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21-GUN SALUTE—An American Legion honor guard fires a 21-round salute in tribute to Hart's deceased veterans during Memorial Day services Monday morning at the Hart Cemetery. Before this salute, Richard Entrekin read off the names of 47

deceased veterans from Hart. Legionnaires also conducted the flag-raising and took part in the memorial service. Principal speaker was Rev. Greg Kennedy, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Crowds expected Saturday at City-Wide Garage Sale

Thousands of bargain hunters will be swarming all over Dimmitt Saturday for the ninth annual City-Wide Garage Sale Day, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Starting at 8 a.m., workers will be handing out maps at the courthouse square with the location of "official" sales listed on them, and listing featured items at each sale.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt said she expects to see at least 100 garage sales going on throughout the city, although not that many were registered by Wednesday morning. The deadline for registration was Wednesday at 5 p.m.

For a \$10 fee, participating "official" sales were included on the maps and received the benefit of the annual promotional campaign for the sale, with publicity being sent out throughout the area and region. Participants also receive an official City-Wide Garage Sale sign.

In addition to the numerous garage sales, bargain hunters may also shop at booth spaces set up around the courthouse square in the east and west parking lots. In the past, some of the booths also have served food items.

Also helping to promote the sale again this year is the Dimmitt Lions Club, which will be holding its annual Radio Day Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. on KDHN Radio, 1490 AM. They will be broadcasting from the gazebo on the courthouse square, as well as featuring live remote broadcasts and interviews from official garage sale locations throughout the city.

For garage sale merchants who don't sell all of their "merchandise," there are two charitable options for disposal of the leftovers.

A truck from the Salvation Army will be at the courthouse at 3 p.m.

Also, Panhandle Community Services at 114 W. Jones will open its offices from 3 to 5 p.m. to accept items to benefit the Area Battered Women's Shelter. Items must be boxed or sacked to be accepted.

## Hospital board re-elects Clark

Hospital board members elected—or rather, re-elected—officers for the coming year Tuesday night.

Returned to office for another year were Bill Clark, president; James Welch, vice-president; and Teresa Lindsey, board secretary.

Other trustees on the five-member board are Jerry Annen and Carolyn Sides.

The board approved the purchase of a security system to use with long-term, ambulatory patients. If a patient happens to walk out of the hospital, an electronic bracelet will notify the nurses' desk immediately as to which door was exited.

Steve Sloan, new hospital administrator and chief executive officer, told the board his first impressions of the hospital.

"I think we've got a good group of employees, and there are some good doctors to work with," Sloan said. "We need to do a little reorganization and get a couple of things in order, but I don't foresee any problems at all."

The board also studied a quality assurance report and statistics on the numbers and categories of patients served during the month by Plains Memorial and its branches.

## Please Let it Rain!

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



GETTING READY—Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt drives a stake into the ground advertising the City-Wide Garage Sale Day that will be held Saturday in Dimmitt. There will be individual booths set up in the east and west parking areas of the courthouse, as well, offering bargains and refreshments for the myriad of shoppers attracted to town by the annual event. Nutt said more than 60 locations were signed up for the sale by Tuesday morning, and more were expected by the Wednesday deadline. Maps with the sale locations marked will be handed out on the square starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Wildest rodeo in Panhandle hits 20 years this weekend

It's the 20th year of the Nazareth Country Rodeo and Wild West Show, which means that this year's activities could be wilder than ever. If that's possible.

"The Wildest Rodeo In The Texas Panhandle" will kick off Friday at 7:30 p.m. and continue Saturday and

Sunday at 7:30 and 3:00 p.m., respectively.

Sanctioned by the Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association, the rodeo will buck and ride at Marvin Schulte's Arena five miles east of Nazareth on Highway 86 behind Elmer's Package Store.

Admission for high school and up will be \$5. Twelve year-olds to high schoolers will be charged \$2. Kids under 12 will be allowed in free.

Traditional rodeo events will include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bull dogging, girl's break-a-way roping, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping and single steer roping.

Wild west events include wild horse race, wild cow milking, kid's calf scramble and kid's steer riding.

