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County pays \$92,135 more for redistricting

Just when you thought it was over, the county's redistricting has cost more money.

Commissioners agreed Monday to pay an outstanding bill for \$92,135.03 from Sidley and Austin, the Washington law firm which represented the county in its recent redistricting suit.

Sidley and Austin has billed Castro County for \$103,845.49, which has not been paid. Castro County had paid the firm \$40,000 of a \$131,821.14 bill back in July when the case was settled. The county had agreed to pay the remaining \$91,821.14 during Fiscal Year 1995, which began Oct. 1.

In agreeing to pay Sidley and Austin \$92,135, the county is just paying the rest of what it owed from the July bill, plus a few smaller charges which were made after that.

The county elected not to pay \$11,710.46 of Sidley and Austin's latest bill until talking with the firm.

"They told us there wouldn't be any additional charges," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders.

"That's right. I understood the charges would be locked in," agreed Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos. "They sure got enough out of us without this extra \$11,000."

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland asked, "Do we know for sure that this will be all the bills we'll get from them now?"

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said she wasn't sure this would be the last bill.

Commissioners had discussed paying the entire balance of \$103,845.49, but only budgeted \$100,000

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Lots of sun!

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

Thursday	54	31
Friday	42	16
Saturday	41	17
Sunday	43	20
Monday	48	20
Tuesday	51	22
Wednesday	54	26
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By Don Nelson

It all depends on your vantage point:

Monday morning I was on the phone with Jennifer at an advertising agency in Minneapolis. When we had finished our business, I asked her what the weather was like there.

"It's co-wuld," she said in her soft northern accent. "We have five inches of snow on the ground. It was late coming, but it's here now."

(Minneapolis had a low of 8 and a high of 24 Monday.)

"We haven't had any snow yet," I told her. "It's supposed to go up to about 54 here this afternoon."

Whereupon she uncorked a vulgarity that surprised me, saying in effect, "You didn't have to tell me that."

A few minutes later, I was on the phone with Lisa in Houston.

"What's your weather like?" I asked.

"It's very cold," she said. "It's 54 degrees outside!"

If I remember correctly, the most popular given names among my generation are John and Mary.

My sister and two of my cousins are named Mary, as were both of my grandmothers. But Mary isn't even on the Top Ten list anymore. Not in Texas, anyway.

John is still popular, but it has slipped to eighth place.

The two most popular names for new Texans now are Michael and Ashley.

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ACCIDENT AT CROSSING INJURES MAN—Local emergency workers tend to injuries sustained by L.E. Carter of Amarillo on Dec. 7 when a crossing signal he was working on collapsed. He was flung from atop the crossing signal onto a beam on the back of a Burlington Northern pickup, then to the pavement. Although he was released after treatment here, Carter was hospitalized later that night in Amarillo for further treatment. The crossing has been blocked since the accident so the signal may be replaced, and for other rehabilitation work as Burlington Northern works to upgrade the local spur. Photo by John Brooks

Christmas pageant to be staged Sunday, Monday in Nazareth

The story of Christ's life beginning with the "Annunciation" and continuing through the first 12 years of his life up to his return to the biblical town of Nazareth will be told through songs, narrations and acting in a Christmas pageant at Holy Family Church in Nazareth Sunday and Monday.

Christmas carols will be sung before both performances, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The pageant is slated to begin at 8 each night. Those planning to attend are asked to call 945-2534 and reserve a seat. Reservations are encouraged, but not necessary, say spokesmen for the event.

The pageant will be presented by Holy Family Church and everyone involved in the show's production is a member of Holy Family Church.

The Christmas pageant was started in 1972, culminating a dream of former Holy Family pastor, Father Stanley Crocchiola. The pageant was presented each year through 1982, then was discontinued until 1991, when a special re-enactment was presented as part of Castro County's Centennial celebration. That was the last time it was presented.

The first two pageants were organized and directed by the late Donna Birkenfeld, who died in an automobile accident in 1974. She composed two songs for the pageant which will be featured in this year's show.

Birkenfeld's daughter, Kirsten Verkamp, will portray Mary this year and Kirsten's husband, Harold, will be featured as Joseph. The innkeeper will be portrayed by Birkenfeld's husband, Leslie.

The choir will be directed by Sharon Brockman with Ralph Brockman and Patti Kern handling stage direction. Musicians are Mary Lynn Olvera and Winifred Wagner.



MADONNA AND CHILD—Holy Family Church in Nazareth will stage its Christmas pageant Sunday and Monday nights at 8 at the church. Kirsten Verkamp (right), shown with her son Daniel, will portray Mary in this year's pageant, the first since 1991. The pageant dates back to 1972, and the late Donna Birkenfeld, Verkamp's mother, organized and directed the first event. Photo by Anne Acker

CofC board elects Myatt

Layne Myatt will be the next president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

He was elected by the new chamber board following the annual membership meeting last Wednesday noon at the Country Club.

Myatt, 36, is a Certified Public Accountant associated with Schaeffer, Sutton & Schaeffer, CPA, and is beginning his third year on the chamber board.

He will take office at the chamber's annual banquet Jan. 21, succeeding Reta Welch, who has held the top office two years.

The board also elected Ray Bain as vice-president and Gary Thompson as secretary for the coming year.

In balloting at the luncheon meeting last Wednesday, chamber members elected two new directors—Sandra Clark and Carter Townsend—to succeed Welch and Eddie Matthews on the board. They also re-elected Thompson, Les Miller and Charles Axtell to second three-year terms as directors.

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Easter company making 'Texas' sprinkler

For 40 years the Easter Farmers Gin did its thing, sitting idle much of the year while waiting for the cotton harvest of late fall.

Then, as now, the building would be bustling with activity. It was a unique double gin, rare in these parts and especially uncommon on the northern edge of cotton country.

The gin ran its last batch two years ago, but the building is

buzzing with work year-around now thanks to Raincat International.

Raincat had been building center pivot sprinklers in Grand Junction, Colo., since the early 1970s. They had sold several systems around here, and with the advent of a special loan program several years ago through the High Plains 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 here, 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

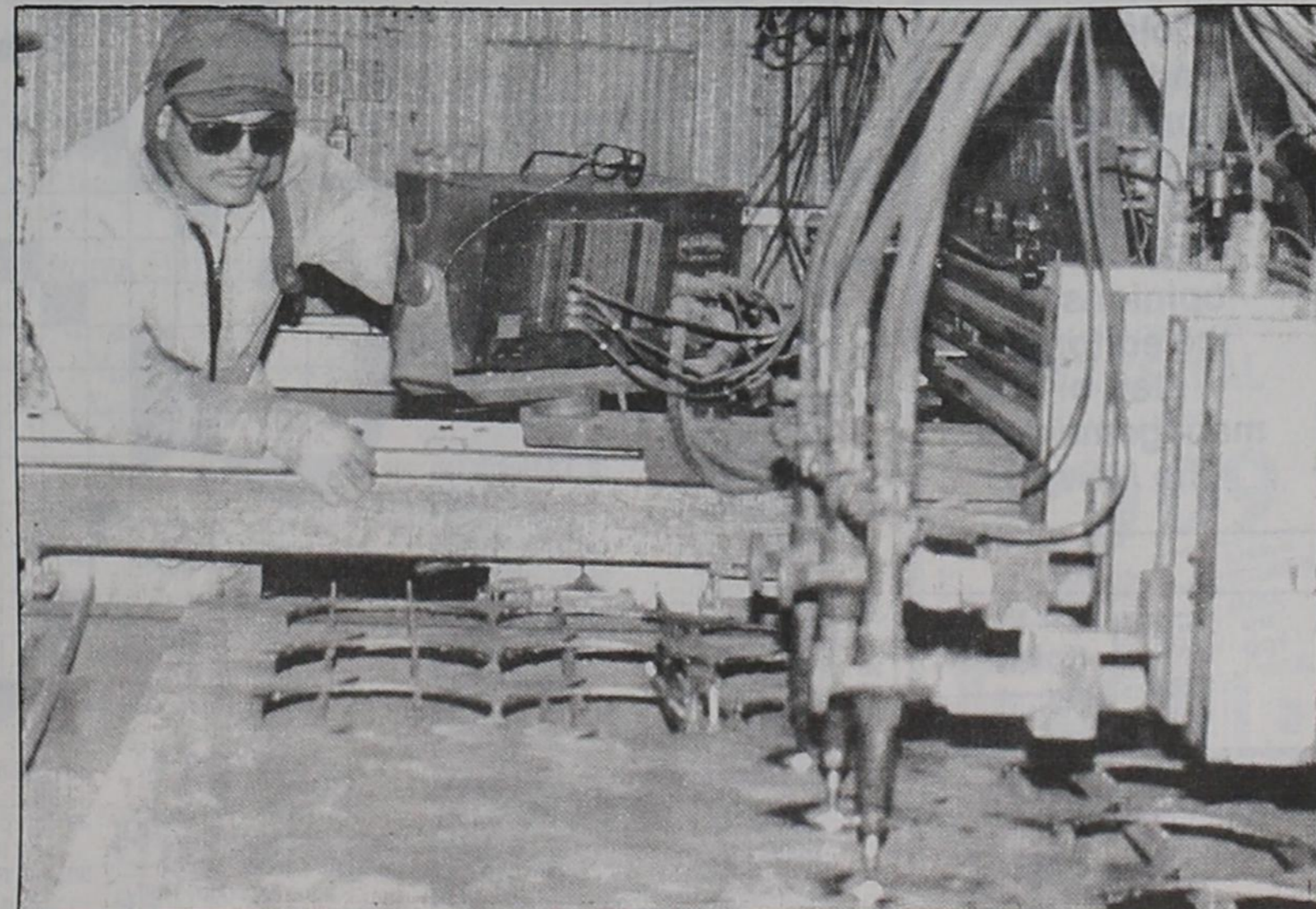
sprinklers into a higher place in the market.

The company sells more than just in Texas.

