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By Don Nelson

One of the nicest things about the holidays is to see the young people who grew up here, who come back home from such places as Dallas, Houston, Austin, Big Spring, Abilene, Singapore....

Singapore? Who do we know in Singapore, you may ask.

I'll give you a hint: The way they pronounce his name in Asia is

Jose Valentim Sartarelli. The way we pronounce it hereabouts is Zito.

"Zito" Sartarelli was Dimmitt High School's American Field Service exchange student in 1967-68. He came here from Riberao Bonito, Brazil, and lived with the Lonnie Bell family-Lonnie, Janice, Mike, Rick, Jeff and Lori.

Zito, whose native language was Portuguese, spoke only a smidgen of English when he arrived here. But he was quite willing, very likeable and very, very sharp. Within a couple of months he was rappin' in the halls.

I think Zito was one of the most popular, and one of the most memorable, AFS exchange students Dimmitt has ever had. And that's not to take a thing away from any of the other great ones Dimmitt has hosted.

After graduating from DHS in 1968, Zito returned to Brazil and earned a college degree in business administration. Then he won a Fulbright Scholarship to Michigan State University, where he received his MBA in '75 and a PhD in '79.

Dr. Sartarelli, if you please. Didn't surprise me a bit. If he had gone into political science instead of business, he could have been president of Brazil.

While attending Michigan State, he met and married Kathy Strong of Pittsburgh, Pa., who was working toward her MS in biophysics. He also taught business there for 2-1/2 years while on his postgraduate track.

In 1980 he joined Eli Lilly Co. as an international marketer. His first outpost was - where else? -Lubbock.

Then he transferred to Venezuela as marketing planning manager, then to Chile, and then to Brazil, where he eventually became the general manager of Eli Lilly operations in his native country.

I figured that was probably a permanent post. Not so.

He was brought back to the US as director of international marketing. Then, in 1992, he was named director of operations for Eli Lilly's Asia/Pacific area, with a new office in Singapore.

His territory includes China, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Laos,

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More families offer greetings

Several Dimmitt families donated money to the hospital auxiliary's Christmas card project but were not listed in last week's Christmas issuc.

Those from Dimmitt wishing their friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year include:

Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Vardell Bill & Jacque Sava, Scott & Jennifer Greg & Becky Sava

Madge Robb

Cleveland will be enshrined in PSHOF

be the 100th inductee into the Panhadle Sports Hall of Fame at ceremonies planned Feb. 12 at McDonald. Amarillo College.

Cleveland coached the Bobcats for 32 years and won three state championships before he was killed by a lightning strike on May 16, 1993 near Las Vegas, N.M.

"Cleveland is looked upon by many as the finest high school basketball coach in the Panhandle area's rich history," wrote Jon Mark Beilue, sports editor, in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe.

Cleveland led the Bobcats to 27 district titles. He won 17 out of 18 years in one stretch, and the one year he didn't win during that stretch his Bobcats came back to

The late Kenneth Cleveland will defeat the Abernathy Antelopes in the regional finals at Lubbock on a last-second shot by Dwight

Cleveland won 887 games and lost just 277, a winning percentage of .762. He guided teams to 10 state tournaments and won the gold ring in 1975, 1982 and 1983. They also went to the state finals in 1967, 1978, 1985 and 1986.

In 1983, his team went 38-0. They were hard-pressed in just one game that year, against the Lubbock High Westerners at the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, John Smith made a baseline jumper with two seconds left to give Dimmitt the win.

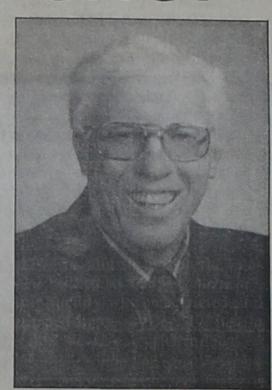
That squad, like many others, consisted of men who have gone on

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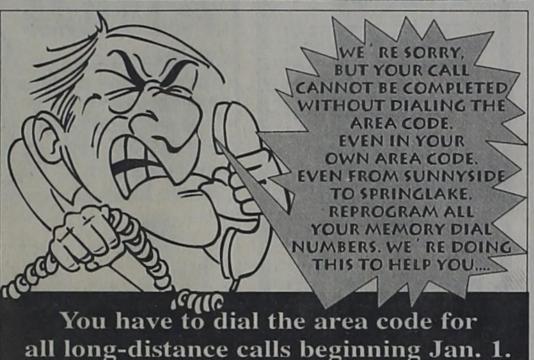
highly-respected become professionals in their adult life. The list includes doctors and dentists and lawyers and bankers, farmers and preachers and ginners and accountants and businessmen of all sorts. Most fitting, perhaps, is the large number of basketball coaches produced from his program.

Many of his players were no more athletic than anyone else, but Cleveland was able to mold them into championship ballclubs that featured hustle, desire, intelligence and unselfish play. Those were Cleveland trademarks when he was growing up in Coleman, playing for the late Glenn Whitis, and when he was a standout guard and captain for the University of Texas Longhorns.

Cleveland will be joining others from Dimmitt in the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, including Coach John Blaine and players Lometa Odom and Pat Tate. Cleveland, his son, Kevin, and McDonald have received honors from the PSHOF through the years.



CLEVELAND



Area code needed for calls

Area telephone users will be taking a detour on the information superhighway beginning Monday when everyone must use all digits-including the area code-for all long-distance calls.

All long-distance calls includes calls made within the 806 area code. You must include the 806 when you call Amarillo, Lubbock, Hereford, or anywhere else within the 806 area.

According to GTE, the move was made necessary by the glut of expand the numbers that could be one-button service on dialing long-

cellular phones, fax machines, modems and other services has created the need for having to dial the area code with all long-distance calls, GTE said.

something new. It has been a necessary part of life for many years in other parts of the country, and usually comes before an area gets a new area code. That could be coming in the future, especially telephone services in the last few used for area codes in the future. In distance numbers.

years. The increasing number of the past, all area codes in the US had a 0 or 1 as the middle number; now, any number 0 through 9 may be used.

There will be a short grace period during which you will hear a Dialing all 10 digits is not recording reminding you about the area code before your call is completed. After that, you will hear a recording saying that your call could not be completed as dialed.

The biggest inconvenience may be having to re-program memory since companies have agreed to dialers and other programs that give

New year brings new start for Kleman operation

At 4:30 in the morning on Oct. 4, Joe Kleman headed to his family's dairy barn at Nazareth to begin the day's milking.

What he found when he arrived changed his family's life.

The barn was on fire, and all the family could do was watch its livelihood go up in flames.

Alvin Kleman and three of his sons, Dwayne, Joe and Mark, operate Sunrise Farms. The barn which housed the operation had been constructed by Alvin's grandfather decades ago and when Alvin purchased it, he remodeled it into a dairy barn.

For 30 years he operated the dairy out of the barn. It took just a few hours for it to be destroyed. The barn and all the milking equipment inside were a total loss. It is believed the fire was caused by

an electrical short. remembered looking out, but nothing was wrong then. When Joe

got here at 4:30, it was already gone," recalled Dorothy Kleman. "I'm just thankful nobody got hurt. Money can rebuild our barn, but it couldn't replace family or friends."

The family refused to give up and reconstructed the barn in near record time. They drove their 300head herd of dairy cows home, on Dec. 19, just in time for a Christmas and New Year's celebration.

The community of Nazareth pulled together to help the Klemans on Oct. 4 when their barn burned, driving the herd to Ralph Albracht's dairy so the cows could be milked, then gathered again on Dec. 19 to help the Klemans drive the herd

In two months, the Klemans rebuilt their dairy operation from the ground up. Dimmitt Ready Mix constructed the facility, and "At 12:30 (a.m.) I was awake and Associated Milk Producers, Inc. equipped the barn.

39 births were

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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME for the holidays, even if you are a dairy cow. This herd, owned by Sunrise Farms, a dairy operation owned by Alvin Kleman and sons of Nazareth, is being driven home after spending more than two months at a neighbor's dairy. The Klemans' dairy barn was

destroyed in an Oct. 4 fire, and since then the family's cows have been milked at Ralph Albracht's dairy. A new milking facility was constructed and the cows finally returned home on Dec. 19, just in time for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Extension wraps up new long-range plan

62 kids age 17

A group of county citizens has worked to pinpoint critical issues in Castro County which need to be addressed within the next five years, and those issues are part of the Castro County Extension Service's Long-Range Extension Program, Shaping the Future of Castro County.

A year's worth of research, studies and work by 27 local residents culminated in the long-range plan, which County Agents J.D. Ragland and Marilyn Neal compare with a teacher's lesson plan.

The county's Extension Service will begin addressing goals in this long-range plan on Jan. 1.

"This will help us identify critical issues or needs which we need to focus on in the next five years," Ragland said. "The study group took four state guidelines, then found out how each related to the county. The group identified problems, then came up with possible objectives which could help solve those problems."

The study group included a cross-section from the local population, with students, bankers, nurses, homemakers, senior citizens and farmers as well as other professionals serving on the committee.

Those participating were Kodie Bagley and Brandi Rice, students; Morris Wilcox, a banker; Roy Gonzales and Walt Hansen, businessmen; Mary Helen Flores, secretary; Patti Kern, registered nurse; Don Nelson, publisher; Delores Heller, Chamber of Commerce executive director; Reta Welch, realtor; Barbara Lee, Mary Emma Matthews and Carolyn Sides, homemakers; Shirley Barnes, school counselor, George Sides and Bob Phipps, farmers; Virgie Moulton and Susie Reeves, senior citizens; CD Fitzgearld, county sheriff; Becky Stovall, Fair Association president; Danny Rice, co-op manager, Don Sanders, school principal; Kent Kirby, ag consultant; Alice Aguilar, director of the Health Department; Jerry Matthews, district attorney; Wayne Collins, Dimmitt mayor; and Suanne Bagley, veterinary technician.

The group studied the four statewide goals of Health, Safety and Well Being; Environmental Stew-

and under were recorded among girls under referred to age 20 in probation 1993—that court in 1993. was just in the first 9 months of the year. County concerns 25% of the children of Texas live in poverty. In Castro County, 43% of all kids under age 6 live in poverty. ardship and Natural Resources; Economic Competitiveness, Viability and Stability; and Development of Life Skills and Leadership Qualities.

The group identified the most critical issues impacting the four state-wide goals and prioritized the issues which could be addressed through Extension program-

Issues identified by each group are as follows: I. Health, Safety and Well Being A. Strengthening families

II. Development of Life Skills and Leadership Qualities

A. Adolescent concerns

III. Stewardship of the Environment and Natural Resources

> A. Crop and landscape protection chemicals B. Water quality and conservation

C. Recycling and solid waste

IV. Economic Competitiveness, Viability and Stability

A. Job/career and leadership development.

These issues identified are the foundation for the 1995-99 Long Range Extension Program for Castro County. Extension faculty will use these guidelines when planning educational programs.

"We do want to stress that even though these guidelines are long-range, we are always ready for new problems which might arise. New problems won't be put on hold, just because they aren't part of the longrange plan," said Neal.

Health, Safety & Well Being

The family structure in Texas is in a constant state of change with young children, preteens and teens at a high risk. These social problems facing Texans transcend the socioeconomic, racial/cultural and geographic areas. Lack of parenting and life skills affect family cohesiveness at all age levels.

Balancing work and family life has become a crucial issue for more than one-half of all mothers in Castro County. In 1990, 319 children in Castro County lived in households headed by single parents.

In identifying some of the health, safety and well being problems in Castro County, the study group determined that there were 61 marriages in Castro County in 1993. There also were 35 divorces filed. The group also discovered that 43% of the children in Castro County under the age of six live in poverty.

Among the long-range goals this group established

* Helping parents learn new parenting skills to encourage positive family relationships.

* Helping parents increase nutritional knowledge, thereby improving their family's health.

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look back

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Join us for a look back at some of the top events of 1994 with pictures throughout today's issue of the News. Plus, find out

what area cattlemen think the market will do in 1995 and about

local teams in the Caprock ABC Holiday

Tournament in Lubbock, today

through Saturday.

Extension plan...

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* Teaching employed homemakers to balance work and family roles and responsibilities.

* Helping senior citizens become more aware of health and lifestyle options available.

Development of Life Skills & Leadership Qualities

According to school administration offices in Castro County there were 2,295 students enrolled in 1993 and there was a 4.1% dropout rate. Sixty-two children 17 years old and younger were referred to probation court. Thirty-nine births occurred through Sept. 1, 1993, to girls under the age of 20.

Youth are experiencing a wide variety of anti-social, self-destructive behaviors which have long-term negative effects on their physical, emotional, mental and economic well-being.

Statistics show the following to be risk factors: alcohol and drug abuse, gangs and violence, teen pregnancy, which is increasing, low motivational level among teens, increasing high school dropout rates, one in every four Texas children living in poverty, increasing number of juvenile arrests and a lack in decision making skills.

The more risk factors present, the more vulnerable youth are to negative behavior.

The group studying this objective came up with four long-range objectives.

* Helping youth to practice positive behavior that will contribute to their physical and mental development.

* Helping parents to strengthen parenting skills and techniques which will enable positive family interac-

* Helping youths to establish a positive self-esteem and life skills in decision-making, goal-setting and communication.

* Helping youths to understand the risk factors associated with drugs, alcohol, gangs and other risk-taking activities.

Stewardship of the Environment and Natural Resources

Crop and Landscape Protection:

The group studying stewardship of the environment and natural resources attempted to put together a number of objectives which could help solve the improper use of land and unsafe usage of crop and landscape protection chemicals.

The long-range goals Extension personnel will address are:

* Teaching producers about economic and environmental benefits of soil management practices.

* Working with producers to adopt Integrated Pest Management strategies which will ensure crop protection chemicals are used correctly.

* Educating the general public on the current safety of food produced in the US and of the necessity of crop protection chemicals for safe and affordable food.

* Educating homeowners on the proper use, possible alternatives to landscape protection chemicals and proper disposal of containers.