Marvin Schulte, coordinator of the rodeo, expects amateur riders and

roppers from Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado.

"Over the years, Friday night has proven to be the wildest because the wild horses and wild cows are all fresh that night," Schulte said.

He also said that McCoy Rodeo Co., "the premier amateur rodeo stock contractor in the region," will furnish the bucking stock.

A rodeo dance will follow Saturday night's action at the Nazareth Community Hall. Music will be provided by Southern Sky from Friona. Admission will be charged. Proceeds will benefit the Nazareth Fire Department.

"In good years in the past, we could make \$5,000 for the fire department," Schulte said. "We sure didn't last year because of the tornadoes, but we hope to get it back up to its usual level this year."

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Uh-oh.

I goofed last week, and now I have to eat crow.

Officers and directors of the Castro County Senior Citizens do not—repeat, *not*—want to turn the Senior Citizens Center over to someone else to run.

I had heard several times from one or more members that it was getting harder to operate and maintain the center, and that they were hoping to get some younger people interested, and get it reorganized as a "community center." I didn't hear any mention of government funds being sought, but I understand that was part of the plan, too.

My sources were honest in their concern, but as it turns out, they didn't speak for the officers and directors.

"We do need help, but we don't need somebody just to take us over," an irate CCSC board member said. "We're very upset."

She added, "Why turn the Senior Citizens Center into a community center? It's *already* a community center. We've been using it for all ages. We've been using it for Boy Scouts, for wakes, for graduation parties, for class reunions, for a sweetheart banquet, etc."

The best solution to the Castro County Senior Citizens' problems, the board member said, is simply to build up membership.

"We've had a lot of members die or go into the rest home, but no one has come along to take their place," she said. "We're still making ends meet, but we could use a lot more members."

Membership in the Castro County Senior Citizens is open to anyone 50 or older. Dues are only \$1.25 per month—\$15 per year.

The organization's biggest expense is insurance, she said.

"Our rate has jumped sky-high because we've had some claims. Our windows were shot out twice, and someone threw a concrete block through a window once, and we had a couple of people fall who collected later."

I'm sorry I offended those who actually are in charge of operating

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A TRUE CONNOISSEUR — Dimmitt barber Lynn West demonstrates the art of chili judging during the cook-off finals Saturday at the local VFW post. Experts say that a judge shouldn't let the chili touch his lips because that would affect the taste of all the other chilis sampled later. The made-from-scratch chilis were judged on consistency, aroma, color, taste and aftertaste. The winner was "Ding Dong Chili" prepared by Pat Moore of Littlefield.

Photo by Don Nelson

# Local cooks roast barbecue foes, simmer second in chili

Dimmitt cooks took eight of the top 15 places in the barbecue division of the cook-off held in Dimmitt Saturday at the VFW, and a Dimmitt man took second place in the chili division.

Ben Aleman of Dimmitt was named overall grand champion of the barbecue competition, out-grilling 13 other entrants. He won first in both the brisket and ribs categories,

and also won fifth in the chicken category.

The barbecue competition was sanctioned by the West Texas Barbeque Association under the rules of the International Barbeque Cookers Association.

Boyd Moyers of Dimmitt took second place in the chili cook-off, which was sanctioned by the Chili Appreciation Society International,

Inc. He won out over 23 other entrants, finishing behind first place winner Pat Moore of Littlefield.

The cook-off was a part of the VFW's Memorial Day weekend celebration.

Complete placings for the cook-off included:

### CHILI

**Cooking:** 1. Pat Moore, Littlefield. 2. Boyd Moyers, Dimmitt. 3. Betty Kirkland, Cotton Center. 4. James Hassall, Seminole. 5. Unclaimed. 6. Betty Walker, Amarillo. 7. Loretta Osenbaugh, Amarillo. 8. Penny Rutledge, Amarillo. 9. Dennis Brayken. 10. Cliff Blakeley, Clovis, N.M.