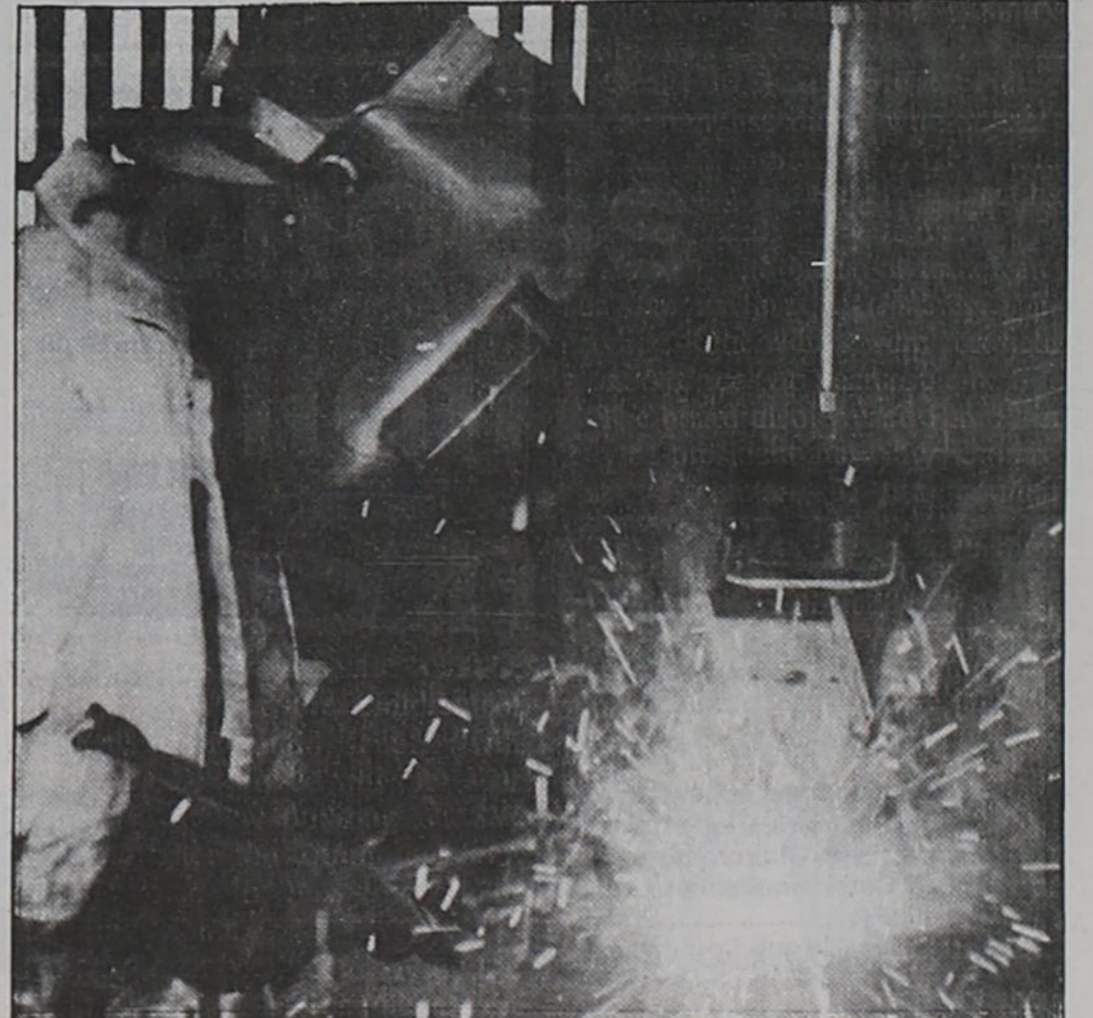
"We have dealers all over the place," said Robert Nelson. "We even have a dealer in Australia."

Pivot systems that go "down under" are shipped in containers and are shipped as center pivot

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PRECISION CUTTING—Johnny Gonzales watches a welding and cutting machine cut precision patterns in a sheet of steel at Raincat International. Gonzales must precisely set the machine so its camera can follow meticulous patterns and cut the steel with a minimum of waste. Photo by John Brooks



THE SPARKS FLY as a welder secures a piece on the main span for a sprinkler at Raincat International at Easter. Thanks to an innovative machine that moves pipe from a pile through the converted Easter Farmers Gin, welders never have to lift or move the pipe through the process. That cuts down on time and possible injury. Photo by John Brooks

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Welfare: From a Helping Hand to a Way of Life

This country's welfare system is no longer what it was supposed to be: temporary assistance to help families in need get back on their feet. Welfare has gone from being a helping hand to a way of life.

Created in 1935 to sustain the most desperate victims of the Great Depression, indigent widows and their children, the welfare system was vastly expanded beginning in 1965 as part of the War on Poverty. But despite the noble intentions, welfare in late 20th century America has spawned and continues to sustain some of the most distressing ills a society can encounter: illegitimacy, the disintegration of family life, disappearance of the work ethic. Indirectly, it encourages ever-rising levels of violence and juvenile crime.

This is not to say that all welfare recipients are examples of the above, but they are all victims of a faulty system. Their neighborhoods have witnessed a breakdown of civil society, one that threatens not only those in the immediate vicinity, but the rest of our country as well.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, this nation has spent \$5 trillion (in 1992 dollars) fighting the War on Poverty over the past 30 years. Yet the poverty rate as a percentage of the total population is higher today than when the war was declared.

Today, we spend \$350 billion a year on 79 means-tested welfare programs — more than our country spends on defense. If the money spent on welfare were simply divided evenly and sent to those who live below the poverty level, each person would get \$8,900, or slightly less than \$35,000 a year for a family of four. This is more than the median household income in the United States.

So why are there apparently more people living in poverty than ever before? A partial explanation involves two disparate elements: accounting and bureaucratic self-interest: Only cash income is considered in measuring poverty. Thus the official number of poor people continues to climb even though spending on non-cash benefits such as medical care, food stamps and public housing multiplies.

At the same time, according to the center, "It is in the self-interest of the welfare-poverty industry to make sure that more money is spent on poverty programs without reducing the number of poor people."

The system is self-perpetuating. Those who administer it have no incentive to encourage welfare beneficiaries to move forward with their lives; dependency is presented to them as acceptable and inevitable. Individual responsibility is discounted.

This is neither beneficial nor benign. Our good intentions have led us — and those in need of help — down a dead-end street. The way out will involve more than reforming the system. We have to identify ways to help the poor to help themselves.

Letter

SO earns praise for quick action

Dear Editor:

On Dec. 7 while our signal crew was attempting to rewire our railroad signals at Highway 86, the signal mast base broke, causing serious injury to one of my men.

Within minutes, Sheriff Fitzgeard was on the scene and took control of the chaotic situation. Shortly afterward the EMS and fire rescue teams arrived in a very quick response time and did their jobs to the utmost efficiency.

When we arrived at the hospital, I again was impressed with the quality of your emergency room staff. Once again, Sheriff Fitzgeard was there to offer his help, which I feel was more of a humanitarian gesture than an official act.

It is comforting to know that when an emergency arises you have such efficient and professional personnel. The people of Dimmitt and Castro County can be proud. Thanks for your help.

SIGNAL DEPT.
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Out-of-state banks are draining capital from Texas and are not making enough small business loans in the state, says the Special House Committee on Small Business Access to Capital.

"The big boys seem to operate like sump pumps, taking boat and car and home improvement loans but not taking a chance on small businesses that create jobs and valuable services to the community," said committee chairman Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale.

Last week the 10-member committee recommended that the Legislature "opt out" of a new federal interstate branch-banking law, according to the *Austin American Statesman*.

The committee's report said Texas' five largest banks — NationsBank, Bank One, Texas Commerce Bank, First Interstate Bank and Bank of America — make only one-third of the small business loans and eight percent of agricultural loans while having more than half of the dollar amount of the loan assets in the state.

A federal interstate branch-banking law takes effect on June 1, 1997, unless state lawmakers block it.

If the law takes effect as scheduled, Texas bank charters could be converted to branches of out-of-state banks that would not have local boards of directors that traditionally have been more

Letter

Proud to be 'right'

Dear Editor:

A response to the editorial "Use 'radical right' rather than 'Christian right' to define beliefs," (Dec. 8).

I am proud to be called a "Christian right" person. Some reasons are stated below.

Pro-Choice is no choice for the unborn child, our most defenseless citizen. In our country, the right to life is not given to the new little person created by God, should the mother opt to have an abortion, which is neither legal nor safe—only decriminalized.

Those heterosexuals who are homosexuals with a treatable psychological identity problem should be able to serve in the military as they have for many, many years. Gays, who have a political and social agenda, should not.

All parents, regardless of race, religion, monetary income, etc., should be able to take vouchers and send their children to schools of their choice—whether it be public or private.

While I much prefer to be called "Christian right," if these beliefs make me a "radical right" person, then that's okay, too.

Another note: I find my views and beliefs more in accord with Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Oliver North than President Bill Clinton and the people who work for him.

MITZIE BROCKMAN

Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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US SENATE

Phil Gramm (R-Texas):
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Last Puzzle Solution

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sunday afternoon, four generations of Mary Dove's family met in Amarillo to attend "The Nutcracker." Attending were Mary; two of her daughters, Barbara Thompson of Hartley and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt; two granddaughters, Pam Waddell of Amarillo and Amanda Annen of Dimmitt; and two great-granddaughters, Sharlea Waddell of Amarillo and Whitney Thompson of Hartley.

They all met in Amarillo after Sunday School for lunch with lots of visiting, then on to the ballet. Mary, Debbie and Amanda have enjoyed attending together for three years. This year was even better with the other family members going, too.

The whole bunch would like to stay "Hi" to Ty, Kelly, Brandon and Jason at Angelo State University. They all read the *Castro County News* while waiting in the lunch line on Fridays. We hope you all have a great Christmas break.

Sundowners Club met on Thursday night in the home of Faye Mohon for their annual Christmas party and meal. Chicken enchiladas, potato casserole, lime Jell-o salad, angel food cake and punch were served. A game was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Donald Schilling and Charles Richard celebrated their birthdays by going to Herford to eat at the Sirloin Stockade with their group of friends. Their wives, Agnes Schilling and Rena Richard, went along as well. Others were Edna Reinart, Florene Leinen, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Leander and Clara Reinart, Bobbie and Clyde Damron, and Andy and Oleda Schumacher.