* Training producers who use restricted crop protection chemicals to obtain the required applicator license and continuing education units.

Water Quality and Conservation:

Water is one of our most valuable natural resources and we must work to conserve, protect and manage it to ensure its continued availability.

The average depth of wells in Castro County is 400 to 475 feet. From 1993 to 1994, the average annual change in depth-to-water for Castro County wells was -2.14 feet, according to information from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Point source pollution of ground water by crop protection chemicals (Bromacil, Direx, Atrazine or Aatrex, and 2,4-D was indicated in Castro County at six different sites, according to a 1988 study by the High Plains Underground Water District

Total water consumption for 1993 was 826,834,000 gallons in Dimmitt; 68,090,243 gallons in Hart; and

23,577,915 gallons in Nazareth. Average annual rainfall from 1988 to 1993 was

19.40 inches

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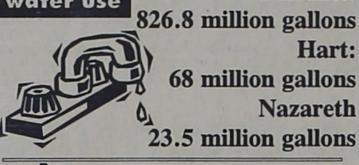
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Annual **Dimmitt:** water use





The average depth of wells in Castro County is 400 to 475 feet. The average depth to water was another 2.14 feet lower from 1993 to 1994.

addition to home usage, county residents pump water from 4,502 irrigation wells and 828 center pivots (787 LEPA systems and 41 surge systems).

The study group determined the following:

* Agricultural producers should develop strategies for more efficient use of water by using LEPA irrigation technology.

* Agricultural producers should adopt management practices to eliminate water pollution from point and non-point sources.

* Homeowners should adopt management practices to eliminate point and non-point source pollution from misuse of chemicals.

* County residents should adopt a conservation attitude and practices concerning water.

Through these objectives, the group hopes to lower water consumption in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth, work toward no non-point source pollution cases in Castro County, have at least 75 homeowners adopt proper use of house and lawn chemicals, have 200 agricultural producers adopt irrigation systems (LEPA and surge) and PET (Potential Evapotranspiration Rate) and to stabilize the depth to water for irrigation wells in Castro County.

Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal:

County residents are concerned about the future of solid waste disposal as available landfill space becomes more restricted. Smaller communities have to haul solid waste to larger community landfills, and a small percentage of solid waste is recycled or composted. Federal regulations are becoming more restrictive every year.

Castro County's landfill is open, but continued pressure may force it to close within the next four years. If that happens, the cost per resident could be increased by \$10 per month.

Only 2% of Dimmitt's population now recycles or reuses products in some form.

Through the Extension's long-range plan, the study group hopes to help county residents acquire knowledge and skills in recycling plastics, glass and paper and reusing lawn waste by composting; educate residents on how to dispose of empty pesticide containers, used tires, batteries and oil; hold a series of educational programs for homeowners focusing on chemical and hazardous waste disposal and establish a "Recycling Days" for Castro County.

Economic Competitiveness, Viability and Stability

Castro County's labor force in June 1994 was 4,387. At that time, the Texas Employment Commission Report listed 328 Castro County citizens as "unemployed," which reflects a 7.5% unemployment rate.

That's the main focus of the study group's concern. Students out of high school and college are, in many ways, not prepared for the workforce. Leadership training skill with existing as well as new works is another area which plays a vital role in the future strength of a community.

Here are long-range objectives the study group es-

* Specific work in-training sessions could be implemented for county businesses to enhance worker skills and improve self-esteem.

* Hold leadership training sessions.

More about

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Myanmar (Burma), Australia and New Zealand.

The giant Eli Lilly pharmaceutical company divides the world into five marketing areas. Asia/Pacific is one of them. It's the fastestgrowing market in the world. And Zito Sartarelli (Dimmitt High School, '68) is running the show

You could say another hometown boy has made good. That's the way I look at it, anyway.

Zito probably has been back to Dimmitt more than any AFS'er we've ever had. He came for the holidays while he was attending Michigan State; he and Kathy were frequent visitors while he was stationed at Lubbock in the early '80s: he brought his mother in 1989; he came for Janice's funeral in '91.

Zito and Kathy stayed with his grandmother, Polly Bell, while they were here this time. They visited before Christmas with two of his brothers, Mike in Hereford and Rick in Amarillo, and with his dad, Lonnie, and his sister, Lori, in Lubbock.

(They were trying to get over jet lag while they were here. We're 14 hours ahead of Singapore.)

They went on to Pittsburgh to spend Christmas and New Year's with Kathy's parents.

Zito's mother died in 1992. His two brothers still live in Riberao Bonito ("Pretty River"), and his two sisters live in a small city nearby.

Zito and Kathy have no children. Kathy stays busy with volunteer work in Singapore. "I've also learned how to quilt," she said. "Asian ladies are very good quil-

When I visited with Zito this time, I realized I was talking to a seasoned, savvy international businessman.

Is he really 45 now?

Naw. He couldn't bc. Not this bright-eyed, hyperactive kid from Brazil, with the Spanish/Italian name, who spoke Portuguese when he came here but switched to English and Tex-Mex within a couple of months, who never met a stranger, who seemed puzzled when the girls all went ga-ga over him. . . .

Naw. It was just a very few years ago that he was a Bobcat.

I hope that catches you up on another hometown boy who made

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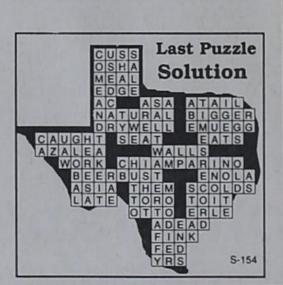


Before the clock runs down any further, we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year.

Thanks for being part of our winning lineup this past year!

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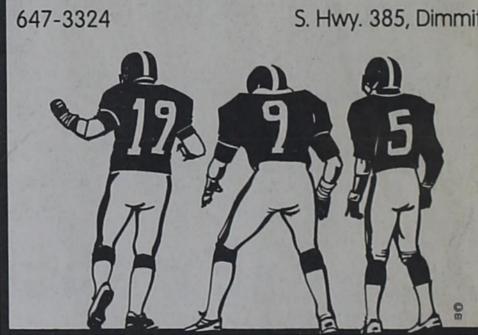
in every way!"

Happy New Year and

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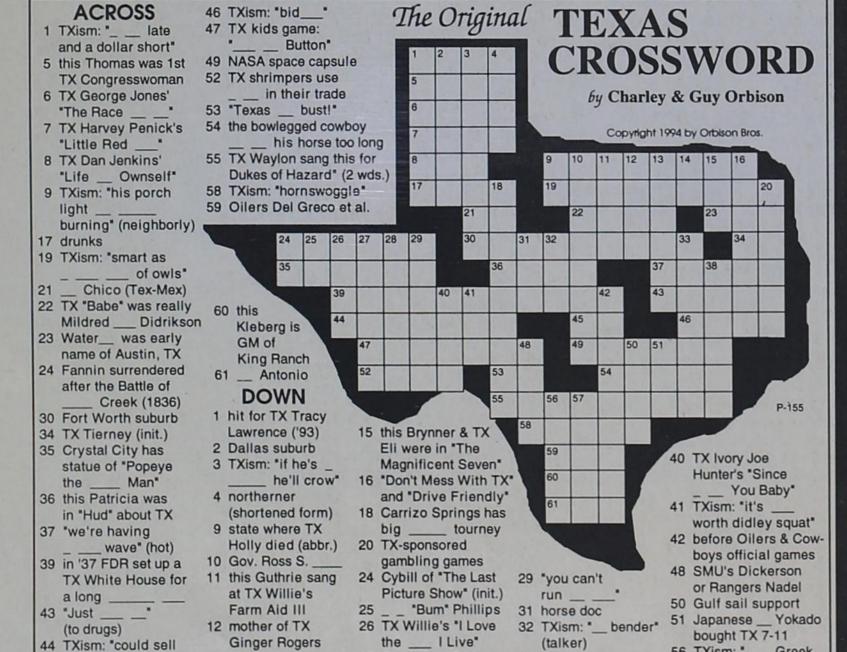
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Happy New Year!

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the Baptist women. First Baptist Church had an interesting display. Several members who Lottie Moon, the Missionary to had been on mission trips had many items from various countries on display and it was entitled "Missions Fair-Missions in Revue."



FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the Castro County News office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

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

Last week's winner: Sylvia Medrano Jessie Capley

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Consumers

The project was sponsored by the

Dorothy Hopson represented China, and she had a large display of items representing Lottie and

Brazil was represented by Faye Mohon with several souveniers.

El Salvador was represented by Betty Jones, Irene Carpenter and Mary Edna Hendrix. Betty had done "chalk talks" and she still had some and had those on display.

Charles and Esta Vandiver and Sara Salinas had been on several mission trips and they had a large display. Charles even showed some slides from a trip to Brazil.

Don and Paula Graham and Elbert and Frances Smith had been to the Rio Grande on a river minis-

table with items on display from Malawi, Africa where Don's niece, cently. Charla Baker, and her husband, Steve, have been missionaries for Lubbock country home of Mrs. several years.

Paul and Barbara Kenley had been on several mission trips and they had souveniers from several countries including Japan and Aus-

Maxine Tidwell had a table filled with items from different countries which she received from the missionaries from Castro County. Among those represented were Johnny and Barbara Burnett in Belem, Brazil; Mike and Kristi Pennington in Caracas, Venezuela; Butch and Pam Strickland in Vene-

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zuela; Sharon Barker, who served in Pakistan and is now a teacher for international nurses; Gale and Verna Sadler in Tanzania, East Africa; Steve and Debbie McCord in Korea; and Ken and Sheila Patterson (Duward and Betty Patterson's son), who are building a medical school in Krygystan, Russia.

Dorothy Hopson presented Mauzee Youts with a plaque since she was retiring as treasurer of the Baptist Women.

Mauzee's two daughters, Phyllis Mooney and Pat Sleigh, and other family members, surprised Mauzee by coming in for the presentation.

A social hour followed with the committee serving sandwiches, cookies, candy, punch and coffee.

Jackie and Rhonda Powers, Shannon and Marie Powers, and Don and Colleen Newman had a Tonya and Raymond Powers went to Cloudcroft for a skiing trip re-

> About 40 kinfolk gathered in the Faye Powers recently. She is the mother of Jackie Powers. A Mexican meal was the menu for the day and they enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts. There were relatives from Canyon, Dimmitt, Amarillo and Lubbock attending.

Sunnyside WITH TEENY BOWDEN

Leslie Loudder left for Pottsboro Thursday morning to be with his daughter, Paula Jean, whose husband, Dene Gray, died in the early hours of Thursday morning while she was at work. They had no

Paula Jean, Nancy and Sandy Loudder attended Dimmitt schools and lived in the Sunnyside Community while they were little.

The funeral was Friday at 10 a.m. Larry Odom preached the funeral service, Misty sang the songs, and Sandy played the piano.

After dinner they had their Christmas tree with gifts for all, then a show-and-tell of the gifts.

Christmas breakfast with their sons, Kevin and Jodie and families and several friends. Edna Riley and Kim Riley were also present. The Armstrongs and friends from Dallas, Eddie and Sherry Haydon, Dorothy Gilbreath and other friends visited in the morning with them.

The Rileys had Christmas Day in

The church service was held Sunday morning, but the crowd was smaller than usual. Anthony and Lori and girls had several Christmas dinners by then.

Christmas dinner for Verba and Ezell Sadler, Ruth King (who spent Saturday night), and Melody and Walter Roye and three kids and

Christmas dinner Sunday for Doug and Judy Loudder; Kelly and Dara Loudder, Will, Melissa and Brandi; Lyle and Rosie Loudder and Linzey; Genevieve and Lowell Westmoreland; Roxie Loudder; Jane and Pat Westmoreland, Stephen and Rachel; Lori and Jimmy Durham, Tosha and Dusti; and Rick and Gena Yantis, Kelsey and Clayton. Lance and Terri Loudder and family, Lacy, Jake and Rosie,

I spent Christmas day in Tulia with my sister and her family, Lynna and Troy Cloer and their son, Kelley, who flew in from Ottawa, Canada. Others who were there were Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford, Kevin and Neely Lankford and family, Adria, Matt and David of Amarillo; and Dale and Lauren Feazell and Caleb of Houston. We went on to Amarillo where we exchanged gifts and en- tainment. Ann played a piano solo joyed visiting.

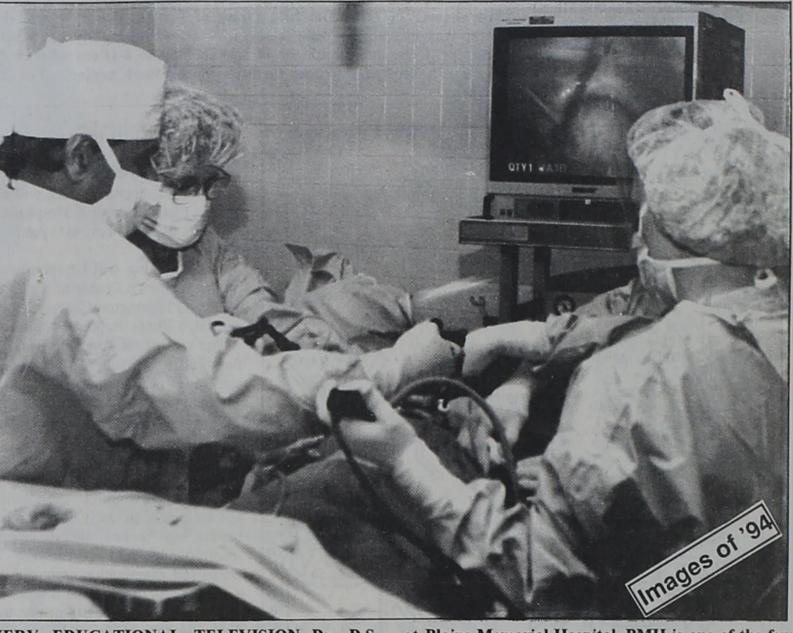
Touchstone grandkids for an early

Christmas get-together. Among those attending were Ann and Weldon Rogers of Paducah; Kyle and Flo Touchstone, Tanner, Ty and Trey of Lubbock; Tobin and Angela Touchstone, Ret, Sam and Sara of Mansfield; Todd and Debbie Touchstone, Trent and Tara of Fort Worth; Tricia and Scott Campbell and Conner of Lubbock.

