House - 1 delegate; Former Democratic National Committee Chair - 1 delegate. Add-Ons - 3

delegates. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official- 25 delegates (15% add-on to base delegation); 5 alternates (15% of alternate positions). Pledged At-Large- 42 delegates (25% of base delegate positions); 6 alternates (20% of alternate positions). Total: 231 Delegates and 32 Alternates

To become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention you must: 1) Vote in the Tuesday, March 14, 2000 Democratic primary; and 2) File a statement of candidacy with the State Chair no later than May 15, 2000 (filing forms will be available from the Texas Democratic Party by April 3, 2000); and 3) Be elected by the state convention in Fort Worth, which will be held June 9-10, 2000.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES FOR U.S. PRESIDENT: Bill Bradley Al Gore Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

For coverage of the Presidential and other races, visit THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK at www.dnet.org.

U.S. Senator

Six-year term. Must be at least 30 years old, a resident of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of Texas. One of 100 members of the U.S. Senate, which has specific powers to advise and consent to presidential appointments and treaties and to try impeachments. Powers the Senate shares with the U.S. House of Representatives include the power to levy taxes, borrow money, regulate interstate commerce, and declare war. Salary: \$136,700.

What training and experience qualifies you for this office?

Federal funds are available to states to provide social services to eligible populations. Should these funds be increased, decreased, or changed in another way? For example, home care for the elderly.

What should be the U.S. role in providing economic or military aid to foreign countries?

Explain your position on campaign finance reform.

H. Gerald BINTLIFF



Fellow Citizens, I have been trying to persuade people all my life. I have come to realize that Good Health is Freedom. I say this that Good Health is Freedom. Thus it is self evident that any one who is harming Health is supporting tyranny. Reason is my qualification.

Federal Funds for social services should be increased and used to educate those who through no fault of their own were born in economic bondage. The Federal Funds should be federally controlled because I see no merit in state control. Federal Funds should also be used to help all with mental illnesses to lift them out of being a drain on society to being contributors to the well being of all.

We should release funds to other countries for the implementation of Solar and Wind power. Also we should help Brazil to develop their economy without destroying the Rain Forest. We should also be involved in funding Planned Parenthood world wide so that we do not over populate and destroy the Ecology that is supporting us.

Campaigns should be supported by Federal Funding, so that there is no drowning out of the voices of reason.

Don CLARK



I have enjoyed training in many disciplines including leadership, negotiation, finance and technology, but life experience matters most. As a laborer, manager and executive I have experienced elements of life unique to different social and economic groups. Having lived and worked among diverse peoples, I can faithfully represent diverse interests.

Federal funding should be increased for family planning, primary and secondary education, adult education and job training, public transportation, and Internet access in schools, libraries and rural areas. These programs expand opportunities for all Texans in this rapidly changing and increasingly technological world. Welfare funding can be decreased since enrollment has declined. Looking further ahead, our growing elderly population requires gradually increasing funds for health care, food, housing, transportation and general support services.

Provision of cash, goods and services to other nations accomplishes many goals across the global village. American economic aid feeds, houses, clothes, educates and provides health services for millions while enhancing efforts toward peace, democratization, human rights and open markets. American military aid can only be considered on a case-by-case basis, but a bias against military involvement must be maintained. Foreign aid, direct and through international organizations, fosters peace and prosperity around the world.

The integrity of American democracy is tainted by money. Ordinary citizens, however capable we may be, are severely disadvantaged by the need for big money. The result is a government comprised of the wealthy and well-connected who are influenced by special interests rather than public interests. Reform is imperative. We must proceed cautiously, however, or risk infringement upon our democratic principles. A universal contribution limit, perhaps \$250, allows all to participate and none to dominate.

Charles GANDY



Charles Gandy's career has combined 20 years of public service with private enterprise. He is a former Texas State Representative, a nationally recognized expert on "anti-gridlock" transportation strategies and a successful small business owner. He has worked in Washington and all fifty states to pass laws improving transportation systems.

Gandy would make sure that Medicare covers the cost of prescription drugs and home health care for seniors. Gandy would close corporate special interest tax loopholes that rob the public coffers of needed funds. Through meaningful campaign finance reform, Mr. Gandy believes that Texas taxpayers, not corporate special interests should benefit from federal funds. Mr. Gandy would ensure affordable health care for all Texans, especially children.