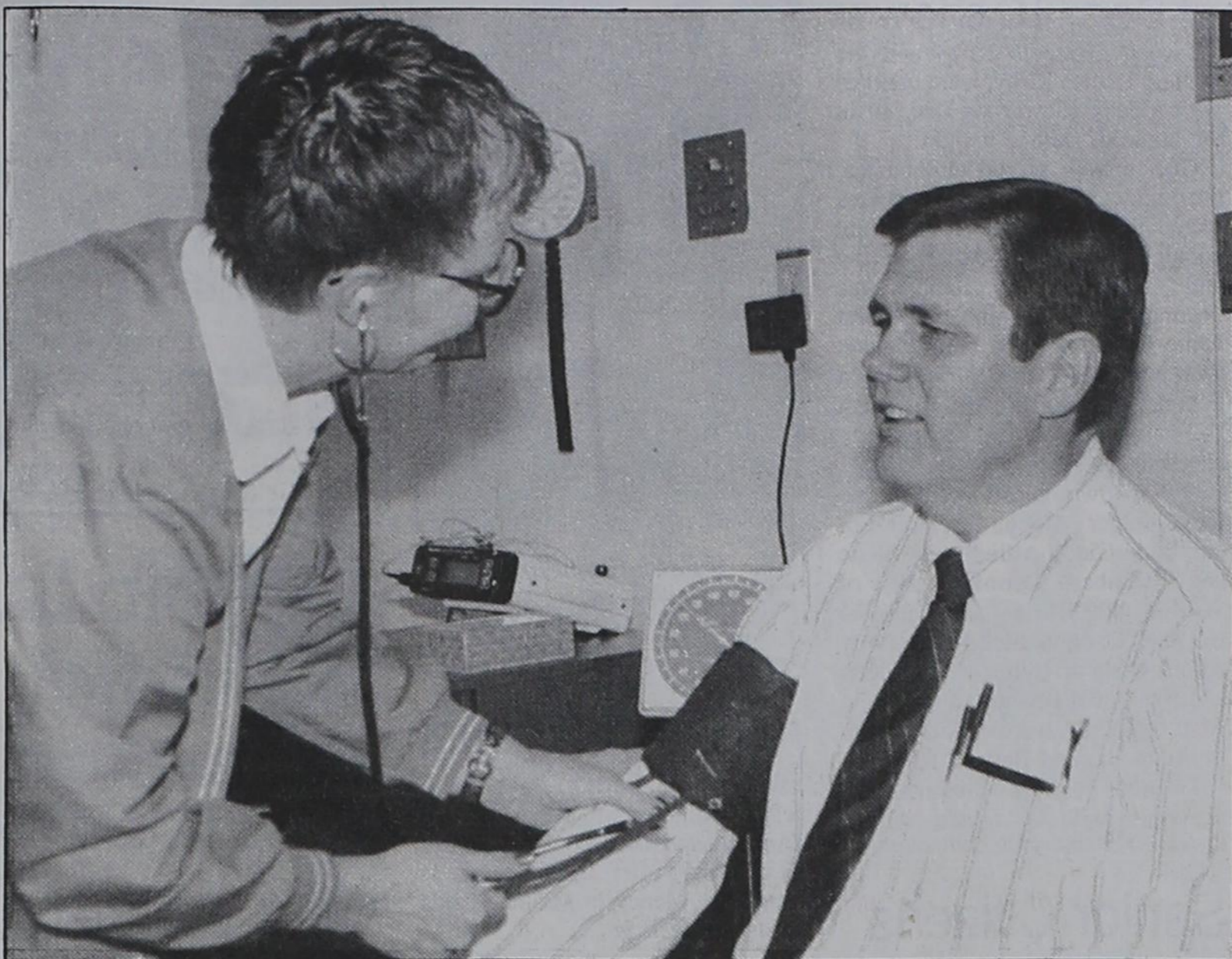
Nine junior high youth from First United Methodist Church went to Plainview for bowling sponsored by Bill Sanders and Charles McLean. After they returned to Dimmitt the youngsters and sponsors went to the Pizza Hut.

Four Senior High MYF members met in the home of Gary and Linda Langford for fellowship and snacks. They played "Going to Bethlehem" and had an Advent devotional.

The Town and Country Extension Club met in the home of Edith Graef for their Christmas luncheon and party on Friday. A delicious meal of salads, ham, vegetables, homemade bread, pumpkin roll and coffee was enjoyed by members Oneida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Claudine Langford, Wannie Stevens, Ann Henderson, Mary Edna Hendrix and Graef. They exchanged Christmas gifts after lunch.

Glenda Sims, Trudy Upthegrove, Cuca Ortega, Jacque Sava, Jennifer Elliott, Jan Via, Jane Irons, Diane Snitker and Lidia Simmons were hostesses for a Content Mastery Teachers breakfast for 65 other teachers. They served beans, sausages, breakfast burritos, muffins, cookies, doughnut holes, party mix, chips, dips, nachos, hot spiced tea and coffee.

T.D. and Phoebe Claborn and their son, Billy Joe Claborn, and granddaughter, Vicki and her son, Billy of Amarillo, and Mark and



DONNA GERBER (left), a nurse at Plains Memorial Hospital, checks Johnny Robertson's blood pressure during the hospital's open house last Thursday morning. More than 60 people took advantage of the event to have their blood pressure

checked and toured the newly-remodeled emergency room, operating room, labor and delivery areas and physical therapy operations. Refreshments were served to those touring the facilities.

Photo by Anne Acker

Shari Tickner and sons, Chris and Danny, all of Amarillo, gathered for Thanksgiving day.

Those spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Oleada Hance were David and Sandra Honea of Plano, Van and Shari Mason, Ashley and Allison of Dumas, Lisa Casada and Chris and Crystal of Dumas. Paul and Opal Wilson of Clovis, N.M. came by on Thanksgiving Day.

Dawn Goolsby and Shirley Schacher were hostesses for an after-school Christmas party in Dawn's home. They served pick-up foods, vegetables and dips, and cookies to several teachers. Those who enjoyed the food and fellowship were Debbie Harris, Judith Hauf, Ruth Cochran, Waurayne Hughes, Jacque Sava, Judy Stewart, Martha Dannevik, Billye Gwynn Davis, Ruby Teaschner, Maurine Foskey and Sara Hunter.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week include Harold and Jeri Bradley of West Fork, Ark. They came with Al and Anna D. Gibbs and Harold's mother, Dixie Bradley. Fay Martin visited from Clovis, N.M., and Herman and Joann Duran Wise of Harlingen stopped by on their way back from their honeymoon in Colorado. They were in a snowstorm in Raton and had to spend the night there. They left from here for San Antonio for the Christmas parade. Joann lived in this area several years ago; in fact, she was born in the old hospital in 1961.

The Plains Memorial Hospital held open house on Thursday. The tour included operating rooms, emergency room, labor and delivery areas, physical therapy operations and patient rooms. Refreshments of cookies and red fruit punch were served in the Ettie McDermitt Conference Room. The Hospital Auxiliary members and hospital staff furnished the cookies and the auxiliary members stayed

throughout the day to serve as hostesses. The serving table was decorated in red and green with a string of gold bells around the table.

The Dimmitt High School singers presented "Christmas Memories" at the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. Dwight Joiner is the director and Cindy Reynolds was the accompanist.

Choir members are Tori Baker, Julie Ellis, Melissa Gil, Dora Ramirez, Tara Vasquez, Beth Teaschner, Joanne Arguijo, Connie Garcia, Becky Herrera, Cynthia Navarro, Cindy Olivero, Leticia Ramirez, Josie Silva, Sabrina Stubbs, Joy Waller, Linda Fuentes, Christina Granado, Sharlamar Jackson, Claudia Medrano, Lupe Mendez and Linda Trigo.

They sang several of the old familiar Christmas songs and some new ones including *Christmas Lullaby*, *The First Noel*, *O Holy Night*, *Camel Kneel Softly* and *Little Jesus in the Hay*.

Neva Hickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge club and she served a Christmas dinner with other members bringing covered dishes. Alma Kenmore won high score and Dugan Butler won second high with Ina Rae Cates low score. Others playing were Johnnie Vannoy, Dude McLauren, Susie Reeves, Loranel Hamilton, Edith Graef, Virginia Crider, Bernice Hill, Fern Dickey, Emily Clingsmith, Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson, Bobbie George, Mary Small, Retta Cluck, Gladys Benson and Wanda Kay. Other guests were Neva's sisters, Johnnie Morrison and Era Heckerson of Quitaque; and Bettye Butler, Jo Hickey and Jackie McLeroy.

Oleta Gollehon met her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Johnny Poer, in Amarillo over the weekend to help celebrate the second

Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

Monday's the big day, She collects social security pay!

She's been "nearly 60" for many a year, And now the day is finally here!

Happy Birthday, Dorothy!



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday

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Patsy Franks in Hart on Monday night.

The 15 members attending were served stuffed potatoes and salad, and each brought a Christmas sweet treat. Officers were installed by outgoing president, Franks, who presented each officer with the tools of her office.

New officers include Cindy Rohrbach, president; Cyndy Reynolds, vice president; Mary Lou Schmucker, secretary; and Margue-

rite Cole, treasurer. Small elephant gifts were presented to outgoing officers.

The Pro-Family Forum had a potluck meal for their Christmas party in the Hart school cafeteria last Thursday night. Fifteen members and guests attended and enjoyed a white elephant game before discussing the delivery of gifts to the Lubbock State School for the Lilly Men's Dorm. Tonya Linsky was a guest of the Pete Stewarts.