They had a talent show for enterand Scott played the piano while Tricia sang Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Oleta Gollehon was hostess to her Reindeer. All the little grandkids acted out during Tricia's song. They

had antlers and black noses, except for one child, who wore a red nose to represent Rudolph. They played games and exchanged gifts. This family has a lot of fun when they get together.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen entertained in their home for the Christmas holidays. Those present were David and Melody Bellinghausen and children, Jordan and Canaan of Ovilla; and Melody's parents, Dr. Seth and Marjoric Murphy and their son, Truett, of Levelland.



VERY EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION--Dr. D.S. Patel, left, and nurses Cleta Wilkerson, Yolanda Martinez and Jolene Schulte watch a television monitor as they perform surgery using a laparoscope at Plains Memorial Hospital. PMH is one of the few rural hospitals using the special instrument, which saves the patient much of the pain and recovery time of conventional surgery. Photo by John Brooks

Verba and Ezell Sadler had their Christmas dinner Christmas Eve. James and Patricia Powell came Friday night to help out. Carrie Sadler got to come on Christmas leave from the hospital in Lubbock. Larry and Sharon Sadler, Matt and Kristen and Matt Powell were present. Stacy and boys Jeremy and Joshua of Dimmitt, Randy, Tony and Carla of Dimmitt, Tresa and children, Ken, Amber and Tiffany of Amarillo, Cheryl, Bret and Brian of Fort Stockton, and David and Gay Sadler were all present. Others were Teeny Bowden, Norma and Tex Conard, and Ruth King and J.B. Hensley, both of Hereford.

Jeanne and her husband, Jay, and Mae, sisters of Clyde Damron Jr., came Saturday and had Christmas dinner with Clyde and family and the rest of the Damrons in Dimmitt.

Ray Joe and Jo Eddy Riley had a

Hereford with her family in the Ira Scott home.

Gay and David Sadler had

Brenda and Steve Johnson.

Alton and Betty Loudder had came to visit in the after-noon.



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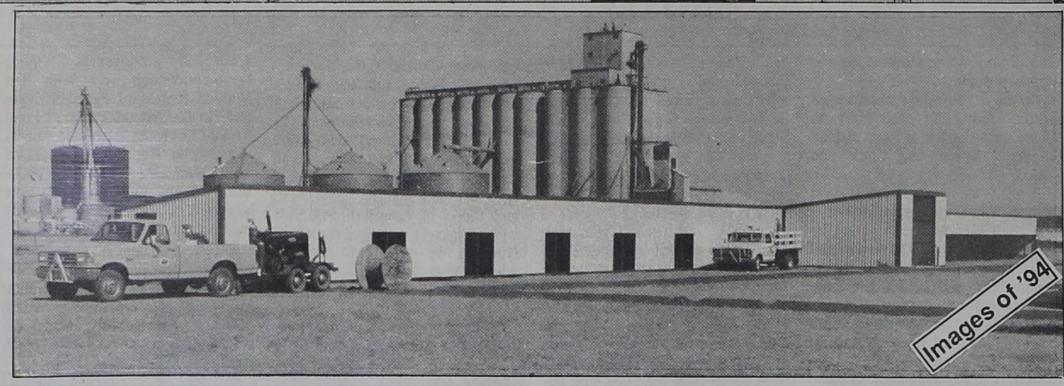
Winners named in chamber drawings

Winners have been named in the last two weekly drawings for Christmas Open House, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Winners of \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars on Dec. 12 were Rudy Martinez, who registered at Higginbotham-Bartlett; Corky Nelson, who signed up at Red-X; and Margaret Bland, who registered at The Village Shop.

Winners of \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars on Dec. 19 were Eva Abrego, who signed up at First United Bank; and Terry Mixson, who registered at Hereford, Texas Federal Credit Union.

The drawings were sponsored by the Chamber and participating businesses to spur hometown shopping during the holidays.



animal projects, and should be of special help to 4-H'ers who live in expansion will include a classroom. town and haven't had proper facilities for livestock projects. Funding

NEW 4-H CENTER-The first phase of Castro County's new 4-H was provided by local residents, the 1994 Dimmitt Young Farmers Center was opened this fall. It includes a feeding facility for several Junior Livestock Show, and the Amarillo Area Foundation. Future Photo by John Brooks

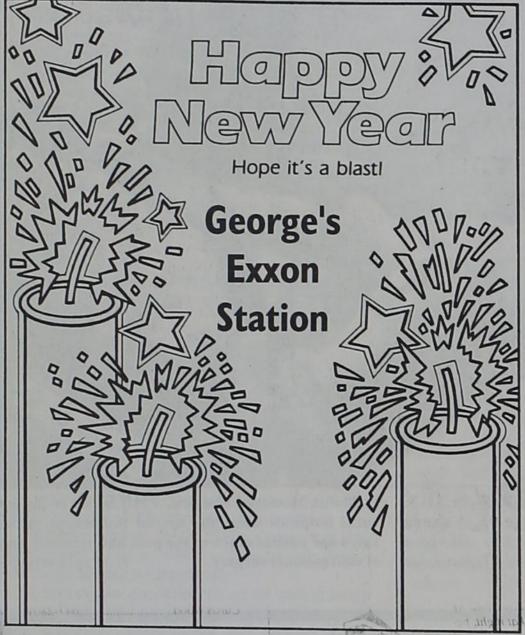
Chamber plans annual banquet

Growing in Harmony is the theme for the 46th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, and the musical group, Harmony, will be featured as entertainment at the event.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building and admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The Methodist Men will cater the steak dinner.

A highlight of the banquet will be announcement of this year's Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year award winners.

Nomination for the citizen honors must be submitted to the Chamber by Jan. 13 and forms are available from the Chamber office and at the school.



Breast clinic scheduled here

A breast cancer screening will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 16.

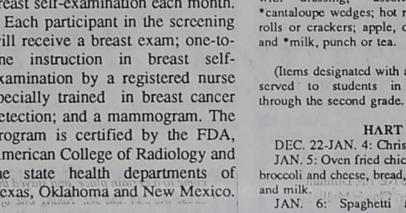
The screening will be sponsored by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital.

The cost of the screening is \$70. Funding is available for free breast screenings and mammograms.

Appointments may be made by calling 1-800-377-4673 or 1-806-359-4673.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to boosting chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-examination each month.

will receive a breast exam; one-toone instruction in breast selfexamination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection; and a mammogram. The program is certified by the FDA, American College of Radiology and the state health departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.





Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec. 29-Jan. 6, 1995.

DIMMITT DEC. 17-JAN. 3: Christmas break.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheese pizza, com dog or Chinese egg roll; garden peas, pork and beans or Chinese-style vegetables; *tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; *hot wheat rolls, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *chicken strips, hoagie submarine or beef and bean burrito with chili; Spanish rice, macaroni and cheese or *Mexicali com; *tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch

FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; tater tots, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana;

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten

DEC. 22-JAN. 4: Christmas break. JAN. 5: Oven fried chicken, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, bread, blueberry muffins

JAN. 6: Spaghetti and meat sauce (clementary), or pizza burger, salad, com, pudding and milk.

(Hart school menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH

DEC. 17-JAN. 2: Christmas break. TUESDAY: Mexican casserole, green beans, sopapillas, fruit salad and milk. WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, dessert and milk. THURSDAY: Frito pie, peas, combread,

peaches and milk. FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Rene Rivera and Barbara Garza of Dimmitt are the parents of a boy, Ian Marcus Rivera, born at 10:50 p.m. on Dec. 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has an older sibling, Diego Rene Rivera, 18

Maternal grandparents are Abelia Garza and Hector Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are the late Amada and Jesse Rivera. Great-grandparents are Cesario Felicita Garza of Dimmitt, Conception Rodriguez of Del Rio, Beatrice Rivera of Plainview and Martha Mireles of Amarillo.

OUT-OF-TOWN

Bryan and Nina Mayfield of Rosville, Minn., are the parents of a son, Devin Carter Mayfield, born Nov. 23 at Rosville.

Devin's paternal grandparents are Herb and Dorothy Mayfield of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Shoreview, Minn.

and gravy, com, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk. In-service planned

for substitutes here An in-service session for all substitute teachers will be held Jan. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 W. Halsell.

All persons planning to be substitute teachers, and any new persons wishing to be subs, should plan to attend the in-service session.

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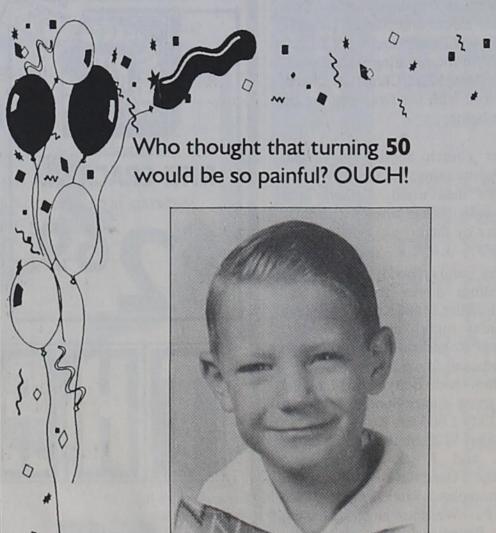
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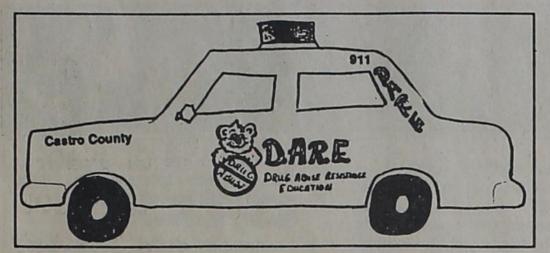
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Martinez designs DARE logo

Lindsey Martinez, daughter of Bennie and Alice Martinez of Hart, drew a teddy bear with a stop drug abuse logo, added the DARE symbol, 9-1-1 and Castro County and came up with a winning design for Castro County's Pastor Freeman's sermon. Jerry new DARE vehicle.

Martinez' design was selected as best in the DARE logo contest, which sacrament of the Lord's Supper will was coordinated by DARE Officer Richard Spears and County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

The contest drew 250 entries from students in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazarcth schools.

Martinez will receive a satin jacket with DARE embroidered on it, a plaque and her name will be printed on the car, designating her as the logo designer.

The winning logo will be painted on both sides of the car.



NEW DARE LEADER--Deputy Richard Spears (right) of the Castro County Sheriff's Office is the instructor for the new DARE program to be taught in all three Castro County schools this year. With him are Sheriff CD Fitzgearld (left) and the DARE bear, an important part of Spears' instruction. Photo by John Brooks



LET US TELL YOU ABOUT OUR COUNTY— This group of people represented Castro County at a HealthFind gathering in Austin on Sept. 17 and 18. Pictured from left are Stephen M. Goode, Vince Moss, Tony Gorman and Gwen Bryant. Also attending were Jolene Schulte and Morris Wilcox. The group interviewed physicians who are interested in practicing in rural areas. HealthFind is a program of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, a state agency established to help with rural health needs. During HealthFind, the local group was able to talk to physicians about the professional and personal amenities that Castro County has to offer physicians and other health care professionals.

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Divine worship is at 11 a.m. Castro Lodge AF&AM will be worshipping with us. "My Father's Business" will be the subject of Jansa will sing a solo. The be celebrated.

Mid-week Bible study will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse. "Benefitting from the Perspectives of Men and Women," Mark 14:3-9, is the subject of the study.

There will be a 12th Night of Christmas party on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. when the Christmas decorations will

Dotson is named to all-region band

Stephen Dotson of Hart has been named to the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All-Region Band, and will perform with other all-region selections in a Jan. 21 concert at Brownfield.

Dotson, son of Nelson and Judy Dotson, is a freshman at Hart High School. His father is band director at Hart Independent School District.

Dotson was named first chair in the trumpet section, and in addition to his all-region honor, his first chair status qualifies him for area tryouts Jan. 7 in Sundown.

The ATSSB competition featured students from Class A, AA and AAA schools.

be taken down. Everyone is asked to bring refreshments left over from Christmas.

Jan. 6 is the Epiphany of the Lord, when we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men.

Ministerial Alliance

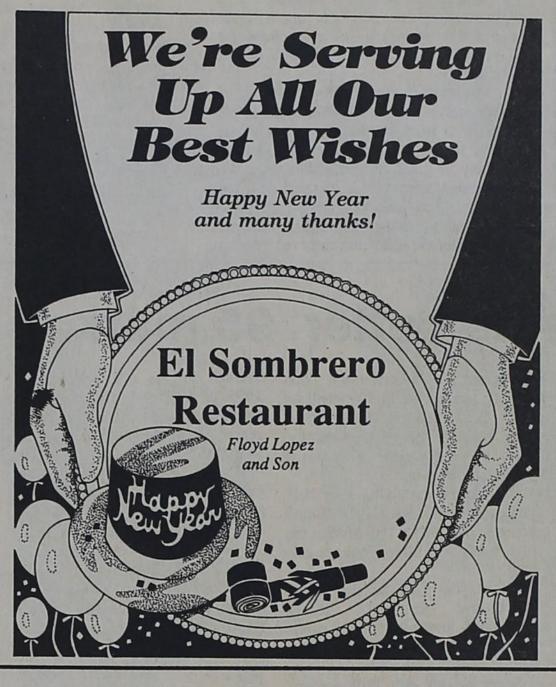
Edward D. Freeman will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in an introduction to the Letter to the Romans on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

Free income tax classes scheduled

A free income tax class will be offered Jan. 5-6 and Jan. 9-13 at San Jacinto Methodist Church, Sixth and Tennessee in Amarillo.