Charles Gandy would work to ensure that the U.S. meets its obligations to pay its United Nations dues. The U.S. should direct the World Bank to be more effective in promoting sound economic development in developing countries. Economic and military assistance should promote democracy, human rights, and environmentally sound development. 5000 children a month are dying in Iraq because of UN trade sanctions. These sanctions should be revised to reduce the suffering of innocent civilians.

The current system is corrupt and benefits entrenched special interests. Gandy supports the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, which bans soft money political contributions to political parties. Without this important reform, special interests will continue to dominate the political process while the voice of the average Texan is silenced. We cannot achieve affordable health care, clean air and water, and lower taxes until we reform campaign finance.

Gene



I am an experienced, trained leader, negotiator, manager and analyst who has served his country in war and in peace as a member of the armed forces for some thirty years in grades private through colonel. I aim to promote the greatness of America and the rights of its people.

Our first and foremost responsibility is to ensure that the social security funds are reserved and retained for the benefit of the working people who earned and provided them in the first place. Health care should be provided for everyone and home care should be a given, not a question. The costs of social services are an ever increasing burden but it is not a burden that should be disproportionately shouldered by working people.

Overall the U.S. role should be consistent with our national interests and, respectively, economically and militarily feasible. The emphasis should be on helping less advanced nations learn how to fish, rather than in just providing the fish itself. Militarily, we should not get involved in armed conflicts unless our national interests are directly involved and the intended goals achievable and fully worth the risks and costs involved.

Campaign finance laws and practices cry out for drastic change. They are a cancer upon our great democracy and an insult to its people. Soft money should be abolished, contributions should be more reasonably limited, and no single candidate should be permitted to receive or accept contributions totaling more than a set sum deemed reasonable to the office sought. We must legislatively eliminate the concept that that public office is for sale.

Bobby WIGHTMAN-CERVANTES



I have spent the last twenty-three years analyzing Texas politics and public issues. In addition to a BA in Soviet East European Studies, I have an MA in Political Science and JD. My direct involvement with veterans, Hispanics, and gays and lesbians, has educated me in their individual needs.

I consider myself to be fiscally responsible. At this time the budget surplus allows for an expansion of social services in the area of prenatal care, health-care, including glasses/dental for children, and childhood disabilities. In addition to other areas, while the budget surplus allows for same, I strongly support expanding social services in these areas. At this time, I oppose tax cuts until the needs of the American children have been met.

The decision to provide economic or military aid to foreign countries should first and foremost be based on the national interests of the United States. Under special circumstances, economic aid should also be based on humanitarian needs. I strongly oppose military aid to any country with a history of human rights violations, unless there is a commitment to improve human rights. The United States must not impose American values in the process of providing aid.

In my opinion the entire debate on campaign finance reform is smoke and mirrors. While we must address the abuses, we should not throw out the baby with the bath water. Soft money contributions have brought small interest groups into the political process. Most minority groups, educators, and labor have been able to increase their influence of politicians through soft money. These groups are my constituents. Even without the money they will have my ear.

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Libertarian Party of Texas has full ballot access in Texas and the candidates of the Libertarian Party will appear on the November 7 General Election ballot in Texas. The party officially confirms its candidates by convention, not by primary. The Convention process begins on the 14th of March.

On the evening of Tuesday, March 14, the Libertarian Party will hold precinct conventions in counties throughout the state to select delegates to the county conventions. Any registered voter who did not vote in the Democratic or Republican primary may attend a Libertarian precinct convention and automatically become a delegate to the County Convention. There is no fee or other restriction.

On Saturday, March 18, County Conventions will confirm Libertarian candidates for precinct and county offices and for some district offices. Delegates will also be chosen for District and State Conventions. Local party officials are also chosen.

On Saturday, March 25, District Conventions will confirm Libertarian candidates for other district offices.

On Saturday, June 10, in Corpus Christi, the State Convention will confirm Libertarian candidates for statewide offices and select party officials and make platform changes.

The Libertarian National Convention will select the party's Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates in Anaheim, California, in early July.

For more information and the location of Precinct and County Conventions please visit the State Party web site at www.tx.lp.org. If you do not have access to the Internet web site, please call the Libertarian Party of Texas toll-free at 1-800-422-1776.

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