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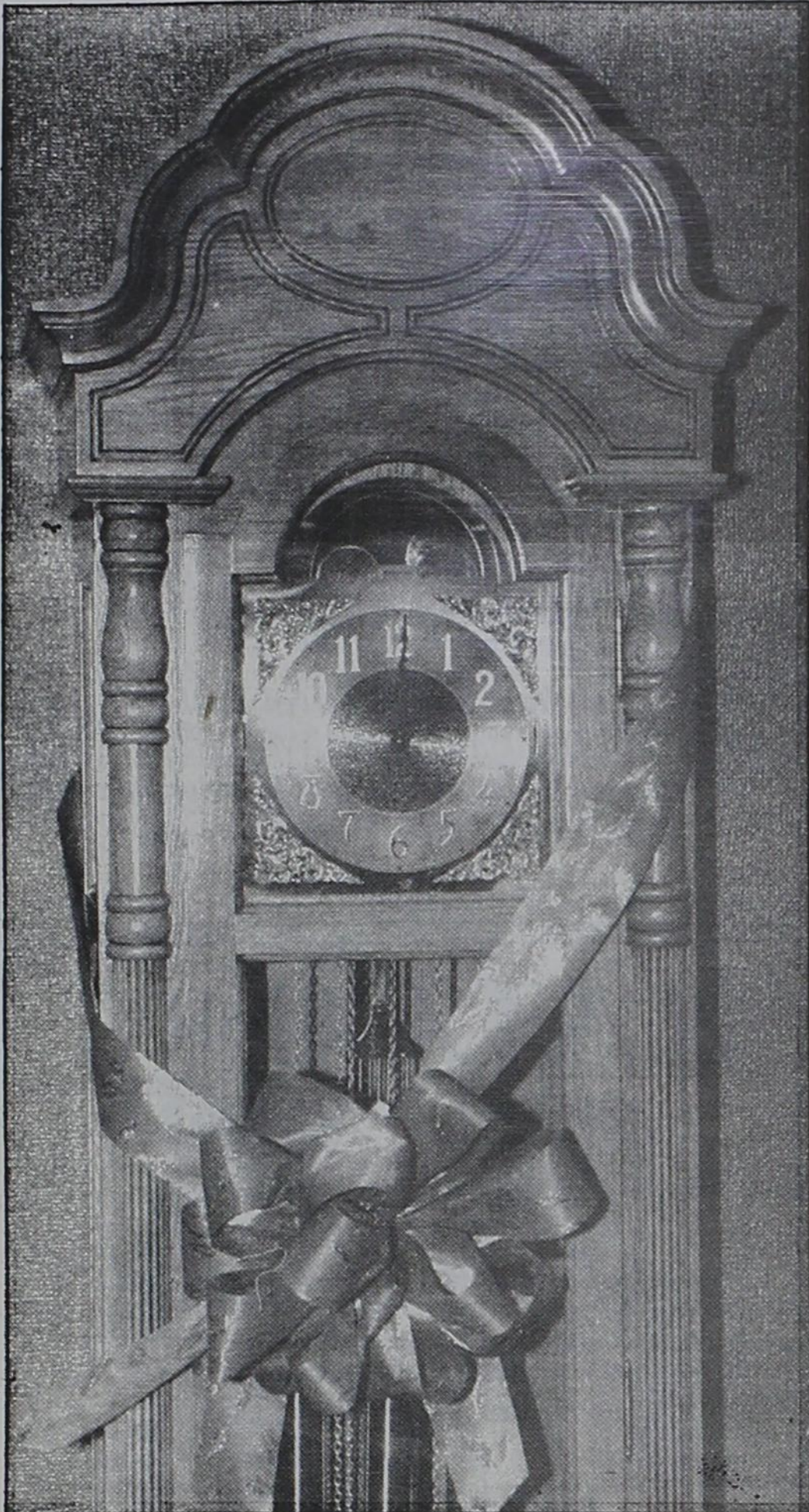
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Last week's winner: **Sylvia Medrano**

People



Kirbys honored at Dec. 10 shower

Jayden Elizabeth Kirby and her mother, Denise Kirby, were honored with a baby shower on Dec. 10 in the home of Danice Wright.

Guests were served almond tea, nuts, mints and a variety of cookies including pink footprint cookies, nut cookies with pink booties on top and sandies. The table was decorated with a pink, blue and white hand-crocheted baby blanket with a musical baby doll holding a bouquet of balloons. An assortment of baby items surrounded the centerpiece.

Out-of-town guests were great-grandmother Odelia Schulte of Nazareth; Cindy Allred and Colette and Tamber Lermon, all of Wildorado; Chris and Bonnie Hartley, Carmen Flood and Betty Koelzer, all of Hereford; and Kim and Jon David Bruegel of Lubbock. Also attending were grandmothers Beth Schulte and Belinda Kirby.

Twenty hostesses presented the honorees with a Graco Alante Stroller.



Kourtney Robertson is offered modeling contract

Kourtney Robertson, daughter of Jeff and Karen Robertson of Dimmitt, has been contacted about a contract offer from Michelle Pommier Agency in Miami, Fla., a modeling agency.

The offer was made to Robertson through her mother agency, Diane Dick International Modeling and Talent Agency. The offer was made after her outstanding performance in the fashion and runway competitions at the I.M.T.A. New York convention.

Michelle Pommier is a top agency in the Miami market, which has many Japanese and German clients. The agency is credited with the discovery and development of super model Nikki Taylor.

Beau Morales, a modeling scout for Michelle Pommier, saw Robertson in New York. He fell in love with her face in a photograph that Ron Contarsy, *Vogue* photographer had done of her. She shot with Contarsy again in September for a follow up that Michelle Pommier had requested.

Contarsy has shot some of the top models in the world and has eight *Vogue* covers to his credit.

Robertson plans on continuing her education as she pursues her modeling career locally with the Diane Dick Agency and will look at traveling to Miami in the future.

Senior Citizens plan gathering

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens are planning a covered dish dinner Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the center. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish.

After the meal, a variety of games will be played.

Breast cancer screening set here Monday

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital Monday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital of Amarillo.

Total cost of the screening is \$70 and funding is available for those who qualify.

To schedule an appointment, call the Women's clinic at the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE or 1-359-4673.

Petty honored at recent shower

Kristi Petty, bride-elect of Brad Sadler, was honored at a shower Nov. 19 in the home of Jan Baca.

Guests were served spiced tea, coffee and cheesecake with a choice of toppings by Amber Langford, Tiffany Braafladt and Stacy Wilson.

Guests included Doris Petty, mother of the bride-elect; Mary Nell Malone and Tommie Sue Nisbett, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Karen Sadler, mother of the prospective groom; and Donna Freedman, sister of the prospective groom; and Sherry Storie, Stacy Tilb and Carla Davis, all from Lubbock, friends of the bride.

Hostesses presented Petty with bedding and cash.

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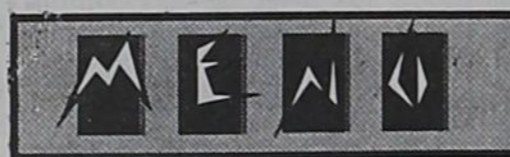
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Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec. 15-21.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme with cranberry sauce; choices of seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy or candied sweet potatoes; tossed salad with dressing or fruit fantasy ambrosia; hot cheese rolls or old fashioned combread; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of hot dog on a bun with chili or hoagie submarine sandwich; baked beans, tater tots or broccoli, cheese and rice; tossed salad with dressing. *assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; cookie; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
 DEC. 17-JAN. 2: Christmas break.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)
HART
THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes (elementary) or cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary) or burritos, pickles, peaches, Rice Krispie bars and milk.
MONDAY: Turkey nuggets (elementary) or turkey steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.
TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or sloppy Joe's, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Frito pie (elementary) or burrito, pinto beans, pickles, crackers, cookies and milk.
 DEC. 22-JAN. 2: Christmas break.

(Hart school menus are subject to change without notice.)
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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—Ralph Lambright (right) is honored at the Panhandle Community Services annual recognition banquet held last Thursday in Dimmitt. Lambright gave over 102 hours of volunteer work for the organization. Making the presentation is Susie Flores (left), secretary-receptionist for PCS. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

PCS annual dinner honors volunteers

Ralph Lambright was named Volunteer of the Year for 1994 at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner of the Castro County office of Panhandle Community Services.

Lambright was honored for his 102 hours of volunteer service for the organization. Also, other volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation following the meal.

Center Coordinator Stella Devers

said that if the average 21 hours of volunteer work performed by the 52 local volunteers had been paid for, the total cost would have been \$4,681.

Door prizes were awarded, and entertainment was provided by Tommy Stewart, who sang several songs, accompanying himself on the guitar. Guest speaker for the evening was Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins.

Sunnyside

I was dismissed from the hospital Thursday afternoon after a month. Not the kind of vacation I would have chosen. I feel pretty good now. Joan Durbin of Nazareth spent Thursday night, Friday and Saturday, and Andrea Hinojosa spent Saturday night with me since the doctor didn't want me to be by myself for a week or so. Several have said they missed the Sunnyside News so I'll try again and see what happens.

Rev. Anthony Sisemore was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Plainview after having stomach cramps since Thursday night. He was sent to University Hospital in Lubbock where he underwent an appendectomy Friday afternoon. Several from the church visited with him. He was dismissed Monday morning. Dr. Floyd Bradley of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday morning.

Glenn Wilson is still recovering from major surgery in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Monday. He is still having some trouble standing. LaWanda Wilson has been with her brother, Elgin Brooks, in Clovis, N.M., over the weekend. He is very ill.

Ezell and Verba Sadler entertained in their home Saturday night with chips, dips and music by

a Hereford group. Those present were Verba and Ezell, Larry and Sharon Sadler, Laura, Matt and Kristen Hurtado, Big Matt Powell, Johnny B. and Shorty Lilley and Willie Mac and Embree Roy Sadler.

From Hereford were Ruth King, Jack and Helen Nunley, Dale and Betty Henson, Ralph and Jane Packard, and L.D. and Thama Combs. Not all played music, but are in the Hereford Lapidary Club. Dale and Jack play guitars, and Jack also plays the dulcimer and the xylophone; L.D. plays lead guitar; Verba plays mandolin; and Ezell plays the fiddle. Two fiddle players were missing.

Emma Jean King attended the ROW Christmas party and installation service for the new officers Monday in Hart.

Jimmy and JoAnn King of Hobbs, N.M., and a friend came Friday to hunt pheasants with Billie King over the weekend.

Lincoln and Lance King stayed with their grandparents, Emma and Billie King, over the weekend while Marshall and Kay King went to Abilene for the Amherst state football championship game. Amherst won, 30-20. Kay is a teacher at Amherst.

Bess Bills is expecting to start chemotherapy again this week.



Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday is the fourth Sunday in advent and the final Sunday we will be collecting for the Brown Bag project.

Sunday school classes will meet on Sunday at 10 a.m.

"Why Christmas is Merry" will be the title of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11 a.m. Joan Craig will play a flute solo.

Ministerial Alliance

Gerald Aalbers will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 1:1-12 and John 1:1-14 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

All contributions to the Christmas baskets must be in by Monday. Volunteers are asked to fill the baskets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and to distribute the baskets on Wednesday afternoon.