The classes are offered by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The first session is for beginners; the second session is for beginners and persons who have attended previous classes.

Pre-registration is available by calling Joyce Kearns, associate district coordinator, at 622-1164 or 622-1966.



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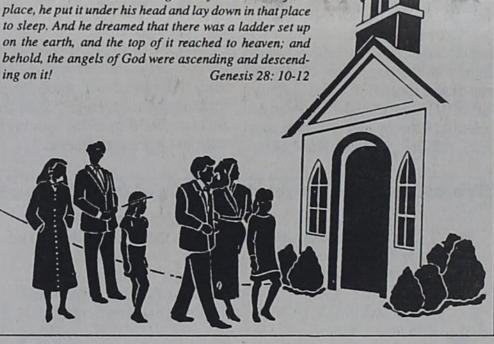
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By DON TAYLOR

A year of change

Regardless of your past success in your career or business, 1995 will belong to those who can best adapt to changing times and trends. You may feel that you have the success formula all figured out. You may be at the peak earning point of your career. However, my advice for you in the new year is to be cautious. Times are changing.

Change is an interesting word. Webster's dictionary defines change as a process of becoming different; or to pass from one phase to another. As much as we may try to resist change, it is the only constant we have in our

To resist change is natural. Most of us are more comfortable with routine. We drive to work the same way each day. We follow the same steps in getting ready to greet each new morning. We are comfortable with the patterns, and we avoid radical changes.

Initially, change is hard to accept. Consider the following story recorded in history regarding former US President Martin Van Buren. Seven years before he became president, Van Buren whote a letter to then-President Andrew Jackson complaining that the newfangled railroads were threatening the canal system of the states. Van Buren pointed out that if railroads replaced the canals, serious unemployment would result and America would lose its ability to defend itself.

Van Buren wrote this paragraph in fierce resistance to this technological change: "As you may well know, railroad carriages are pulled at the cnormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines, which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Ah, Mr. President, if you could only see us now. Hurtling through the air at the speed of sound. Yes, the times are still changing.

Change is your friend

The best possible attitude you can take toward change is to embrace it as you would an old friend. Don't try to resist change, because you can no more stop it than you can hold back a river by standing in it. The water will pass you by. So it is with change. You will further your career or improve your business by learning to swim with the current. Use change to get ahead, accomplish more and travel faster.

Your objective must be to master change. Learning about life and life's lessons gives you a real competitive advantage. Since change is the only constant in life, we will benefit if we learn more about it.

The learning process is only the beginning. Knowledge (the product of learning) is ineffective without action. I know a few folks so filled with knowledge that they think they can talk about anything. However, what you know should never prevent you from doing what needs to be done. When you know what to do, get right after it. While learning never stops, you must supersede talking with action.

Swim upstream

Sometimes change means going against established trends. There are times when you may have to swim upstream. Regardless of the latest fads, you'll find that doing the right thing is more important than doing things right. For example, robbing a bank-no matter how well you do it-is not a right or proper thing to do.

Always ask yourself, "Is this fair to everyone?" "Is it honest?" "Would I want to appear on a national TV show and defend my decisions?" If you can answer yes to these questions, you're learning about positive change. Your actions are appropriate and you will be making the right changes.

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

TCFA expects better '95 market

Cattle feeders, rocked by low prices and high volatility in 1994, can look forward to slightly better fed cattle prices in 1995, according to Jim Gill, market director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Amarillo.

However, Gill's price outlook for fed cattle is tempered by a mountain of meat that consumers will eat in '95, meaning any price gains in the fed beef sector will be small and hard-won.

"Competitive meats will continue to offer stiff competition to beef prices," Gill said. "Pork production for 1995 is expected to be near 17.9

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billion lbs., 1% above 1994. Total poultry production in 1995 will be near 30.9 billion lbs. on a ready to cook basis, 5% above 1994 and the 20th consecutive year of increased poultry production."

On top of that, Gill says beef production will be near 24.4 billion pounds in 1995, 1% above the record of 24.1 billion pounds this

"Next year will be the eighth consecutive year of record production and will put per-capita consumption at 67.1 lbs. on a retail weight basis," Gill said.

Factoring all this, Gill predicts seen." that fed cattle prices will range from \$68 to \$72 per cwt. in the first quarter of 1995; \$64 to \$68 in the second quarter; \$65 to \$69 in the third quarter and \$68 to \$72 in the fourth quarter.

For cow-calf and stocker operators, increasing supplies mean lower prices, Gill said.

"The beef cow inventory on Jan. 1 will be slightly over 35 million head, about 1% higher than a year ago. Growth to around 36 million head is anticipated by 1996-97 and, along with the larger cow herd, calf crops are expected to trend slightly higher," Gill predicted. "Because of losses suffered by cattle feeders this year, 650-lb. feeders will likely average \$75 to \$77 per cwt. in 1995, down slightly from the 1994 average of about \$80, and down sharply from the 1993 average of over \$89."

While cattlemen will be struggling under the burden of heavy supplies, consumers will reap the benefit of lower retail prices.

"Retail beef prices dropped 10 cents in 1994, reflecting increased production this year," Gill said. "It is likely retail prices will remain mostly steady in 1995, even as fed cattle prices move above the mid to high \$60 level the industry has

If cattle feeders have a bright spot, it's the grain outlook. Gill said corn production for 1994 will be more than 10 billion bushels, up sharply from 6.5 billion bushels in 1993 and above the previous record in 1992 of 9.5 billion bushels. Sorghum production was also up, from 567 million bushels to 620 million bushels in 1994.

"Corn prices should trend below last year's level with prices likely to be near \$4.70 to \$4.90 per cwt, fob the elevator for feedyards," Gill said. "The same will likely be true for milo, with average prices from \$4.24 to \$4.50 in 1995, with normal seasonal price movements."

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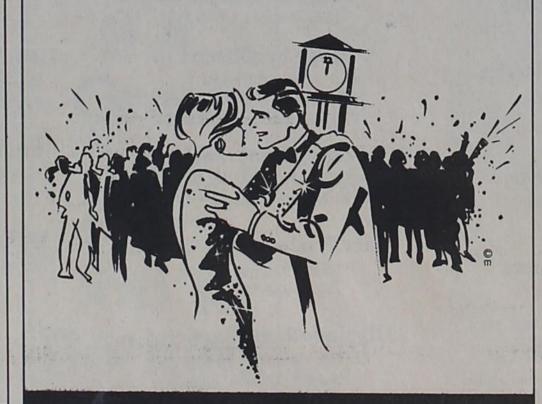
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show set Jan. 21

The Castro County 4-H will have a livestock clinic for all county youths working with livestock products on Jan. 21 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Following the clinic, all 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 4-H livestock show.

On Friday, Jan. 20, from 12 noon to 7 p.m., exhibitors may begin bringing barrows and lambs to the show barns. Entry cards and livestock scales will be available. All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit stock in the county 4-H show must have their entry cards and weights registered before 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

The livestock clinic will begin Saturday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 a.m. with a program on swine, which will include a classroom-type discussion on "Home Care and Management for Show Barrows." A demonstration on grooming and showmanship of barrows will follow at 9 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., care and management of show lambs will be presented, followed by a shearing and showmanship demonstration at 10 a.m.

A program on care and management for show steers and heifers will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a dressing and showmanship demonstration to follow at 11.

A lunch break will be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m., when the 4-H livestock show begins.

The show will open with steers at 1 p.m., with lambs scheduled to be shown at 2 and barrows at 3.

For more information contact J.D. Ragland, County Extension Agent, at 647-4115.

Castro County pig jackpot is slated Jan. 7

County youths working with show barrows have an opportunity to practice their showmanship techniques during a Castro County pig jackpot show, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Entries must be submitted by 10 a.m. on Jan. 7, along with a \$20 (cash only) entry fee.

The show is slated to begin at 1 p.m. with Kent McLemore judging.

Dobmeier named to dean's list

Garrett Dobmeier of Nazareth has been named to the dean's honor roll at Clarendon College for the 1994 Fall semester.

Dobmeier is the son of Allen and Stephanne Dobmeier and he is a

graduate of Nazareth High School. Students who maintained a 3.6 to 3.9 grade point average earned mention to the dean's list.



Here's to you... For all you do, 'Cause without thee Where would we be? So to all of those, We hold so dear Go our very best wishes For a joyous New Year.

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4-H livestock clinic, Irrigation show planned Jan. 5

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held next Thursday (Jan. 5)

at the Amarillo Civic Center, and it will include several topics of interest to local producers.

The influence of this year's hot, dry weather on performance and yield of corn hybrids, economics of acreages of early corn, sorghum and full season corn, a grower's experiences with ridge till farming, irrigation system efficiency and management to offset reduced well supplies and the effective, safe use of chemigation will be among the topics discussed at the meeting. Also included will be a panel discussion of drip irrigation for row crops and pastures.

Two continuing education units will be offered to those attending.

Leon New, the conference coordinator, said the 1995 event has been moved from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center so the trade show can be expanded. More irrigation equipment will be displayed to compliment the conference's discussion topics.

A \$5 registration fee will be charged, and that fee includes a catered lunch, which will be served to those attending.



May your New Year be filled to the brim with happiness and good fortune. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

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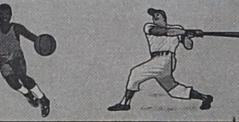
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DIRMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			Tot	
	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1994	Governmental	Fund Types		dum Only)
		100-199	200-499	98	97
Date			Special	Summer 22	Busenett 22
Cont	rol	General	Revenue	August 31,	August 31,
Cod	0.3_	Fund	Fund	1994	1993
	REVENUES:		8 83,265	\$2,627,482	\$2,557,298
	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$2,544,217	\$ 83,265 7,384	4,316,758	4,421,936
	State Program Revenues	4,309,374	1.177.276	1.199.251	1.284.429
5900	Federal Program Revenues	21.977			_ALANTIAZ
	Subtotal Revenues Excluding Function 14	_6.875.568	_1.267.925	_8.143.491	_8.263.663
0014	Revenues Collected for Function 14	-0-		-0-	
5030	Total Revenue	6.875.568	_1.267.925	_8.143.491	8.263.663
	EXPENDITURES:				
0011	Instruction	3,755,911	614,195	4,370,106	4,416,620
	Instructional Administration	135,594	90,745	226,339	204,223
	Instructional Resources and Media Services	107,690		107,690	111,800
	School Administration	433,945		433,945	428,581
0025	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,590		3,590	11,457
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	180,628	36,795	217,423	113,714
0032	Attendance and Social Work Service	762		762	586
The second second	Health Services	39,764	13,707	53,471	72,258
	Student Transportation	232,138		232,138	248,688
	Co-curricular Activities	299,814		299,814	318,787
	Food Services		567,866	567,866	521,754
	General Administration	299,029		299,029	348,497
	Plant Maintenance and Operations	664,916		664,916	735,887
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	417,573		417,573	3,964
	Data Processing Services	19,142		19,142	28,331
	Community Service	20.076	51.969	72.045	85.541
	Subtotal Expenditures Excluding Function 14	6.610.572	_1.375.277	7.985.849	7.650.688
0014	Instructional Services Between Public Schools	-0-	-0-	-0-	
6050	Total Expenditures	6.610.572	_1.375.277	7.985.849	7.650.688
			(107,352)	157,644	612,975
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	264,996	101,000	135,324	81,561
7990	Other Resources	34,324	101,000		
8990	Other (Uses)	_(242.000)		(242.000)	(79.580)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources	F7 220	(6,352)	50,968	614,956
	Over Expenditures and Other Uses	57,320			
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,955,146	22,593	2,977,739	2,362,783
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance (Note N)	23.231	(5,961)	17.270	
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$3.035.697	\$ 10.280	\$3.045.977	\$2.977.739



















Four teams entered Caprock opens today

Four Castro County teams will roll back into action today (Thursday) through Saturday in the annual Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

Both Nazareth and Dimmitt teams are in the annual tournament. Dimmitt has been a mainstay in the tournament since its inception in the 1959-60 season. Nazareth is making its first trip to the big tournament.

There are 28 teams in both the girls' and boys' brackets, with most Lubbock-area schools and other teams from North and West Texas, including schools from all classifications and private schools.

The Dimmitt boys open action among local teams today at 10:30 a.m. against Lubbock Estacado at Monterey High School. The teams have already played once this year: in the first round of the Plainview Lions-Pioneer Classic, the Matadors rallied for a 75-68 victory.

If the Bobcats win, they will play either Brownfield or Trinity tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock High. If they lose, they will play either Borger or Lubbock Cooper at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Lubbock High at noon, while the Swifts get a rematch with Abernathy at the Coliseum, also at

Lady Tors this season. If the Dimmitt girls win, they will play Kenneth Cleveland.

either Coronado or District 2-3A rival Shallowater tonight at 9 at Monterey. If they lose they will play either Lubbock or Cooper at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Monterey.

The Swifts fell to the Antelopes, 63-48, in the quarterfinals of the Abernathy Invitational on Dec. 9, and 54-48 in a single game on Dec.

If the Nazareth boys win they will face either Denver City or Frenship at 9 tonight at Coronado. If the Swifts lose, they will play either Seminole or Lubbock Christian on Friday at 10:30 a.m., also at Coronado.

The Nazareth girls play Amarillo Caprock today at 4:30 p.m. at the Coliseum. If the Swiftettes lose, they play Friday at 3 p.m. at the Coliseum. If they win, they will play Friday at 9 a.m. at Coronado.

Qualifying and quarterfinal games are scheduled throughout the day Friday, with semifinals and finals on Saturday.