**Showmanship:** 1. "Renegade," Ted Fancher of Amarillo, captain; 2. "Ding-Dong Chili," Jerry Moore of Littlefield, captain; 3. Mike Blakeley, Lamesa.

### BARBECUE

**Brisket:** 1. Ben Aleman, Dimmitt. 2. Bob Rutledge, Amarillo. 3. Otis Nickels, Lubbock. 4. Marshall Young, Dimmitt. 5. M.D. Testerman (Boozer), Amarillo.

**Ribs:** 1. Aleman. 2. Young. 3. Sam Hardy, Dimmitt. 4. Boyd Moyers, Dimmitt. 5. Bettie Wilcox, Lake Thomas.

**Chicken:** 1. Nickels. 2. Testerman. 3. Rutledge. 4. Young. 5. Aleman.

"The caliber of cooks we have here in Dimmitt is tremendous," said Young, an organizer of the event. He noted that competitors included past International Chili winners and past National Barbeque association winners.



'PIQUANT, BUT NOT OVERBEARING'—Chamber of Commerce secretary Becky Stovall adopts a studious expression as she judges the finals of the chili competition during the cook-off held Saturday at the local VFW post. Twenty-five cooks from Texas and New Mexico entered their original chilis in the competition. The only local cook finishing in the top 10 was Boyd Moyers of Dimmitt, who placed second. Pat Moore's "Ding Dong Chili" from Littlefield was judged the best, and all the judges survived.

Photo by Don Nelson

The largest hailstone ever recorded measured 17 and a half inches around and weighed one, and two-thirds pounds. It fell during a rainstorm that hit Coffeyville, Kansas in 1970.

The Norse explorer Leif Erikson may have visited the Massachusetts region about the year 1000. He was one of the first Europeans to sail to North America.



TOP COOKS in Saturday's big cook-off at the Castro Memorial VFW Post in Dimmitt were (from left) Pat Moore of Littlefield (Ding-Dong Chili), first place chili; Ben Aleman of Dimmitt (Hockey Express), first place in both barbecued ribs and

brisket; and Otis Nickels of Lubbock (Bad Boys, Inc.), first place in barbecued chicken. The competition drew 25 chili cooks and 14 barbecuers from Texas and New Mexico.

Photo by Don Nelson



SERIOUS COOKING MACHINE—Don Hardy of Midlothian, a 1954 graduate of Dimmitt High School, checks the barbecue in his custom-built, tandem-axle cooker during the cook-off at the Castro Memorial VFW Post Saturday. The large cooking chamber has a motor-driven rotisserie and its racks can hold up to 500 lbs. of meat, although Hardy cooked "only" 100 lbs. of ribs, chicken and

brisket Saturday. Behind the cooking chamber are the firebox (loaded with pecan wood) and a large warming oven. Hardy, a retired court reporter, does a lot of custom cooking and catering at home, but said this was the first cook-off he had ever entered. Hardy's brother, Sam, of Dimmitt, placed third in barbecued ribs.

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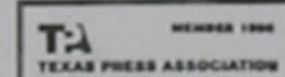
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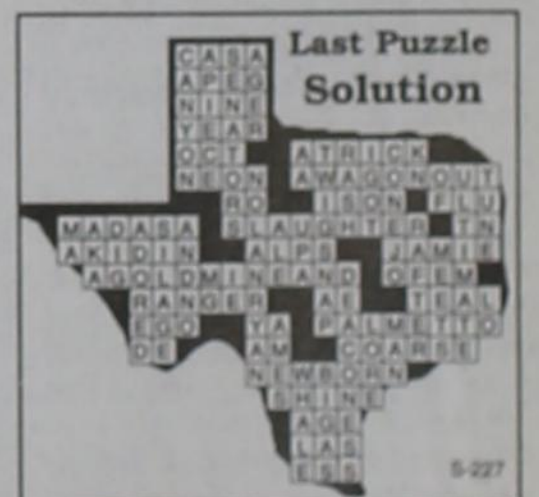
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- 53 boy
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### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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# People



## Candace Birkenfeld Birkenfeld places second, will be on TV

Candace Birkenfeld, a first grader at Nazareth, placed second in the annual Reading Rainbow "Young Writers and Illustrators Awards" contest.