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Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, "You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. Arise, go to Paddanaram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your descendants with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings which God gave to Abraham!" Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and he went to Paddanaram to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.
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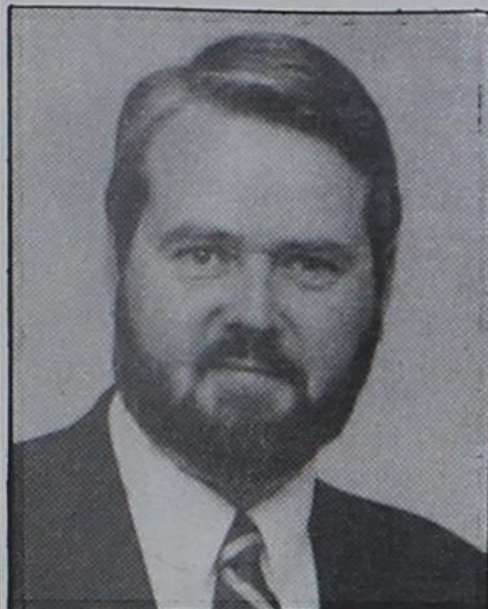
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

15 business truths

Sometimes the truth can get a little twisted as illustrated by the following story. A young reporter—working against a short deadline—hurriedly wrote a story about a Wall Street investor who had made a million dollars investing in cattle futures. At the last minute the reporter called the investor and read the story over the phone to verify the facts.

"You're pretty close," said the investor after listening to what the cub reporter had written. "Your story is correct except that it wasn't me, it was my brother; it wasn't cattle futures, it was hog bellies; it wasn't a million dollars, it was only five hundred thousand; and he didn't make it, he lost it."

I know how that young reporter must have felt about that time. Sometimes it is hard to find the whole truth. That is why I've worked on this column for several months. When you advertise truth in the headline, you better make

certain it is the truth.

I think you'll recognize the wisdom in the thoughts that follow. Common sense is the foundation of these business truisms and they have already withstood the test of time. Some are original but I've also borrowed from the best.

- You cannot stockpile customer goodwill. Goodwill starts from scratch every morning when the sun comes up.
- The smartest business owner in the world doesn't know everything. The dumbest one does know something. If you put them together, both have an opportunity to learn.
- The world will eventually tip its hat to the man or woman whose number one priority is to improve their business.
- You can neither borrow nor spend your way to prosperity. (This applies to governments as well as businesses.)
- Money carries no guarantee of happiness. The business owner who has amassed a fortune of five million dollars is not five times as happy as

the owner with only one million. Money is only a method of keeping score in business. In and of itself it does not guarantee happiness.

- Business owners who focus mostly on themselves aren't helping their businesses. However, owners who focus their attention on their business, always help themselves.
- Quality is always preceded by persistence—even in the dictionary.
- Don't expect a thank you. Work for the satisfaction of achieving. Work for the joy of serving. Work for the thrill of discovery. Then if someone does say thank you, your day will be made and your expectations exceeded.
- When you can define a problem, you've gone a long way toward finding a solution. (Unless you're happy just defining problems.)
- Some business people are just lucky. When you talk to successful business owners some will admit it. The really honest ones will tell you the harder they worked, the luckier they got.
- Honesty and integrity are business

fundamentals. A business owner's character should always sell for full retail. Possessing character above reproach is the only sure-fire success system with a guaranteed long-term retirement program.

- We are quick to judge harshly those in business who try, but fail. The country would be stronger if we criticized only those who fail to try.
- There is a difference in business between being successful and being happy. Success is working hard enough to get exactly what you want. Being happy is liking what you get.
- Great business opportunities still exist. They are often disguised as work, hidden in responsibilities, look like interruptions and camouflaged as problems.
- To know that you do not know is a great beginning step toward knowing.

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

TDA pesticide license deadlines drawing near

Many licenses allowing the use of restricted pesticides are scheduled to expire and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture recently mailed letters to pesticide applicators outlining training requirements and expiration deadlines.

"Training and licensing are necessary to ensure that agricultural chemicals are applied safely by farmers and ranchers, aerial applicators and others who must use pesticides," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Perry said four categories of applicators licensed by TDA to use restricted and state-limited-use pesticides received the mail-out. They are:

*Temporary certified applicators which fall into a special category that will be eliminated on Dec. 31 when certificates expire. To keep buying and using restricted and state-limited-use pesticides, these

applicators must obtain a private applicator license. Local county extension agents will train applicants and TDA will test them.

* Commercial and non-commercial applicators face a Feb. 28 license expiration date. Renewal requires five hours of continuing education units each calendar year. Commercial applicators must have a current insurance certificate to receive a new license. Applicants who want to add a new application category to their license should contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Agricultural Chemicals Office, 409/845-3849, to order study materials. TDA regional offices have regularly scheduled test days.

* Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. Applicants who fail to meet these requirements will lose their licenses. Requirements can be met within a year after expiration, but a late fee will be assessed.

* Private applicators certified before Jan. 10, 1989, have until Dec. 31, 1995, to renew their certificates.

They must obtain 15 CEUs or take a Texas Agricultural Extension Service private applicator training course, pass a TDA test and purchase a license.

Pesticide applicators with questions about license renewals are asked to call 1-800-TELL-TDA for more information.

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From time to time, we will send these forms in the mail to those of you who deal with us by phone and/or mail. Please complete the form and return it to us in the postage-paid envelope.

We have a tradition of excellence here in the Plainview Social Security Office and we are all committed to improving our service on a continual basis. Thanks for your help by providing us with the feedback we need to do this.

Cotton Talks

Seasonal upswings in the volume of cotton marketed pushed October marketings up from September's 825,000 bales to 2.5 million bales. The average price received by growers for October was 65.7 cents per pound.

Irrigation show planned Jan. 5

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held 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.

Through October preliminary marketing and price figures indicate a total 1994 upland cotton deficiency payment of 7.71 cents per pound. Subtracting the 6.45 cent advance payment most growers received at program sign-up leaves a projected final payment rate of only 1.26 cents per pound.

Marketings historically increase during October, November and December, and October's increase is not out of line for this time of year. Plains Cotton Growers officials note, however, that recent upturns in the prices received for cotton could affect 1994 deficiency payments before the year's end.

"The potential is there for producers to receive no final deficiency payment or for them to receive a minimal payment at best," said Donald Johnson, PCG's executive vice president. "What we do not have a good handle on is whether or not producers may have to pay back part of their advance payment."

Nominations being taken for citizen honors

Nominations are being accepted for the Chamber of Commerce's *Citizen of the Year*, *Teacher of the Year* and *Citizen Through the Year* awards, which will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet.

The banquet will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 1995. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 13, 1995.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

Nobody knows for sure what will happen; however, increased cotton prices across the board make the possibility of paying back part of the 1994 advance payment something producers need to be thinking about.

Deficiency payments are calculated as the lesser of the difference between the target price and either the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan rate or the average price received by growers weighted by total marketings for the preceding calendar year.

For the 1994 crop the upland cotton target price is 72.9 cents per pound and the loan rate is 50 cents per pound. So far in 1994 the weighted average price received by growers is 65 cents per pound.

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Gleghorn working with TDA program

Kay Lynn Gleghorn of Dimmitt has been assigned to a work-study internship at the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in Austin.

Gleghorn, a senior majoring in agricultural development at Texas A&M University in College Station, is working with the agency's Communications Division in Austin.

"The student interns bring a fresh perspective to the workings of a state agency," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "We're very pleased to have them at TDA helping us assist the Texas agricultural industry."

"My internship with TDA has been the best way to conclude my college education," said Gleghorn. "I now have practical job experience, which will help me in my pursuit of a career in agricultural communications."

Following her internship and graduation in December, Gleghorn plans to pursue a career in agricultural communications or public relations.

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More about

Texas sprinklers...

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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 non-metric 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 US.

"It could be even quicker if we happen to have that particular one ready," said Brett Sheffy, who works with Nelson and general manager Larry Beam in running the show at Raincat along with Aaron Ray and office manager Krystal 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 it 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 life-giving water to crops.

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

Johnny Gonzales, a 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 dough, 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, where it waits for a truck so it can be recycled.

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.

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

Once it's through in Fort Worth, it all gets sent back to Easter or to a dealer.

Just as each farmer 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 horizontally, some vertically, some create a bubble, some simulate heavy rain, and there are many, many more. There are also special nozzles for "chemigation," where chemicals are used through the center pivot to control weeds or insects.

Sheffy and Nelson said Raincat plans to be innovative with its sprinklers, including computerized control panels and monitors that would allow a farmer to follow



FRANKIE GARCIA hammers home a die as part of the fabrication process at Raincat International at Easter.

Photo by John Brooks

what the sprinkler is doing, or change the watering, by a computer linkup. He could do it over a modem from a computer at home, or from a phone in his vehicle, 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. Many farmers around here are taking advantage of the HPUWCD program, and those who don't have a loan deal (4.5% interest) like that still realize the advantage of using a

sprinkler instead of labor-intensive row watering.

"If you've ever changed water, you know why a pivot is good," Nelson said.

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Bobcats rebound for second at Seminole

Dimmitt almost put the first dent in a perfect record for the Seminole Indians, but fell short in a 57-51 loss in Saturday's finals of the Seminole Tournament.

Dimmitt (5-7) defeated Midland Greenwood, 54-48, in the first round, then survived a scare against the Odessa High JV, 60-56.

Seminole, 13-0 after Saturday's win, took advantage of a third quarter dry spell by the Bobcats. Dimmitt made seven trips down the floor without scoring, and never could make up the difference.

The Bobcats had an early 8-2 lead over the Indians, but Seminole shut the Bobcats out over the last five minutes of the first quarter and took a 13-8 lead at quarter's end.

Dimmitt came back to take a brief lead in the period, but a late Seminole run gave the Indians a 28-22 halftime lead. Dimmitt shot 50% in the first half, 10-of-20, from the field but didn't go to the line. In fact, Seminole shot 10 free throws before the Bobcats went to the stripe. For the game, the Indians were 14-of-22, 64%, while Dimmitt was 1-for-5, 20%, from the free throw line.

The Bobcats fell behind by a dozen points in the third during their cold spell, but were just down by three, 44-41, after three periods. Seminole had another early jump on the 'Cats in the fourth quarter, but Dimmitt couldn't get closer than four points the rest of the way.

The game marked the return of Derrick Thomas, who had been on the sidelines all season with a broken wrist fractured in the Muleshoe football game on Oct. 28. Thomas played about half the game and missed all six shots he tried, but had eight credits to tie for second-high on the team.

Justin Newman, who had to battle Seminole's 6-10 post man Chris Cherry, had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Thursday, the Bobcats missed seven-straight scoring opportunities again, but came away with a six-point victory.