The Dimmitt boys won the tournament in 1960, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1975, 1981, 1982 and 1991, and were in the finals in 1962, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1971, 1972, The Dimmitt girls face Lamesa at 1974, 1977 and 1980. MVP winners from Dimmitt have included Kent Bradford, 1970; Jim Birdwell, 1975; Keith Crum, 1976; Kevin Cleveland, 1981 and 1982; and The Bobbies haven't faced the Miguel Saucedo, 1991. The MVP Award is named after the late



SWIFTS WERE STATE RUNNERS-UP—The Nazareth Swifts are dejected after their heartbreaking 62-60 loss to Lipan on March 12 in the State Class A Basketball Tournament finals in Austin. Dejected Swifts include Joey Schacher (14), Colby Pohlmeier (32, foreground), Gaylon Schilling (24) and Nick Johnson (40). Photo by Anne Acker

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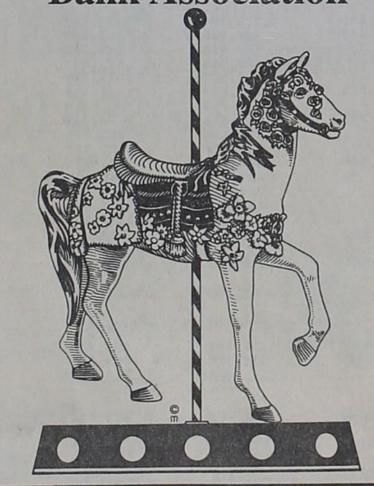


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Bennett signs with Wayland

Former Hart standout April Bennett has signed an athletic scholarship agreement Wayland Baptist University's Flying Queens, according to head coach Sheryl Estes.

Bennett was a four-time alldistrict selection from Hart's basketball teams. She averaged 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists per game as a senior in the 1992-93 season at Hart.

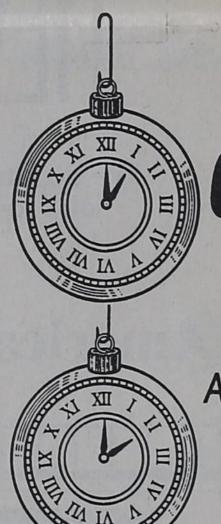
Bennett was a sophomore in the fall semester at Texas Tech. She will enroll at Wayland in January and will be eligible during the second semester.

"April was a fine high school player and we expect her to learn quickly and be an asset to us in the spring semester," said Estes. "She is a welcome addition to our team."

Wayland is ranked in the Top 20 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Bennett was also a standout in cross-country and tennis. She was a state tennis qualifier in 1991, was third in 1992, and won the state doubles crown in 1993. She is the



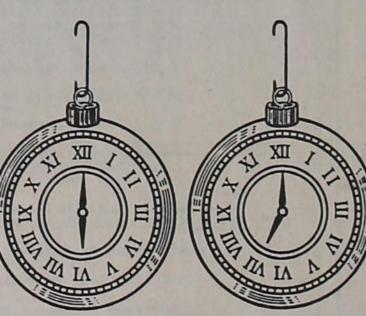


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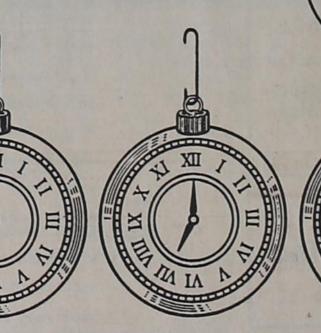
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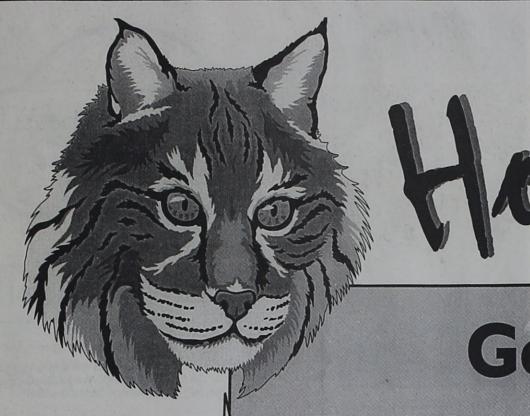
Happy New Year and best wishes for the coming year.







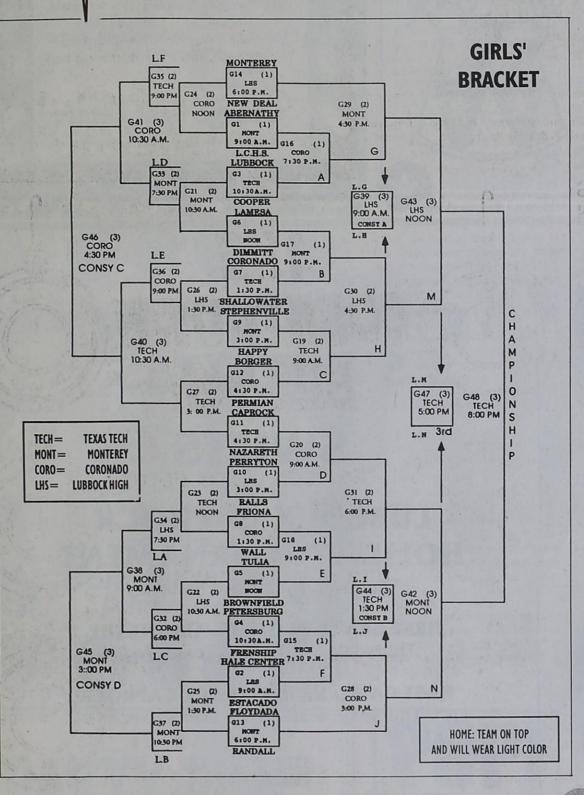


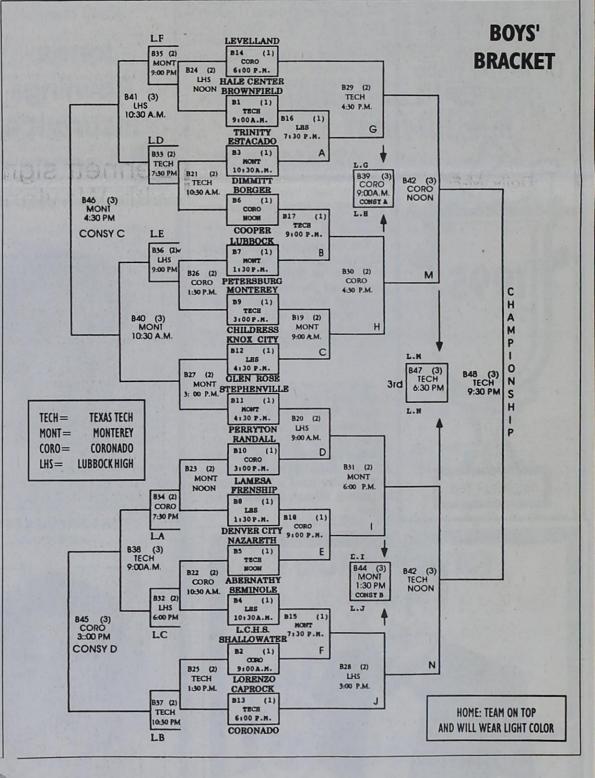


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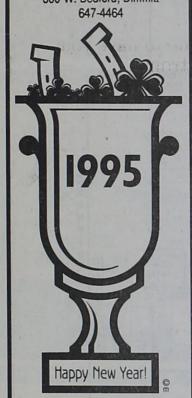




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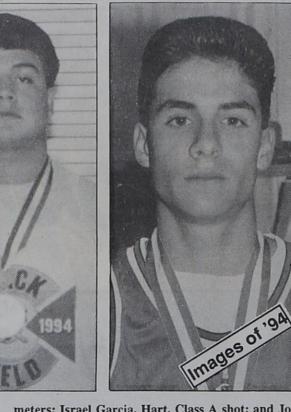
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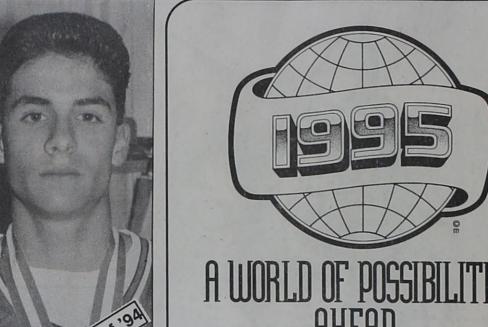








meters; Israel Garcia, Hart, Class A shot; and Joey Flores, Dimmitt, Class AAA 800 meters. Thomas and Flores will be trying to repeat this spring. Photos by John Brooks and Neoma Williams



The new year is upon us, and you've got a fresh start to go all out in your pursuit of happiness. We could never have realized our dreams without your help!

The 19th Hole

Nazareth

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If you're like other busy people, finding time to take care of your personal business during the day is often a problem. That's why Social Security's toll-free phone number gives you service at night and on weekends, in addition to normal business hours.

When you call 1-800-772-1213 on your touch-tone phone at night and at any time during weekends and holidays, you get a recorded menu of choices that lets you take care of certain kinds of Social Security business. You can ask for:

-An application for an original or replacement Social Security

-A form to obtain a record of your earnings and an estimate of your future Social Security benefits. This is called a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate State-

-A document verifying that you receive Social Security benefit payments, Supplemental Security Income, or both. You may need this document to show proof of your income to other agencies.

You can also call to ask for these forms during daytime hours—7 a.m to 7 p.m. on business days. Our phones are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at less busy times—such as nights and weekends, or later in the month.

Shifting your call to less busy times helps not only you, but all callers. About one of every five calls made during peak periods are to request one of the three documents listed above. So if those calls are shifted to less busy times, other callers stand a better chance of getting through without a busy



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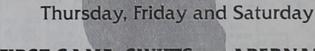
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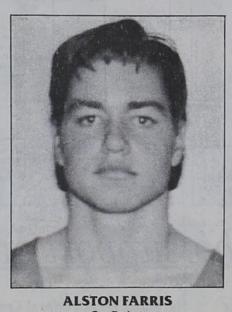
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FIRST GAME: SWIFTS vs. ABERNATHY, Thursday, 12 noon at Texas Tech

FIRST GAME: SWIFTETTES VS. CAPROCK, Thursday, 4:30 p.m. at Texas Tech

TUESDAY: vs. FRIONA, Here



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It will include updates on crop

insurance reform by Dr. Jackie

Smith, an Extension economist;

worker protection standards by

James Esty of TDA; farm bill update by Dr. Ed Smith; value-added

cotton marketing by Bedford Forrest

with TDA; a 1994 crop review by Dr. Kater Hake, Extension cotton

specialist; 1995 pest outlook by Dr. James Lesser, Extension entomologist; and a boll weevil update from Roger Haldenby with Plains Cotton

The series opens with the South-

ern Mesa Cotton Conference at the

Dawson County Annex Building in

Lamesa. It will focus upon concerns

for growers in Dawson, Borden,

Gaines, Garza, Scurry, Terry and

The Caprock Cotton Conference

will be Jan. 17-18 at the Plains

Baptist Assembly seven miles south

of Floydada on US Highway 62. It

will address needs of growers in

Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Briscoe and

result of educational programming

requested by producers," said Dr.

Bob Robinson, Extension Service

Robinson said the series of con-

ferences was devised to allow more

growers to take part and to fully

address specific concerns in differ-

ent growing regions of the South

Each conference will provide con-

tinuing education units which grow-

ers need to comply with state envi-

ronmental regulations. Registration

fees include meals and advance

registration is desired. Growers may

register with their county Extension

At each conference, Paulette

Zakrzeski, legislative analyst and

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Adam Ballinger, publisher of Fiber

magazine, will present an historical

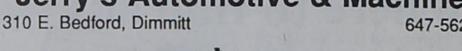
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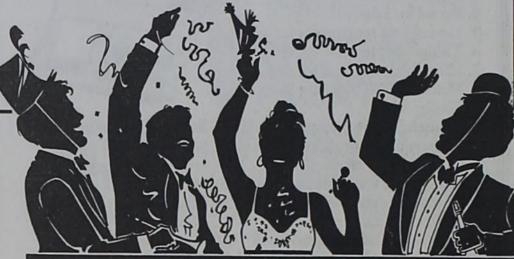
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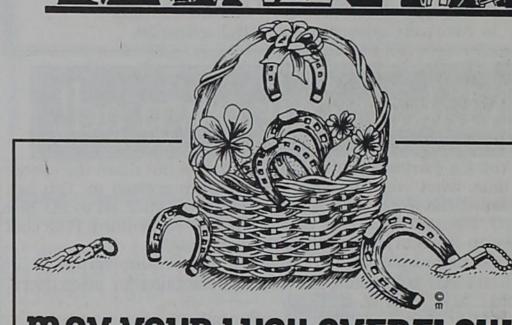
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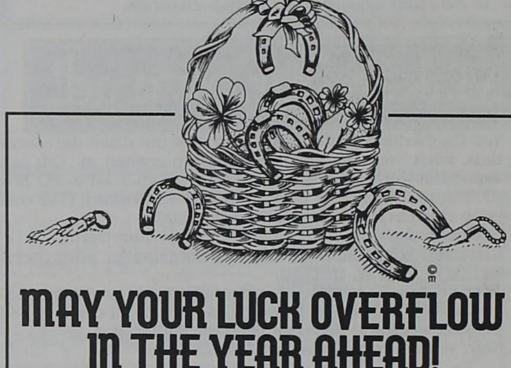
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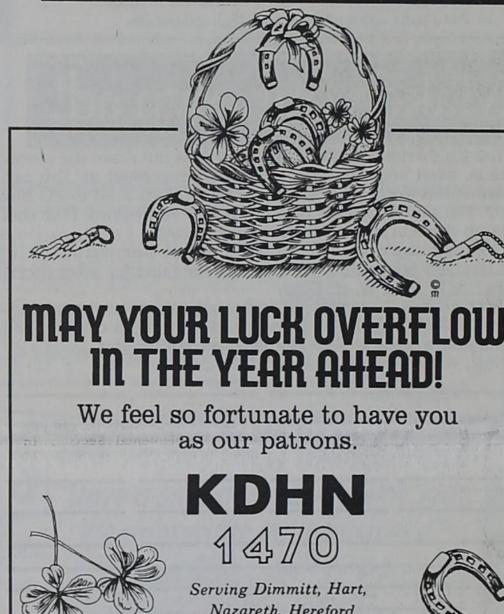
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STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONS—Nazareth picked up another state tennis championship May 14 at the UIL State Tennis Meet in Austin. Alston Farris (left) and

Scott Brockman (right) won the Class A boys' doubles crown. With them are coaches Joey Waldo and Kathy Barton. Courtesy photo

Memos from

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CEA-Home Economics

When students pack up their gear to head off to college, they always take the basics—clothing, a stereo, a computer and maybe a cordless

By Marilyn Neal

phone to "keep in touch." But many students also are heading back to school with a small microwave or a toaster oven to pre-

pare their own food. The US Dept. of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline can answer calls from parents and students with questions about the handling and storage of dorm foods. Some of the questions commonly asked are:

Q: Our dorm has a kitchen with a microwave on each floor. Often food prepared according to the printed directions is not cooked as thoroughly as I like it. What is wrong?

A: In a large building like a dorm, other electrical equipment such as personal computers, toaster ovens, hair dryers and stereos can compete for current and reduce the electrical wattage of a microwave.

home. An oven that has already cooked several foods may also cook a few seconds slower than a cold

Note how long it takes to prepare foods with package instructions. If this oven requires the maximum time given, you may want to use a little longer cooking time for all foods you microwave. Regardless, always check for doneness before cating.

Cover foods during cooking. Remember to stir or rearrange food and rotate the dish. If your oven has a temperature probe, use it or a meat thermometer to check internal temperatures after allowing for standing time. The food continues to cook during this period. Remember, red meat should reach 160 degrees Fahrenheit, and poultry should reach 180 degrees. Food from the microwave oven should be steaming

A final suggestion is to invest in several microwave cooking dishes with lids. Don't use margarine tubs A "community" oven may also be or other cold food storage containused more frequently than one at ers as cooking utensils unless the

manufacturer specifies using them for that purpose. Chemicals used in the plastic could transfer into the foods.

Q. I am living off campus this year. My two roommates and I will be preparing our own meals. We know how to cook and we plan to buy healthful food. What else do we need to know to make this a successful and fun venture?

A. You sound like you're already off to a good start. Following these simple guidelines will ensure that your meals are not only healthful but safe:

* When shopping, buy perishable foods last and get them home district director. quickly. Never leave food in a hot car while you run other errands.

* Refrigerate perishables as soon as you get home. Freeze any fresh meat, fish or poultry you won't use in the next few days.

* Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, NOT on the counter. Wash your hands before preparing food. Always use clean dish towels and

* Don't allow raw meat or poultry juices to drip on other foods. Wash cutting boards and knives in hot, soapy water after cutting meat and poultry on them and before chopping raw vegetables or salad ingredients. Alternatively, clean cutting boards and utensils in an

electric dishwasher. * Cook food thoroughly. Never partially cook meat and poultry. Follow the safe handling instruction labels on the package.

* Finally, if you feel food has not been handled safely, throw it out.

Q. I frequently send "care packages" to my son at college. What other foods besides cookies, crackers and candy can I send?

A. For a change of pace, send a sampling of microwave foods which don't need refrigeration such as containers of noodle soup mixes, canned entrees and pourable nacho cheese toppings. Your son can stack them on the bookcase and use as needed.

For more questions about campus cooking, back-to-school food safety and food safety after school, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555.



a great time in '95, thanks to all of you! And since you've given us so much, we just wanted to wish you a very happy New Year. Many thanks for your valued business.

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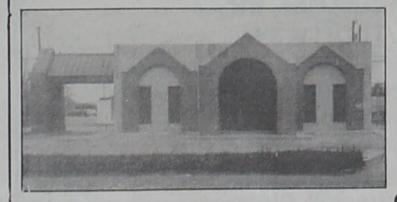
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22-Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information please call 1-800-359-3131 22-40-tfc

24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank DeWayne Haney and the Dimmitt Police Dept. and Walt Hansen for the lovely Christmas baskets that were delivered to the Senior Citizens. They were very much appreciated and helped to make Christmas a little brighter for each recipient. Again, many thanks. PATSY HUDMAN 24-38-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express how much love and support we have felt from the people of Dimmitt. All the cards, food, prayers and other acts of support have been greatly appreciated. We still have a way to go, but with your support we will beat this thing. Thank you so very much.
BEVERLY & JERRY DURHAM

24-38-1tp

25-Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY Notice is hereby given that Panhandle Community Services is seeking financial assistance from Section 18 Rural Public Transportation Funds for Transit providers grant program. Grant funds will be used to continue providing Rural Public Transportation to the residents of Castro County. Grant funds will be used to purchase real estate located at 110 Southwest Second Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Building will be a permanent facility for Panhandle Community Services Public Transportation program as well as other services provided by Panhandle Community Services. Facility will be handicapped accessible.

Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection by the public at 1309 W. Eighth Street, Amarillo, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any person wishing to request a public hearing on the proposed project must submit the request in writing to 1309 W. Eighth, Amarillo, Texas, no later than Jan. 19, 1995.

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Amy Ethridge, Sabrina Olvera, Jacy Buckley, Amy Matthews, Jessica Vasquez, Kim Thomas and Coach Photo by John Brooks

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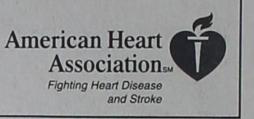
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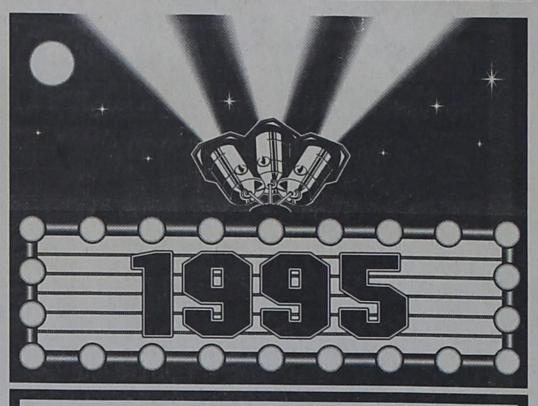
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County hires new assistant

took the first step toward hiring a Dimmitt. new assistant county Extension Robert Lee native who holds a master's in ag education. bachelor's degree from Angelo University.

Tuesday during a called meeting, and were "impressed" with him. He was introduced by Dr. Bob Robinson, District 2 Extension director.

Robinson said a field of 80 candidates was narrowed to 10, and Williams was selected from those 10. Williams has an older brother who also is serving as an Extension agent, and Robinson said "we feel

Williams told commissioners he

Dorothy Vaughan

Dimmitt, died Thursday.

Home of Dimmitt.

27, 1983.

grandchildren.

Dorothy Vaughan, 71, of

Services were Friday at Fourth

and Bedford Street Church of Christ

with Harry Riggs, minister, and

Ronnie Parker, retired minister,

officiating. Burial was in Westlawn

Memorial Park by Foskey Funeral

Mrs. Vaughan was born May 13,

1923 in Mexhoma, Okla. She

moved to Dimmitt in 1952 from

Vincent, Okla. She married Loyd

Vaughan on Feb. 3, 1946 in

Wellington. She was a member of

the Church of Christ and the Plains

She was preceded in death by a

son, Danny Vaughan, and a

grandson, Adam Vaughan, on April

Survivors include her husband;

two sons, Gene Vaughan of Fort

Collins, Colo., and Kent Vaughan

of Earth; a sister, Orabelle Wharton

Pallbearers were Kenny Paxton,

Dan Goldsmith, Steve Buckley,

Gary Webb, Donny Carpenter,

Winston Waggoner, Brian Hamilton

and Mike Chaney. Honorary

pallbearers were Carrol Webb,

Trellis Summers, Reeford Burrous,

Jessie Hutcheson, Bill Birdwell,

Alvin Frazier, Ben Scott, Carlos

The family requests memorials be

to the Danny and Sharla Vaughan

Scholarship Fund, in care of Layne Myatt, PO Box 99, Dimmitt 79027.

Calvert and Don Moore.

and

Lubbock:

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary,

Castro County Commissioners Extension and said he liked

His bachelor's degree is in animal agent Tuesday when they voted to science with a range management offer the job to Pammy Williams, a option and he is working for his

He did his student teaching at State University and is working on Wall this fall. Prior to that he was a his master's degree at Texas Tech demonstration aid for Lubbock County Extension Service and his Commissioners met Williams duties included cotton plant monitoring, data collection and computer work. His other experience includes crop consulting, maintenance work and snake skinning.

> In other action, commissioners approved a line-item transfer of \$575 from the Extension's gross pay to the Extension's Assistant Agent's Travel Allowance account; accepted a perpetual care trust agreement on the gazebo; and granted approval for installation of two gas lines and one water line in Precinct 2.

SUNDOWN TOURNAMENT **Tuesday Quarterfinals**

LONGHORNS 73, NEW HOME 71 Hart- 17 15 26 15 14 17 Hart-J.R. Lee 31, Mano Valderaz 18.

Police Calls

Vandals were a little too busy with spray paint during the past week, with at least two places vandalized.

A Hereford man said a house on NW 10th was spray painted Dec. 21 sometime during the night, causing about \$40 damage.

A Dimmitt businessman said someone spray painted the rear of his building in the 200 block of E. Bedford, causing \$750 damage.

Someone spray painted a car Thursday in the 300 block of NW Eighth, causing \$250 damage.

Other reports included a stereo cassette and an equalizer taken from a house Saturday in the 600 block of NW Fifth; a holiday figurine was taken from a yard Christmas Eve night on Sunset Circle and on Friday night in the 400 block of W. Jones; Christmas lights were damaged on Howe St.; family violence assault in the 600 block of W. Grant and the 300 block of NW Second; a windshield broken in a car in the 300 block of NW Second on Saturday; public intoxication in the 200 block of NE Fifth on Dec. 20; harassment on Dec. 20; and theft of gas from a convenience

Together We Can





It's okay to sleep . . . it's okay to snore but not when we're all here to wish you a happy 1995.

Look Cattle Feeders

Obituaries

Fay Cline

Fay Wilkinson Cline, 87, of

Services will be today (Thursday)

Dimmitt, died Tuesday in Amarillo.

at 10 a.m. at Ivey Chapel at Foskey

Funeral Home in Dimmitt with the

Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor of

First United Methodist Church in

Dimmitt, officiating. Burial will

follow in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Cline was born Sept. 12,

1907 in Chickasha, Okla. She

moved to Dimmitt in 1939 from

Compton, Calif. She married M.L.

"Dub" Cline on Aug. 20, 1970 in

She was a member of First

United Methodist Church and the

Ladies' Auxiliary of Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 8056 in

Survivors include her husband;

two sons, Everett Wilkinson of

Canyon and Coyce Wilkinson of

Amarillo; a daughter, Peggy Fulfer

of Daingerfield; three stepsons,

Johnny Cline and Milas Cline, both

of Dimmitt, and Virgil Cline of

Amarillo; a sister, Jewel Earvin of

Kennewick, Wash.; 10 grandchil-

dren; 10 great-grandchildren; three

step-grandchildren; and a step-great-

The family requests memorials be

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950, Amarillo, TX 79176, or a fa-

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(Continued from Page 1)

"The guys worked day and night to get it (barn) finished this fast," Dorothy said. "There's no way we can ever repay everyone for what they have done for us."

More about

Dairy...

The day the Kleman's dairy barn was destroyed, Albracht offered to share his barn and equipment with the Klemans.

For more than two months the family was forced to milk its dairy cows at Albracht's dairy. The Kleman family is especially grateful to Albracht, who Dorothy says "saved our business."

Albracht milks more than 200 cows, and after he was finished in the morning and evening, the Klemans milked their herd.

"We got the cows to Ralph's (dairy) on horseback that morning (Oct. 4), and by the time we had decided what to do, they were already dripping with milk," Dorothy said. "People were wonderful. They brought troughs and helped us build a fence to keep our herd separate from Ralph's.

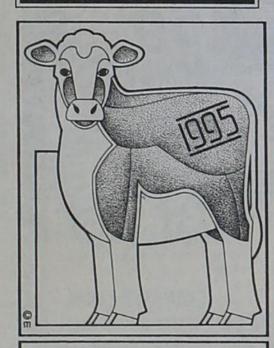
"For almost three months there were more than 500 cows being milked in Ralph's barn. He would finish up around 7:30 in the morning, then he'd measure the tanks and we'd start milking. After we finished about 1 p.m. we'd measure again. Then he would milk early in the evening and be finished about 7:30, then we'd start and go until about 1 a.m.," Dorothy said. "AMPI had to pick up milk twice a day."

The Klemans milked their first cow in their new barn during the evening milking on Dec. 19. After milking that morning at Albracht's, 15 to 20 people on horseback guided the herd back to the Klemans farm, 150 head at a time.

The new barn is a lot more modern, Dorothy said, and 32 cows can be milked at once. The old barn was only equipped to handle 16 head at once.

"To lose a business is hard. For a while we didn't know what to do," Dorothy said. "It was hard for Alvin to see the barn burn, because it has been in his family for so long. But we've rebuilt and we're starting over."

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By JOHN BROOKS

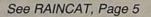
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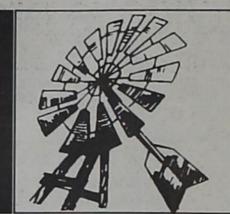




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AgReview



Kansas lawmaker said likely to become new Ag Secretary

By DOUGLAS JEHL

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Dan
Glickman of Kansas, who lost his bid for
re-election last month, is likely to be
named the next agriculture secretary, possibly as early as Thursday, senior administration officials said Wednesday.

Glickman was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and has been a principal architect of the last three farm bills. The officials said he would bring strong experience and management skills to the department.

The officials said that Glickman was the strong first choice of President Clinton's advisers but that Clinton had not yet given his final approval to the appointment. They said it was possible that an announcement could be delayed until next week.

Among others who have been given serious consideration by the White House are Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger and Rep. E. (Kika) de la Garza of Texas, who for the last 14 years has been chair-

man of the House Agriculture Committee.