The Bobcats rolled to an early 8-2 lead as Greenwood had eight turnovers in the first four minutes. The Ranger stormed back to go up 11-10, but Dimmitt was up 14-11 at the end of the period.

Things went back-and-forth in the second quarter, but Dimmitt led 30-28 at halftime. The teams were tied at 22, but Dimmitt came back to lead by as many as five in the quarter before settling for the two-point lead at intermission.

The Bobcats got on a roll in the third period and led by as many as six points (38-32 on a Newman layup). Dimmitt was up 43-37, but two turnovers near the end of the quarter made it a 44-41 game at the end of three.

Dimmitt went on a quick spurt early in the fourth, with a great play by Fernando Ontiveros giving the Bobcats a 50-41 edge with 5:41 to play. Greenwood chipped at the lead and got back within two, 50-48, with 3:35 to play on a basket after a 10-second violation by the Bobcats.

Neither team scored for the next 2:53 until the Bobcats forced a turnover with 42 seconds left. Joe Larra hit the front end of a one-and-one with 21 seconds left to give Dimmitt a three-point lead. Newman scored with a second left on a snowbird layup and hit a free throw for the final margin. Newman again led Dimmitt with 17 points, while Joey Martinez added 12, all on threes.

Brandon Smith pulled Friday's game out of the fire, hitting two free throws and a layup in the last 30 seconds to give Dimmitt a four-point win over the Odessa junior varsity Bronchos.

Dimmitt never put the Bronchos away during the game, and Odessa led 42-40 at the end of the third quarter.

The teams were tied at 56 in the last 30 seconds when Smith was fouled. He made both ends of the crucial one-and-one (he had missed the front end of a one-and-one earlier), then stole the ball a few seconds later and made a layup (his only field goal of the game).

The Bobcats fell into some old habits during the game. Dimmitt was outrebounded by the Bronchos, 35-27.

Newman led Dimmitt with 16 points, while Larra added 10.

Top-ranked games slated over weekend

Three of the state's top-ranked teams will be on the floor at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium at Dimmitt Middle School when Tulia comes calling Friday evening and Nazareth visits on Saturday.

The Hornets, former district foes of the Bobbies and Bobcats, will be here Friday for games at 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m. The Hornets were hit hard by graduation with just one starter (6-2 forward Jason McCaslin) and two lettermen (6-4 post Tim Marshall and 6-1 forward Lane Dyer) back from last year's 16-12 team.

The Hornets will have more height than the Bobcats with five players 6-1 or better, but that didn't bother the Bobcats last year in a sweep of the Hornets.

The Tulia girls bring back Tami Altman, an all-district guard last year, and wing Sabrina Hawthorne. Kara Culwell, a 5-8 wing, is back from a part-time role last year.

Saturday night should be a Castro County barn burner, with three top-ranked teams on the floor.

In the 6:30 game, the Swiftettes, No. 3 in Class A, will face the Bobbies, No. 9 in Class AAA. At 8 p.m., the unranked Bobcats will face the Swifts, No. 2 in Class A behind Brock.

The Bobcats (6-7) are unranked but have won two of their last three games. They are expected to improve with the addition of Derrick Thomas, who is back after suffering a broken wrist near the end of the football season. Thomas played for the first time in last Saturday's finals in the Seminole Tournament. He missed all six shots he attempted, but he had eight credits.

Saturday's games start at 3:30 p.m. with the JV girls at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The JV boys play at 5 p.m., with the varsity girls and boys to follow.



RUNNING JUMPER—Joey Martinez pulls up short of Midland Greenwood's 6-8 Edward Kennepohl and launches a jump shot Thursday in first-round action

at the Seminole Tournament. At left are Dimmitt's Omar Rascon (31) and Greenwood's Bucky Smith. The Bobcats won, 54-48.

Photo by John Brooks



NOT LETTIN' GO—Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) and Chad Ellis (right) outfight Midland Greenwood's Josh Jones (15) for a rebound during the second quarter Thursday in the first round of the Seminole Tournament. The Bobcats, who had been having a bad run on the boards, outrebounded the Rangers 36-26 and took a 54-48 victory in the first round game.

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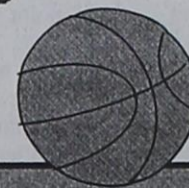
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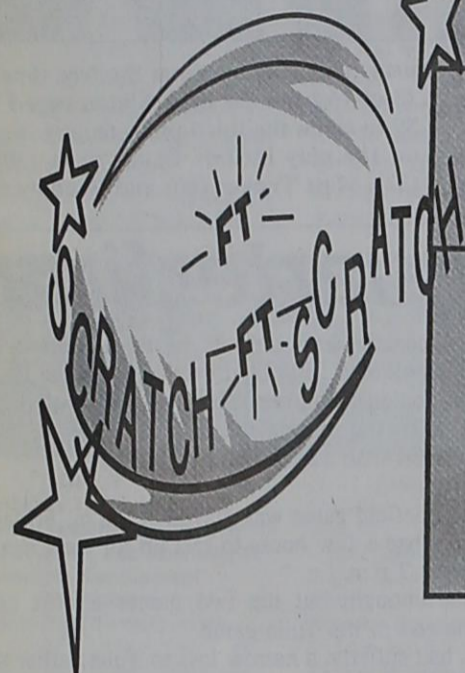
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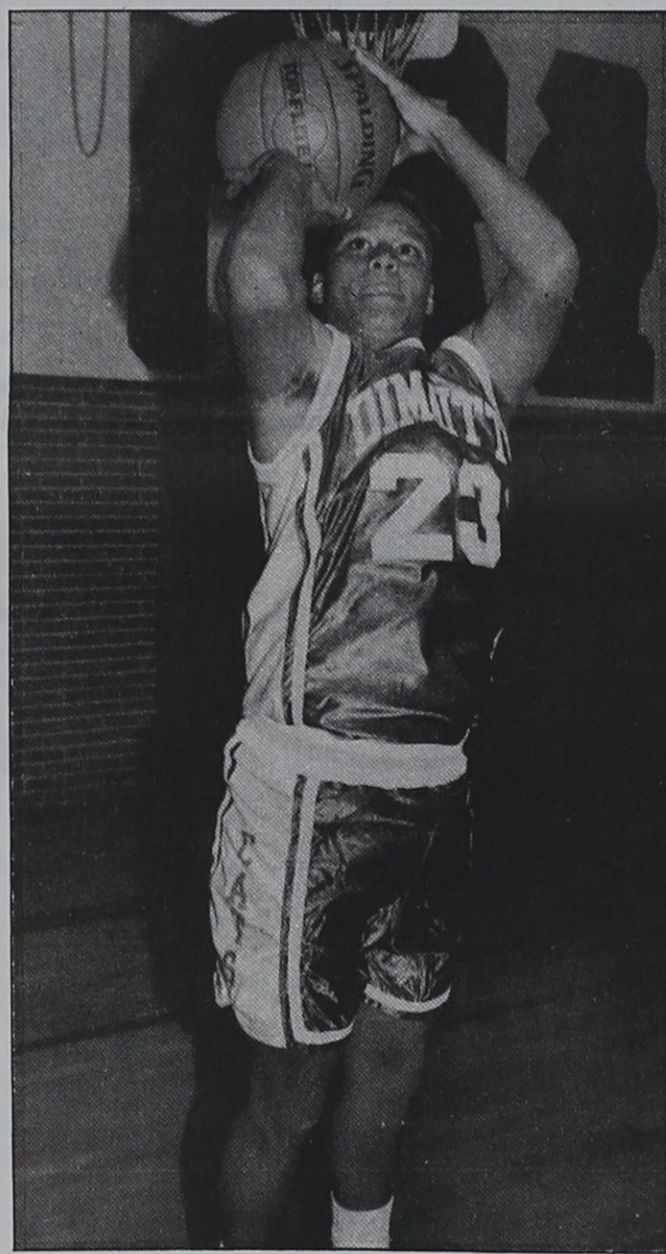
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 Jan. 13—*Muleshoe, There
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35, Randall 42
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 68, Hart 64
 36, Slaton 65
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and Roy Mejia with 11 each and John Anderson with 10.

The Hart teams will face New Deal on Friday there, then host Lazbuddie on Monday.

After Christmas, the girls are in the Littlefield tournament while the boys go to the Sundown Tournament.

Six Swifts named to academic AD

Six Nazareth Swifts have been named to the District 2-A Academic All-District team.

They include Justin Bingham, Scott Brockman, Alston Farris, Nathan Hoelting, Colby Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

Others earning mention to the honor team were Andy Espinoza of Bovina; Zach Davis, Jeff Gunter and Thomas Justiss, all of Claude; Chase Hardage, Chanse Stephens and Jason Taylor, all of Farwell; Brent Artho and Damian Artho, both of Vega; and Brandon Vick of Happy.

Lady golfers name Mays as president

Jo Beth Mays was installed as president of the Dimmitt Women's Golf Association during the group's annual Christmas party last Thursday.

The event was held at the Country Club of Dimmitt with past president Carolyn Watts presiding.

Other officers installed were Cyndy Reynolds, vice president; Kellie Proffitt, secretary-treasurer; and Jan Glenn, reporter.

The association attempts to promote interest in golf among women in Castro County and other areas, and works to provide an incentive for developing good golfing and creating a social atmosphere for enjoyment of golf.

Business meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

In addition to election of officers, the club enjoyed a Christmas dinner and exchanging gifts.

More about Schools...

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The total cost for the building, including moving costs and site preparation, will be less than \$18,000. The building itself will cost about \$8,000.

Moving the nursery would free up some space for the school's GED program. The current nursery is 15x45.

"That's not well suited for a classroom, but would be fine for a one-to-one program like our GED program," said DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill.

The GED program may be undergoing some changes after the board approved changing the current work-study program to Multiple Occupation Coop Training.

The move would allow students currently enrolled in the Homemaking and Vocational Agriculture work-study programs to be counted for a full day of school, generating more income for the school district. Those students would continue to work in the community part of the day and go to school part of the day.

Other students would be allowed to work toward a GED by attending school throughout the day, and would also be offered a job with the school district while they are making progress toward their

GED. Once students earn their GED they would no longer be in the program, and if they do not make satisfactory progress they could also be dropped from the program.

The jobs would generally be menial work in maintenance or food service, Miller explained. The money to pay the students would come from the extra money the school district would earn for the students being enrolled for a full day.