The new nominee would replace Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who resigned effective Dec. 31 after his acceptance of gifts from industries regulated by the department became a source of embarrassment for the administration.

A potential problem for Glickman is that in his final act as a congressman he defied the White House by voting against the legislation approving the new global trade agreement. If he becomes agriculture secretary, part of his job will be to persuade other countries to enforce toughened trade rules that are onerous to some farmers.

But he is a friend of Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, and officials said Panetta had been Glickman's champion during the search to replace Espy.

Glickman, 50, of Wichita, was elected to the House in 1976 and would be the first among the Democrats who were defeated last month to be given a consolation prize of a top administration job.

He has also had the backing of Sen.

Bob Dole, a fellow Kansan and the Republican leader. Rep. Pat Roberts, the incoming chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, is also from Kansas, so Glickman's selection would give the state unusual weight in what may be sharp debate in Congress next year about the scope of farm subsidies. Espy's impending resignation has made a replacement among Clinton's most urgent tasks as he and his staff prepare to halt work for the holidays.

The president is also seeking to fill several vacancies within the White House staff, and officials said he might decide to announce one or more of them before Christmas as well.

Michael McCurry, the State
Department spokesman, still appears to be in line to succeed Dee Dee Myers as the White House press secretary, administration officials said. But they said Panetta had also approached candidates outside the administration about the job.

Erskine Bowles, the deputy chief of

staff, remains the leading candidate to take over the National Economic Council, to fill the spot to be vacated by Robert Rubin.

Rubin is set to take over the Treasury Department from Lloyd Bentsen, who is returning to private business. But White House officials said Clinton felt qualms about losing Bowles from his current job as day-to-day manager of White House operations.

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the chairwoman of the Council of Economic Advisers, is also being considered for the economics job, the officials said.

After Thursday, Clinton's schedule is empty of public events until after the New Year, and most of his top aides now plan to take time off over the holidays. Clinton may do some work next week, White House officials said Wednesday, but he and his family also plan to spend time at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md.

South Plains Ag News

Jan. 4 -7

BELTWIDE COTTON
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Jan. 16-18

HIGH PIAINS COTTON CONFERENCES, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be held at Dawson County Annex in Lamesa Jan. 16, at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada on U.S. 62. Jan. 17-18 and at the Olton Ag Pavilion Jan. 18.

Feb. 23-24

INTERNATIONAL LIVE-STOCK Congress, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Houston. Theme is "Positioning Beef in the Global Frontier." Registration information by calling Patricia Lee, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, 409-845-3808.

1995 cattle plan: minimize loss

This year the marketing strategies have become "how to minimize losses." It has been hard to pencil out profits if one realistically estimates tomorrow's markets.

The same is true for those placing stocker cattle on winter grazing or feeders into feedlots. In most cases, only under the most optimistic scenario can a profit be estimated. But, there is another criterion that also should be considered before selecting a marketing/production strategy.

That is, under which alternative will a cattleman minimize losses. Just because you projected losses with a stocker grazing or feedlot strategy doesn't mean it might not be the best strategy.

By doing so the producer may reduce losses by \$30 or \$50

per head. The point is to put the pencil to it.

For those thinking about buying stockers or feeders to resell on the spring market, however, that can be another story. From the assumptions included in this paper and the "most likely" price scenario, most grazing or feeding strategies are losing situations. Only the graze-out (November-May 15) strategy for steers (Table 7) and heifer feedlot (Table 8) strategies yielded small profits.

That is not to say profits can not be attained! Of course they can! lower purchase prices, cheaper grazing, larger daily gains and higher sell prices can turn the enterprise from a loss to a profit.

profit.

Table 1: Production Assumptions for November-March Winter Stocker Grazing, November-May Stocker Graze-Out and November-May, Feedlot Finishing, Steers, 1994-1995.

Alternative	Winter Grazing	Stocker Graze-Out	Feedlot
In-date	Nov. 1, 1994	Nov. 1, 1994	Nov. 1, 1994
In-weight (lb.)	500	500	550
In-price (\$/cwt.)	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$76.50
Average daily gain (lb.)	1.50	1.85	3.10
Death Loss (%)	1.00	1.00	1.00
Shrink (% of final weight)	3.00	3.00	3.00
Days on feed	134	195	195
Management fee (hd)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total cost of gain (\$/cwt.) \$67.17	\$55.99	\$58.60
Interest rate	8.5	8.5	8.5
Net gain	180	335	570
Pay weight (lb.)	680	835	1120
	rch 15, 1995	May 15, 1995	May 15, 1995
Breakeven price (\$/cwt.)		\$69.83	\$67.39



LIVESTOCK MARKET UPDATE Dr. Ernie Davis

RETAINED OWNERSHIP

Carrying weaned calves forward to winter grazing or feeding operations rather than selling them as weaned calves is a form of retained ownership. Retained ownership is merely a marketing alternative that sometimes can be used under particular market situations. Retained ownership is by no means a panacea for marketing cattle. The purpose of this newsletter is to illustrate a method of evaluating whether to retain ownership of weaned calves or sell them at weaning.

PRODUCTION ASSUMPTIONS

Table 1 provides the production assumptions, in-put prices and calculated costs for each of the three production alternatives using steers. Most of the information in the table is self explanatory. A few of the variables listed in the table, however, do need some explanation. Average daily gain (ADG) used in this text, for example, is gross average daily gain. To go from ADG to net gain, the ADG must be adjusted for shrinkage. For example, the net daily gain for winter grazing steers would be 1.34 pounds per day, NOT the gross ADG of 1.5.

A management fee is listed for each production alternative. For example, the management fee for "Winter Grazing" steers is \$10 per head, Table 1. The management fee is included in the \$67.17 per hundredweight total cost of gain. It is our belief that cattlemen must be paid for their management skills as well as their labor. Management should be costed in just as much as cash costs during the planning and evaluation stage. If there is no return to management, cattlemen should reexamine their production alternatives. Also included in the total cost of production are interest charges, equipment expenses and hired labor.

Holidays provide fair fishing

AUSTIN (AP) — The fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for last week:

BAYLOR: Fishing poor, few fishermen out. FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 6 feet low; 55 degrees; black bass fair on a variety of artificials; white bass good to excellent in the discharge cove on small spinner baits and Rat-L-Traps; hybrid stripers good in discharge cove on spinner baits and Rat-L-Traps; crappie fair on minnows over brush; catfish fair.

FRYER: Water clear; 5 feet low; no report on fishing due to few fisher-

GRANBURY: Water off-colored; normal level; 58 degrees; black bass good to 5 pounds, hitting in 5 to 20 feet of water cinnamon Powerworms; striped bass fair on imitation

shad lures; white bass fair on silver slabs and silver spoons; crappie good in 30 feet of water on minnows; catfish excellent in 31 feet of water on Mr. Whiskers cheese bait, most catfish are averaging from 3 to 5 pounds.

KEMP: Water clear; 1 foot low; black bass fair; white bass good on points on shallow end of lake; no report for crappie and catfish.

MEREDITH: Water clear; normal level; 50 degrees; black bass slow to fair; white bass good on slabs, minnows and shad; walleye spotty, but improving; catfish fair.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 8 and a half feet low; 58 degrees; black bass fair, but most fish have been small; no report for white bass; crappie slow; catfish good to 3 pounds off of docks on chicken liver.

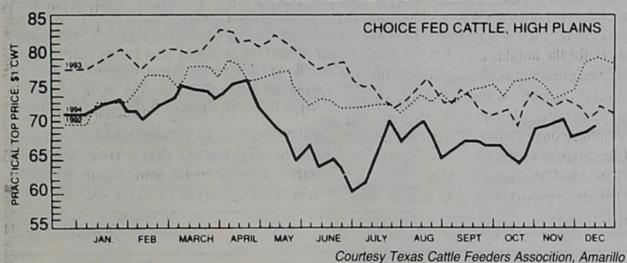
POSSUM KINGDOM:

Water off-colored; normal level; black bass fair on spinner baits and plastic worms; striped bass good on shad and perch; white bass mixed in with the stripers; crappie fair on minnows around brushed out docks; no report for cat-

PROCTOR: Fishing slow for most species, although crappie are hitting minnows good in deep water.

SPENCE: Water clear; 32 feet low; 60 degrees; black bass good to 6 pounds on dark colored plastic worms, best fishing in creeks; striped bass good to 12 and a half pounds in areas of Paint Creek on slabs; white bass surfacing in area of Ranch House, Pop Rs and Castmasters are the bait of choice; no report for crappie; catfish good up the river on worms and shrimp.

THEO: Water low, few fishermen out.



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Before sun-up we built a fire under a vat which was a long tank made of sheet iron; large enough in which to turn an eight hundred pound hog over. The water had to be "scaldin' hot."

The fattest hog was shot between the eyes and bled; then scalded and placed up on boards to be scraped with big sharp knives.

When cleaned, we hung it on a scaffold, cut it open, removed the innards and then placed it on a table to be cut into shoulders, hams, bacon, ribs, and backbone. Some lean and fat were trimmed for makin' sausage. More fat was trimmed to make lard for cookin'.

The ground sausage went into a #3 galvanized wash tub. Mama or Granny or Aunt Peggy would season the sausage and cook some of it for "tastetestin'." When it passed the test, we would gather around and stuff it into long white sacks made out of old bedsheets.

We were usually finished by dark just in time to do the milkin' and other chores. For sure, nobody had to be "rocked to sleep" after hog-killin' day.

I can remember lookin' forward to 'hog-killin' day." All of the relatives from miles around gathered at the farm on Windsor County Line to help out. It was a real social event among people who loved each other. The whole exercise was carried on with dignity, dispatch, and thankfulness to the Great God of the Universe for makin' such a provision possible.

I ran last weeks' hog-killin' article over to Mary Margaret Humpernickle, the bright receptionist at "Ketchum, Cheatham and Ripoff, Attorneys-at-Law." She watches out for danglin' participles and split infinitives.

When she called to inform me that she was done with editin' the column, she was real upset. She said, "Dangerous, I think the way ya'll treated those hogs is disgustin'! Nobody thought about the hog's

I said, "Mary Margaret, you've either been listenin' to too many of those fuzzy-headed professor-types who think all food comes prepackaged, or, you've been watchin' too many 'Porky Pig Cartoons!' Don't you remember Preacher Fike savin' that God gave man dominion over the animal kingdom?"



Illustrations by Chris Johnson

A couple of years ago I took my beautiful Awesome Ann out to dinner. It was a special occasion and she looked ravishin' in her Fox Fur. As we were leavin', this ole gal in faded blue jeans walked up and asked, "How many animals had to die for that coat?"

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A land charge is not included since it is assumed that winter pasture is leased at a rate of 35 cents

per pound gained. Should the winter pasture lease rate be higher than 35 cents per pound gained, say 40 cents, then the total cost of gain for winter grazing of steers increases from \$67.17 to \$72.25 cwt. and the breakeven price increases from \$75.86 cwt. to \$77.22 cwt. Therefore, stocker operators must carefully evaluate all their input costs as well as their sell price for the stocker cattle. Table 2 lists the production assumptions, in-put prices and calculated costs for the three production alternatives using heifers.

Table 2: Production Assumptions for November-March Winter Stocker Grazing, November-May Stocker Graze-Out and November-May, Feedlot Finishing, Heifers, 1994-95.

Alternative	Winter Grazing	Stocker Graze-Out	Feedlot
Atternative	Grazing	Graze-Out	recuror
In-date	Nov. 1, 1994	Nov. 1, 1994	Nov. 1, 1994
In-weight (lb.)	500	500	550
In-price (\$/cwt.)	\$71.50	\$71.50	\$70.00
Average daily gain (lb)	1.30	1.65	2.90
Death Loss (%)	1.00	1.00	1.00
Shrink (% of final weight)	3.00	3.00	3.00
Days on feed	134	195	195
Management fee (hd)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total cost of gain (\$/cwt.)	\$67.81	\$57.98	\$57.40
Interest rate	8.5	8.5	8.5
Net gain	154	297	532
Pay weight (lb.)	654	797	1082
	ch 15, 1995	May 15, 1995	May 15, 1995
Breakeven price (\$/cwt.)	- \$71.32	\$67.09	\$66.01

Production budgets provided a breakeven price for each production alternative for both steers and heifers. As shown in Tables I and 2 the breakeven prices are relatively high for the winter grazing stocker production(in alternative evaluated in this paper, but look reasonably attainable for the stocker steer graze out program. For cattlemen to lower or improve their breakeven position they would need to lower the initial purchase price of the steers

or heifers, lower the total costs of gain or increase the average daily gain.

Table 3: Breakeven Sales Price for Feeder Steers Per Cwt., Different Net Gain and Stocker Prices, November 1994 to March 1995

Net Gain	80	130	180	230	280	
Net ADG	0.60	0.97	1.34	1.72	2.09	
Sales Wt.	580	630	680	730	780	
Price						
\$/Cwt.	Bi	reakeven S	ales Price	per Cwt. fe	or Feeder	
70.00	\$81.77	\$75.28	\$69.74	\$64.96	\$60.80	
74.00	\$85.35	\$78.28	\$72.80	\$67.81	\$63.47	
78.00	\$88.94	\$81.88	\$75.86	\$70.66	\$66.13	
82.00	\$92.52	\$85.18	\$78.92	\$73.51	\$68.80	
86.00	\$96.11	\$88.48	\$81.98	\$76.36	\$71.47	

Table 3 illustrates various breakeven situations given different rates of gain and varying prices for steer calves in a November-March winter grazing operation. For example, if the purchase price was \$74.no per hundredweight and the net gain was 1.34 per day as is illustrated in Table 3, the breakeven sales price would be \$72.c0 per hundredweight. If, instead, the steer calf was purchased at \$70.00 per hundredweight with the same net ADG (1.34), the breakeven price would be reduced to \$69.74 per cwt. If the purchase price continued to be \$70.00 per cwt. and the net ADG improved to 1.72, the breakeven sales price would drop to \$61.96. breakeven n prices are most sensitive to changes in ADG.

Table 4: Breakeven Sales Price for Feeder Steers Per Cwt., Different Cost of Gain and Stocker Prices, November 1994 to March 1995

COG	57.04	62.04	67.04	72.04	77.04	
Price						
\$/Cwt.	Bre	akeven Sal	es Price C	wt. for Fee	eders	
70.00	\$67.24	\$68.58	\$69.92	\$71.25	\$72.59	
74.00	\$70.21	\$71.55	\$72.89	\$74.22	\$75.56	
78.00	\$73.19	\$74.52	\$75.86	\$77.20	\$78.53	
82.00	\$76.16	\$77.49	\$78.83	\$80.17	\$81.50	
86.00	\$79.13	\$80.46	\$81.80	\$83.14	\$84.47	

Table 4 illustrates various breakeven situations occurring when the price of the steer calf is changed and the cost of gain is changed. In comparing the changes in Table 3 and 4, that is, changes in net ADG and cost of gain, it would appear that cattlemen would benefit most by improving their net ADG. Lowering cost of gain and the price of the incoming animals are also beneficial, however.

Tables 3 and 4 illustrate how good management and marketing practices can be rewarding. Information such as that conta-ned in Tables 3 an4ea sen analysis, which merely depicts changes caused by changing certain variables. Such an analysis may be applied to any production alterna-

PRICING DECISIONS

Each production alternative was evaluated with three price scenarios consisting of the most likely price on market day, an optimistic price and a pessimistic price. Table 5 lists the price scenarios for feeders to be sold in March and May and for sales of May fed cattle. For the March feeder alternative, price strategies were made analyzing the returns from selling on the cash market, hedging with futures, trading with Put options, trading with Call options and using a pricing combination of Put and Call options together. The strategy of using Put and Call options together to establish a price is referred to as a "fence" or "window." The futures prices, option strike prices, option premiums, futures contract months and basis estimates (cash minus futures price on sale day) used in the analysis are listed in Table 5. Broker hedge commissions, margin fees and option broker fees are also included in Table 5.

Pricing strategies evaluated for May sale of feeder cattle and fed cattle only included cash sales and hedged futures pricing. Options were not used since market dates that far in the future have inhibitingly large premiums. Because of the large time value associated with option premiums more distant in the future, options are usually not a good price alternative if the market date is 6 months or longer in the future.

Table 6 lists the net returns from winter grazing steers and heifers targeted for marketing in March 1995. Net returns are listed for each price scenario and for each pricing strategy. As illustrated, the

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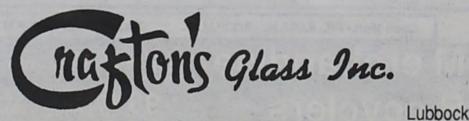
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RAINCAT

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High Plains the Underground Water Conservation District, the sprinkler business has boomed in the High Plains of Texas.

Business wasn't so great around Grand Junction and Raincat's owner began talking with dealers around West Texas, looking for a potential buyer.

After about a year of work, Raincat is in Castro County, making sprinklers with a combination of know-how, high-tech and a few Rube Goldberg ideas that make the center pivot systems unique.

What makes them extra special is that Raincat's systems are the only center pivots made in Texas. The rest are from Kansas and Nebraska.

Seventeen folks work full-time for Raincat, plus a dealer network that is growing rapidly as the company pushes the Texas-made sprinklers into a higher place in the market.

The company sells more than just in Texas. "We have dealers all

over the place," said Robert Nelson. "We even have a dealer in Australia."

Pivot systems that go under" shipped in containers and are shipped as center pivot systems although they are not completely assembled.

"We have to do it that way, or the duty would eat us alive," Nelson said. "If we have a nonmetric bolt in there, the duty on that one bolt might be as high as \$6."

From the time a dealer places an order, it's usually no more than three weeks before a center pivot is ready to be installed anywhere in the United States.

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Sheffy, who works with Nelson and general manager Larry Beam in running the show at Raincat along with Aaron Ray and office Krystal manager Clearman.

"You have to kind of guess a little on what farmers might want," Sheffy said. "But every one of them is different, it seems. They want different kinds of spacings between nozzles, they want different span sizes or tire sizes, all kinds of differences.

Welders, craftsmen and machinists work their magic in the old gin building. They take raw steel and turn into precision-made pivot systems.

Thanks to a couple of ingenious ideas by Ray, there's very little lifting of any of the steel. The large pipe comes off a truck and onto a pile conveyor system, where one piece of pipe at a time goes into the gin. There, welders go to work cutting and welding on the pipe which will eventually lead lifegiving water to crops.

In another part of the gin, workers use machines to fabricate other parts.

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Johnny Gonzales, Dimmitt native, operates a unique high-tech welding machine that follows a pattern, cutting special patterns in 4x8 sheets of flat steel. It's akin to cutting cookies or biscuits out of doug, and the better job he does, the less waste there is.

"When I get everything lined up just right, there is very little waste," Gonzales said. "It took a little practice, but I've got it down pretty good now."

Gonzales grabs a steel plate which he has just cut. He tests it on a pipe, and it fits very snugly.

"There is no way anyone could get it that close by hand," Gonzales said. "I'm a pretty good welder, but your hand shakes enough that you couldn't do this."

The minimal waste goes into the steel scrap heap, there it waits for a truck so it can be recy-

Other workers make other parts of the sprinklers, using machines and their own special skills. Once everything is cut and welded just so, it is all shipped off to a Fort Worth company to be galvanized.

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"We could to it here, but it's cheaper to send it all down there and let them do it," Sheffy said.

Fort Worth, it all gets

sent back to Easter or to

has a different idea

about spacing and size,

there are differences in

the length of line coming

from the sprinkler's spans to the nozzles.

Everyone has a different

idea about nozzle types,

too. Sheffy has a big bag

of well over 50 different

kinds of nozzles. Some

shoot water horizontal-

ly, some vertically, some

create a bubble, some

simulate heavy rain,

and there are many,

There are also special

nozzles for "chemigation," where chemicals

are used through the

center pivot to control

Raincat plans to be inno-

vative with its sprin-

klers, including comput-

erized control panels

and monitors that would

allow a farmer to follow

what his sprinkler is

doing, or change the

Sheffy and Nelson said

weeds or insects.

many more.

Just as each farmer

a dealer.

linkup. He could do it over a modem from a computer at home or from a phone in his vehi-Once it's through in cle, Sheffy said.

"There are unlimited possibilities," sheffy said.

While many farmers have changed from farming squares and rectangles to farming in circles, there are still sprinklers to be sold, they believe.

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most likely" price scenario does not look great for March feeders. Prices for feeder steers and heifers must exceed \$75.86 per hundredweight and \$71.32 per hundredweight, respectively, in March if cattlemen are to make a profit. Either that, or cattlemen must reduce their total cost of production. Again,

Table 5: Price Assumptions for March Feeder Cattle, May Feeder Cattle and May Fed Cattle, Steers and Heifers, 1995

	March	May	May
Alternative	Feeders	Feeders	Feds
	Dollars per Cwt		
Price Scenario Steers			
Optimistic	\$79.50	\$77.00	\$73.00
Most Likely	\$73.50	\$71.00	\$67.00
Pessimistic	\$67.50	\$65.00	\$61.00
Price Scenarios Heifers			
Optimistic	\$72.50	\$71.00	\$73.00
Most Likely	\$66.50	\$65.00	\$67.00
Pessimistic	\$60.50	\$59.00	\$61.00
Contract Month	Mar 95	May 95	Jun 95
Futures Price	\$72.60	\$71.50	\$65.65
Put Option Strike Price	\$72.00	N/A	N/A
Put Option Premium	\$1.90	N/A	N/A
Call Option Strike Price	\$76.00	N/A	N/A
Call Option Premium	\$0.77	N/A	N/A
Basis Steers	\$3.00	(\$1.00)	\$2.50
Basis Heifers	(\$2.00)	(\$4.50)	\$2.25
	Cost per Contract		
Broker Hedge Commission	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Hedge Margin Fee	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Broker Option Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

this could be accomplished primarily by reducing the purchase price of stocker, reducing the cost of gain or

One thing that should be remembered in analyzing the net returns reported in this analysis is that the \$10 per head management fee has been built into the costs for March feeders and the \$15 per head management fee in the May feeder cattle and fed cattle production costs. For example, the management fee for March feeder steers represents the \$1.47 per hundredweight cost. Without the management fee the return under the "most likely" cash scenario would be a loss of \$0.89 per hundredweight instead of a loss of \$2.36 per hundredweight. But, again, the management fee is a reasonable cost that should be

Table 6: Returns from Winter Grazing for Steers and Heifers, Under Three Price Scenarios, Dollars per Cwt., November 1994 to March 1995

Price Scenario

Classification	Optimistic	Most Likely	Pessimistic	
W. 1981	Dollars per cwt.			
STEERS	\$79.50	\$73.50	\$67.50	
Cash	\$3.64	(\$2.36)	(\$8.36)	
Futures	(\$0.51)	(\$0.41)	(\$0.32)	
Options				
Buy Put	\$1.67	(\$2.90)	(\$2.90)	
Sell Call	\$3.71	(\$1.66)	(\$7.66)	
Fence or Window	\$1.74	(\$2.19)	(\$2.19)	
HEIFERS	\$72.50	\$66.50	\$60.50	
Cash	\$1.18	(\$4.82)	(\$10.82)	
Futures	(\$0.94)	(\$0.84)	(\$0.75)	
Options				
Buy Put	(\$0.79)	(\$3.36)	(\$3,36)	
Sell Call	\$1.88	(\$4.12)	(\$10.12)	
Fence or Window	(\$0.09)	(\$2.65)	(\$2.65)	

included in the analysis.

Table 7 lists the net returns estimated herein for graze out steers and heifers to marketed in May. Unlike the evaluation of feeder steers and heifers sold or marketed in March, the results for steers look a little bit more encouraging. The "most likely" price assumptions of \$71.00 for 800 pound steers and \$65 cwt. for 800 pound heifers should be relatively conservative since these prices are \$7 cwt. below last May's feeder steer and heifer prices. Estimated profit margins still should be warning signs for the "most likely" price scenarios. Table 8 lists the estimated net returns for feedlot production of fed steers and heifers from November through May. In this case the projections are still bleak. The potential for profits in this production strategy does not look very promising. Under the most likely price scenario steers are projected to lose \$0.39 cwt. on the cash market. Heifers are projected to make a profit of \$0.99 cwt. The reason the retained ownership through the feedlot looks better than some of the other alternatives is because feeder cattle prices have become cheaper relative to those prices of fed cattle, i.e., the price rollbacks from feeders to feds are not as large as they have been. Also, feeding costs remain relatively cheap.

CONCLUSIONS

Under the "most likely" price scenarios used in the analysis of this paper, the fall to winter stocker production alternative looks, in plain words, "bad."

The graze-out production alternative (as shown in Table 7) looks better for steers, but still not good for heifers. Both the cash and futures pricing strategies indicate positive profit margins for steers only. Currently the May Feeder Cattle Contract is trading at a higher price than my "most likely" May cash price scenario. But hedging is not a better pricing strategy for the graze-out production alternative because of the discount basis of \$1 cwt.

The direct to feedlot production strategy also looks iffy. Profits are available for both steers and heifers when utilizing the futures hedging strategy . . . but not much. Steers show only \$6.72 positive return per head and heifers a little beHer at \$18.61 per head. This is a relatively small profit margin for the risk incurred. Under the production costs and assumptions contained in this paper there appears to be an opportunity to hedge with futures given the expected \$2.00 cwt. plus basis holds for next spring. Without a premium basis, say a zero basis, at best the hedger would be "locking in" a loss. The gamble on the basis, along with the discounted June futures contract relative to the expected May 1995 cash market is probably better than the gamble on the spring cash market. However, from now until market date there may be good opportunities to hedge at a higher June futures contract price and "lock in" a higher profit margin of the fed cattle.

The "optimistic" and "pessimistic" price scenarios were provided for those not agreeing with the "most likely" price scenario. With the additional two price scenarios cattlemen may also evaluate the economic situation with higher or lower prices next March and May.

Table 7: Returns from Graze-Out for Steers and Heifers, Under Three Price Scenarios, Dollars per Cwt., November 1994 to May 1995.

Classification	Price Scenario			
	Optimistic	Most Likely	Pessimistic	
	Dollars per cwt.			
STEERS	\$77.00	\$71.00	\$65.00	
Cash	\$7.17	\$1.17	(\$4.83)	
Futures	\$0.31	\$0.45	\$0.59	
HEIFERS	\$71.00	\$65.00	\$59.00	
Cash	\$3.91	(\$2.09)	(\$8.09)	
Futures	(\$0.39)	(\$0.25)	(\$0.12)	

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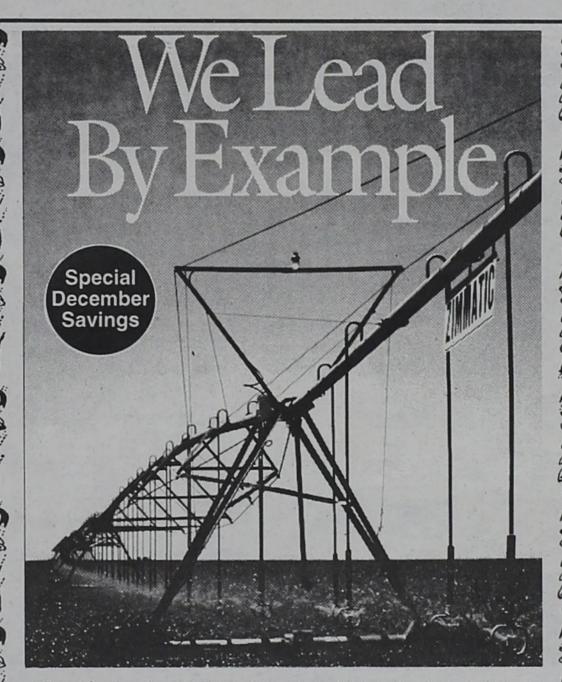
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