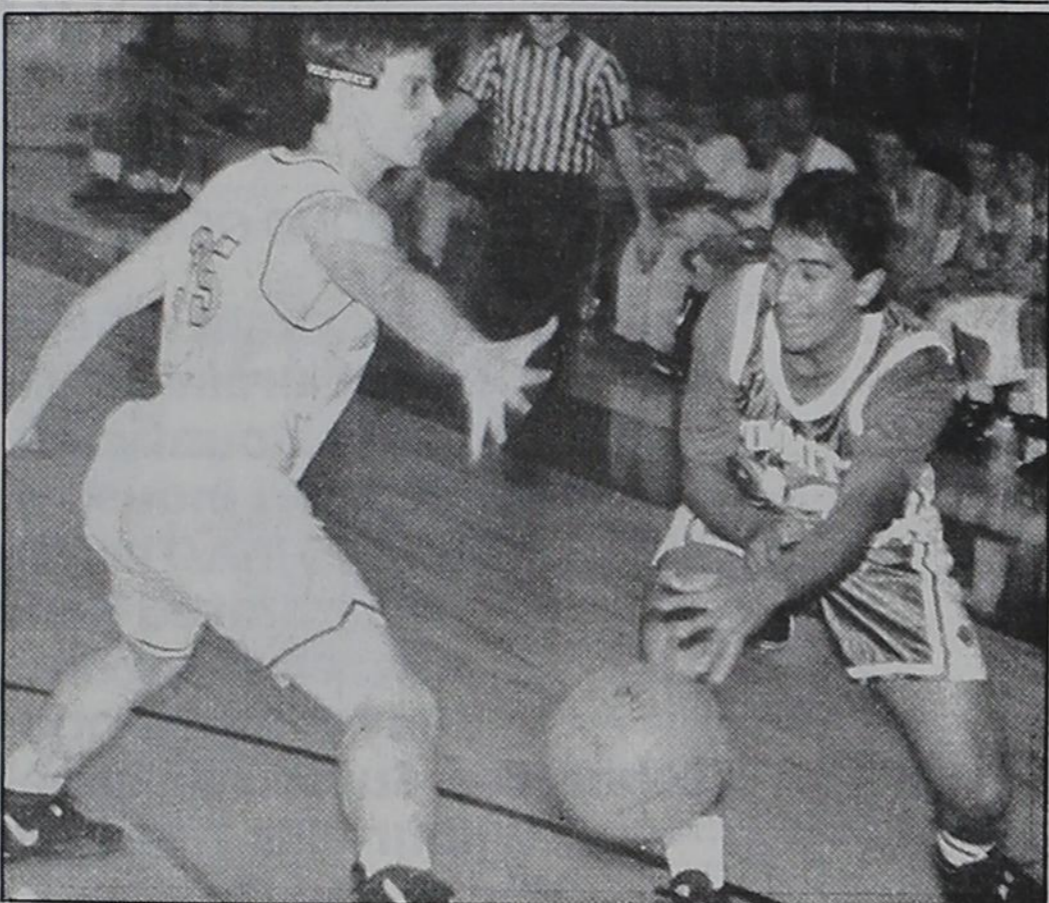
Miller said the program would be another step to help students who have dropped out or are on the verge of dropping out. Youngsters enrolling in the class are not eligible unless there is no chance they will graduate along with their age-group peers.

The board also learned Richardson Elementary School has received a grant from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program that will allow RES students to obtain up to five books to take home for their own use; added Justin Shultz, Joan Craig and Jennifer Harmonson to the substitute teacher list; and adopted a policy update.

After an executive session, the board accepted the resignation of Janice Garcia, special education teacher at Dimmitt High School.



HOUSE HEAVILY DAMAGED—Dimmitt volunteer firefighters contain a blaze Friday afternoon at the home of Lalo Barrera, 107 NW Third. The fire apparently started in a room or closet in the southwest corner of the house. The home and its contents, including new furniture delivered Friday, sustained heavy smoke damage. *Photo by John Brooks*



BOUNCING AROUND—Dimmitt's Fernando Ontiveros (right) bounces a pass past Midland Greenwood's James Settles during second quarter action Thursday at the Seminole Tournament. Ontiveros picked up an assist on this play, one of eight for the game, as the Bobcats won, 54-48.

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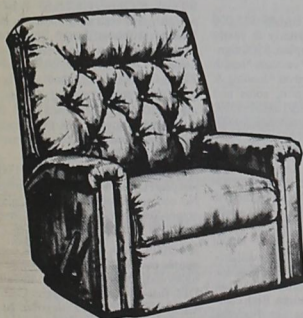
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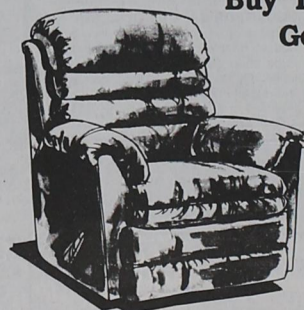


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That's according to the Texas Dept. of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics, which files all birth certificates.

Following Michael on the boys' Top Ten list are Christopher, Jose, Joshua, David, Matthew, Daniel, John, Jacob and Jonathan.

The most frequent girls' names, behind Ashley, are Jessica, Sarah, Taylor, Samantha, Stephanie, Brit-

More about

County...

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for attorney's fees this year, planning to pay the outstanding bill to Sidley and Austin out of this budget.

But after discussion about where they would be able to find the extra \$11,000, County Judge Polly Simpson called the Washington firm and spoke with a secretary who advised the county should pay the \$92,135, then talk with representatives of the firm (who were out of pocket Monday) about the questions on the balance.

After more discussion, Simpson entertained a motion for the county to pay the \$92,135.03, but no one would step forward.

Simpson finally made the motion and Winders seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners opened bids on the old constable's car, and awarded it to the only bidder, Walker Auto Sales of Hereford.

tany, Amanda, Victoria and Emily. The TDH also compiles a Top Ten list among the three largest ethnic groups in the state.

Most popular names being chosen by Hispanic parents are Jose, Juan, Luis, Jesus, Carlos, Miguel, Jorge, Alejandro, Ricardo and Eduardo for boys; and Victoria, Maria, Laura, Erica, Sara, Alexandria, Angel, Gabriela, Alejandra and Briana for girls.

Among African-American parents, the most popular names are Christopher, Michael, Brandon, Joshua, James, Jordan, Xavier, Robert, Jonathan and Marcus for boys; and Jasmine, Ashley, Brittany, Taylor, Alexis, Amber, Chelsea, Jessica, Courtney and Brianna for girls.

Among Euro-American parents, the favorites are Michael, Christopher, Joshua, Matthew, David, Daniel, Jacob, John, Jonathan and Justin for boys; and Ashley, Jessica, Sarah, Samantha, Stephanie, Amanda, Taylor, Emily, Elizabeth and Brittany for girls.

Most of the boys' names are fine monikers that go back through the ages—many of them to biblical times—and are probably "family names."

But a few of the girls' names that are currently popular will take some "getting used to." I don't think I know any Ashley's or Brittany's.

On behalf of all newspaper people everywhere, I have just one favor to ask of prospective parents:

Please, please don't give your kid a name that doesn't spell the way it sounds!

More about Chamber ...

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Myatt noted that the chamber faces a budget deficit for the second year in a row, and said, "That's one of the issues I'll be addressing" as president.

However, Welch reported that nine new members have joined the chamber and seven members have voluntarily increased their dues during the past six weeks, generating a revenue gain of \$1,800 from dues. Also, the First United Bank presented the chamber with a check for \$1,200 to match the voluntary dues increases.

Executive Director Delores Heller noted that three new businesses have started here recently—Raincat International, Westway Trading Corp. and The Fabric House.

Heller also commended Merle Norman Studio and Snider Insurance Agency on their recent expansions, and the Castro County Community Clinics on their move to new administrative offices downtown.

Sixty members attended the luncheon meeting.



MORE EGGS, COMING UP! — Dimmitt Kiwanians refill the scrambled-egg bin during their annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast Saturday morning at the Expo Building. The Kiwanians served eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee to approximately 150 hunters.

Photo by Don Nelson

Obituaries

Juanita Bruegel

Juanita Bruegel, 76, of Dimmitt, died Wednesday.

Services are pending.

Mrs. Bruegel was born in 1918 in Portales, N.M. She moved to Castro County with her family in 1925.

She married Fred Bruegel Sr. in April 1932. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Bruegel was very active in many organizations in Dimmitt and Castro County. She was a former member of the Castro County Hospital District board of trustees. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Fred Bruegel Jr. and Carl Bruegel, both of Dimmitt, and Mike Bruegel of Amarillo; a daughter, Sandra Baker of Dimmitt; several brothers and sisters; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Lucille Pate

Lucille Scheller Pate, 62, of Muleshoe, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday in Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Dale Berry officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Pate was born Nov. 5, 1932 in Muleshoe. She married Barney Scheller on Sept. 17, 1949; he died on March 12, 1989. She married Dean Pate on Dec. 22, 1993 in Clovis, N.M. She moved to the Muleshoe area in 1975 and was a member of the Muleshoe Senior Citizens and Trinity Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Aaron Scheller of Muleshoe and Scott Scheller of Graham; a daughter, Jaton Black of Amarillo; two brothers, Alvis Burge of Lubbock and Gabe Burge of Plainview; five sisters, Freddie Patterson of Earth, Hazel Shoemaker of House, N.M., Frances Eagle and Alma Smith, both of Roswell, N.M., and Jewell Carter of Indianola, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Plains, 4416 Olton Road, Plainview, TX 79072.

Maria Luisa Perez

Maria Luisa Perez, 63, of Rio Grande City, died Nov. 23 in McAllen.

Services were Nov. 28 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in La Puerta. Burial followed in La Puerta Cemetery by Sanchez Funeral Home of Rio Grande City.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Leandro Perez, on June 21.

Survivors include four sons, Julio Medrano of San Antonio, Gonzalo Bazan of La Casita, Ricardo Perez of Spring and Roel Perez of Los Saenz; a daughter, Elizabeth Beliz of Rio Grande City; a brother, Santiago Escobar of Seagoville; four sisters, Julia Aguilar and Juana Hernandez, both of Dimmitt, Genoveva Leal of Edinburg and Santos Reyna of Chicago, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren.

Lynn Strickel

Lynn Strickel, 77, of Lubbock, died Saturday.

Graveside services were held Monday in City of Lubbock Cemetery with the Rev. John Ballard, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Strickel was born March 27, 1917 in Dimmitt. He graduated from Lubbock High School and served in the US Army in World War II. He worked as a technician and exterminator for Felix Franklin Exterminating. He was a Baptist and a member of the Downtown Bible Class.

Survivors include a sister, Lucille Parker of Lubbock.

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Replacing computer mouse with even better mice

By L.R. SHANNON

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Mice are virtually essential for PCs running Microsoft Windows, and they are absolutely essential for Macintoshes, but they do wear out. Even if you are meticulous about keeping them clean internally, and not all of us are, they eventually grow creaky with age, like the rest of us.

The simplest way to replace a mouse is to buy the same kind again, probably the shapely Microsoft mouse for a PC or Apple's smooth mouse for a Mac. But there are alternatives.

Since 1981, Kensington Microware Ltd. of San Mateo, Calif., has been making trackballs, power protection products, cables to lock a computer to a desk, carrying cases and other accessories. The Kensington Thinking Mouse, the company's first model, is a notably

slick performer with a tapered shape and four buttons that can be pressed to activate the usual mouse tasks; use whichever one or two of the four buttons you find easiest to reach.

The shape, four buttons and rubberized material make the mouse comfortable. The software that comes with it, which you do not have to use, makes it "thinking."

The Thinking Mouse control panel, which goes into the Windows Main section, leads to several custom screens. The Custom Acceleration screen lets you simultaneously set both how slow and how fast the mouse moves the cursor. When you are, say, drawing on the screen, you might want the cursor to respond to slight mouse movements with minuscule on-screen movements. When you are getting from one end of a big display to the other, you might want rapid mouse

movements to move the cursor equally swiftly.

The buttons can be programmed, too. One click can bring up a menu for a program you use a lot, a second click can perform a task you often do in that program. Different mouse programs can be set up for different applications so that pressing a given button in the word processor does one thing while pressing it in the spreadsheet does another.

In Windows itself, rather than in an application running under Windows, a single click can substitute for the double click that starts a program (some people find the double click difficult to do consistently); a lock button can substitute for holding a mouse button down as you move an icon; if you play around with the mouse and software for a while you will think of other repetitive or cumbersome jobs to automate. In case you have been working or playing too

hard at the computer, an optional feature will pop up a note that says it is time to take a break.

The Kensington Thinking Mouse and its software could be habit-forming, causing a problem if you have to use another computer without it or if the mouse runs away or dies.

The version I used was the PC and PS/2 one, which sells for around \$90. There is also an ADB version for the Macintosh, for \$100, and a Bus version, for PC's with a free ISA-compatible expansion slot, for \$120.

Let It Fly

Cognoscenti of wood-pulp aeronautical devices know that they come in at least five categories: darts, gliders, jets, SST's and Starships. (Computer users with on-line thesauruses know the phrase at the beginning of the previous sentence contains the sorts of syn-

onyms the program can come up with.) The aptly named Kittyhawk Software Corp. of Tucson, Ariz., offers The Greatest Paper Airplanes, 25 designs in all five categories. They can be called up on the screen on a computer running Windows 3.1 or higher and printed out for folding and flying.

Aside from plans for the Manta Ray, Marlin, Sea Gulf and others, there are three-dimensional animations, sound effects and information on the history and principles of flight, as well as a history of paper and lessons in folding it. There are also on-screen examples of

how to fold the airplanes, not always easy with such contraptions as the Leopard and Cheetah.

Forget about the serious stuff, though. You can print out and fold a Bottlenose at home and then bring it into the office. You do not have to tell anyone that your computer taught you how.

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Degrees granted at Texas schools, 1993

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Texas A&M	875
Texas Tech	255
Tarleton State	171
Southwest Texas State	110
Stephen F. Austin	99
Sam Houston State	90
Texas A&M, Kingsville	39
West Texas A&M	32
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Sul Ross	30
Angelo State	21
Prairie View A&M	20

Projected job openings in the agriculture industry, 1995

Marketing, merchandising and sales	15,806
Scientists, engineers	14,021
Managers and financial specialists	6,844
Social services	4,750
Communications and education	3,714
Agricultural production	3,658

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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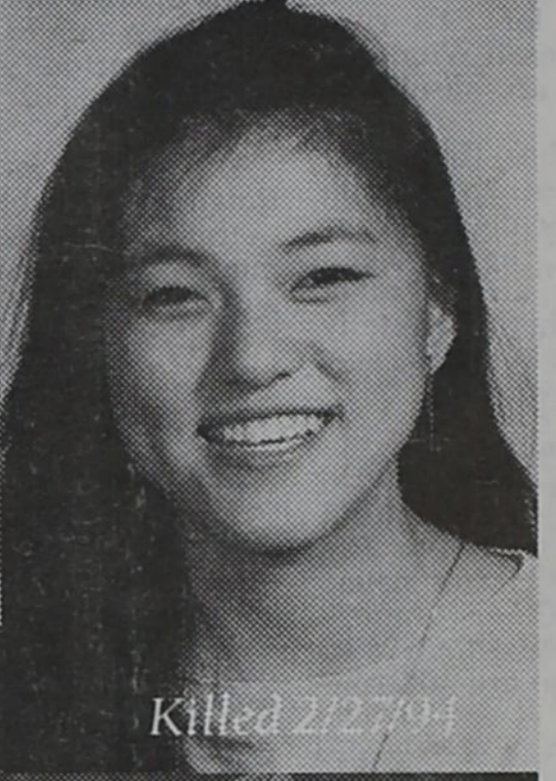
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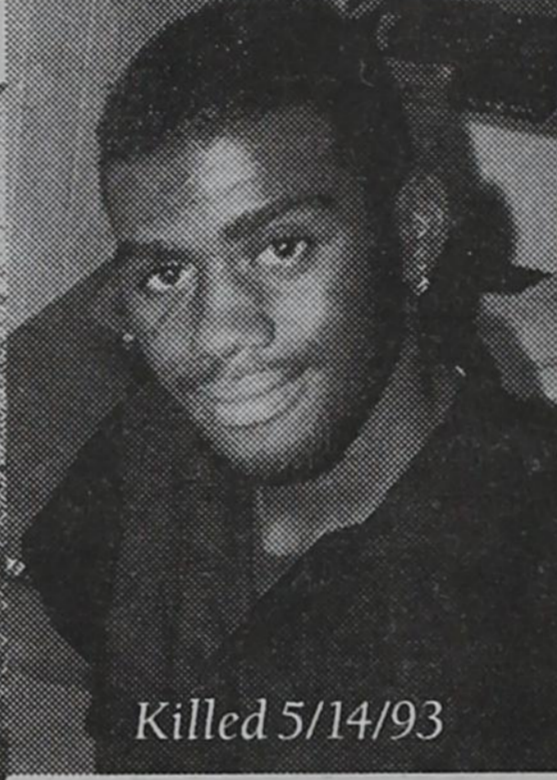
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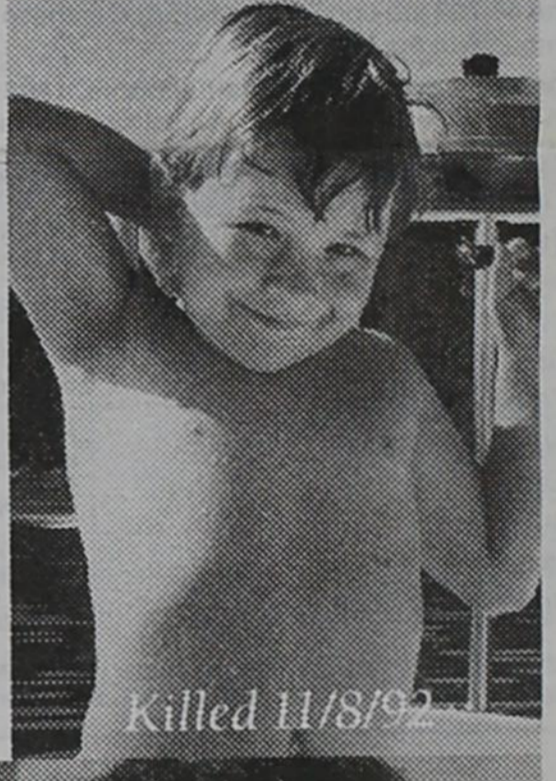


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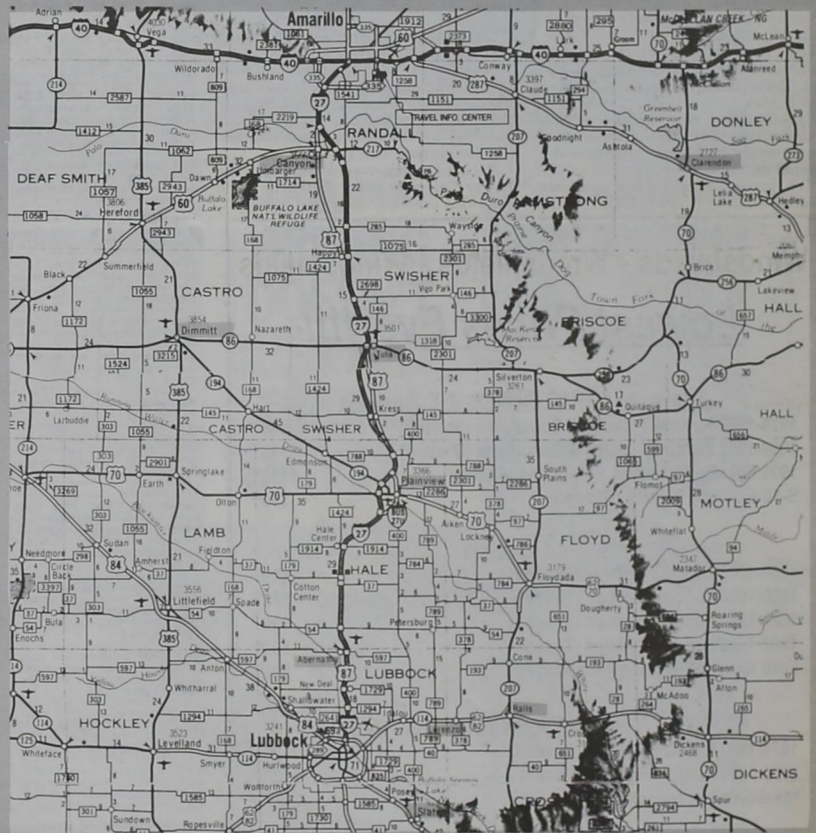
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