She is the daughter of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

All first- and second-place winners will read their stories on KACV-TV, which locally administered the contest, this month.

Birkenfeld's story, "The Reading Bear" was second among 407 total contest entries in the four different divisions, said Betty Ann Sansing, outreach coordinator for KACV-TV.

Birkenfeld, a student in Mrs. Mays first-grade class, placed in the first-grade division.

She will also receive a certificate of recognition signed by Reading Rainbow host and co-executive producer LeVar Burton. Judging was done locally and nationally.

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## Cemetery Association names new directors

Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery Association adopted by-law changes and selected three new members for the board of directors at the annual membership meeting held Monday at the cemetery.

Named to the board were Norvell Birdwell, Bob Anthony and J. Paul Waggoner. They will replace outgoing directors Melvin Summers, J.B. Moore and Bill Birdwell.

Former board members D.C. Taylor and Melvin Summers were presented with plaques in honor of their years of service on the board.

Changes to the by-laws were approved by those attending. The by-law specifying who can serve on the board of directors was changed to allow those to serve who are not plot owners, but who have close family members buried there.

Also, the by-law specifying the date, time and place of meetings of the board of directors was changed to state that the board will meet regularly at the discretion of its members.

Houston Lust, president of the association, said that the perpetual care funds are getting low, since interest rates have taken a dip. He suggested that association members or others might want to make memorial contributions to the association. He said they could be mailed in care of Louise Mears at Box 685, Dimmitt, 79027.

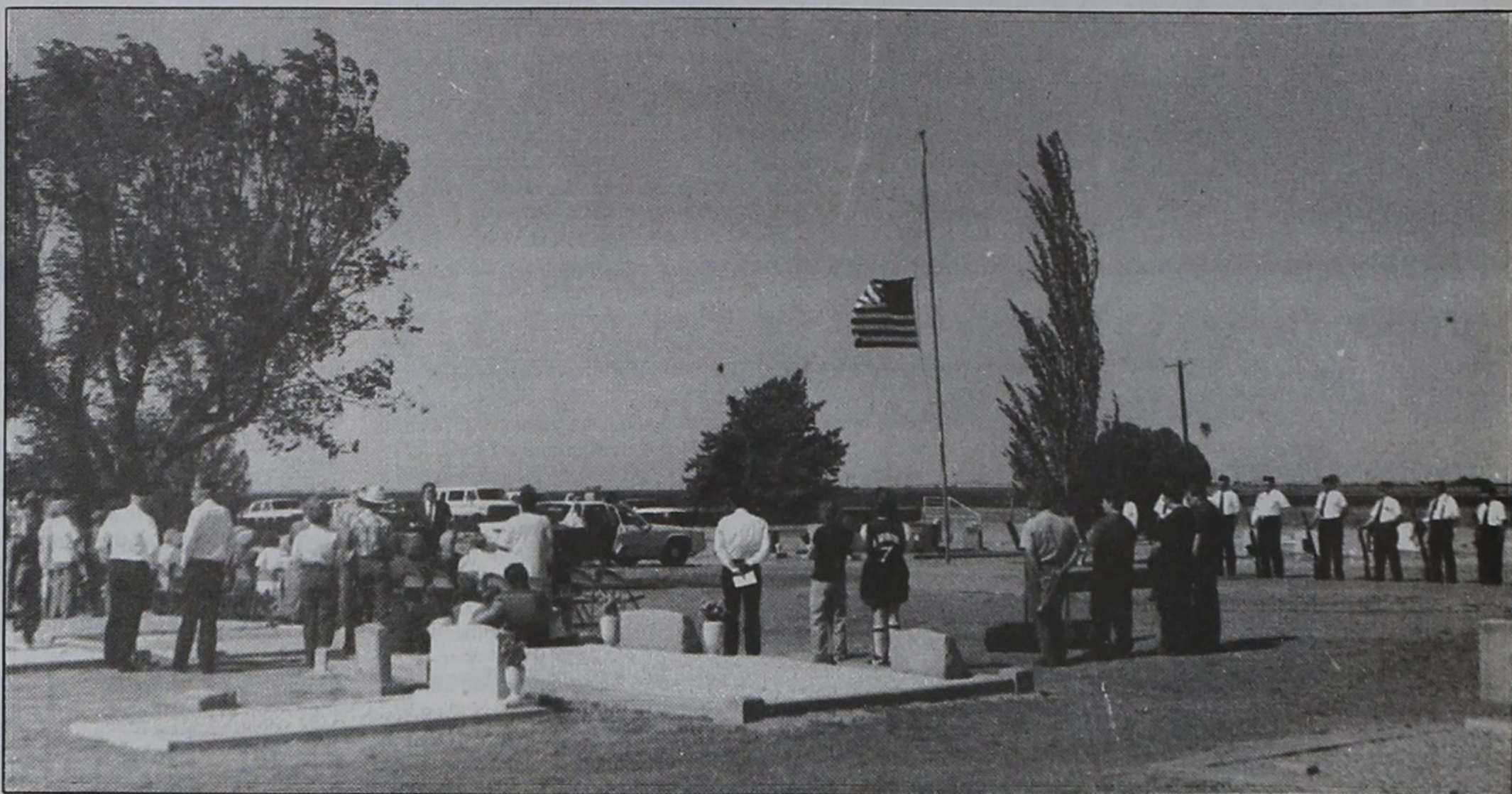
## Hereford to host domestic violence training classes

The Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Center in Hereford will hold a series of classes June 4-7 for volunteer trainers each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Training will be offered in handling of domestic violence, sexual assault and the role law enforcement plays in these cases.

Medical personnel will discuss how they conduct sexual assault exams.

Other topics covered will be co-dependency, suicide, housing, Child Protective Services Adult Protective Services, and what emergency services are available for survivors of domestic violence.



**HART'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** was an impressive one Saturday morning at the Hart Cemetery. While the flag flies at half mast, Rev. Greg Kennedy delivers the Memorial Day address to a large crowd (mostly seated in left background). In right foreground are Nelson, Chris, Daniel and Steve Dotson, ready to perform "Battle Hymn

of the Republic" on their trumpets. In right background, members of the American Legion Honor Guard stand at parade rest. The program also included the reading of names of 47 deceased veterans from Hart, a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps," in addition to the presentation of the colors, invocation and benediction. *Photo by Don Nelson*

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Nazareth Veterans held a flag raising ceremony Monday morning in front of the CCD Building before leading the entrance procession into Holy Family Church for the Memorial Day mass, with Father Neal Dee, officiating. The closing prayer of the mass was said in the cemetery. The prayer was the blessing of the beautiful tombstone erected by the Knights of Columbus to honor aborted children.

After the visiting of the graves, breakfast was served at the Legion Hall for veterans, auxiliary members and their guests.

An eleven trailer home caravan of Senior Citizens from Lubbock, Slaton and Olton were here in Nazareth on Thursday to visit Holy Family Church and learn something of its history. Twenty-five people were very impressed at our beautiful church with its old statues. The stained glass windows, each which depict a different story, were their center of attention.

Our sympathy to the family of Adeline Pohlmeier, 84, who died Thursday in Amarillo. Funeral mass was read Saturday afternoon and burial was in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband Vincent was buried in August 1989. Survivors are three daughters, Carolyn and Arlene of Amarillo, Rosella of Tipton, Okla. and one son, Tom Pohlmeier of Paris, Ark.; several grandchildren; one brother, Andrew of California; three sisters, Tinie Hoelting of Nazareth, Mary Brockman of Canyon and Veronica Heiman of California.

Nazareth's graduation ceremony was held Thursday evening for 13 Seniors. Jaimye Bingham gave the salutatorian address and Robin Schulte delivered the valedictory address. Nazareth football coach Rick Price was the speaker, Supt. Dean Johnson presented the scholarships and awards, and School Board President Sidney Birkenfeld awarded

the diplomas to the 13 graduating seniors. Father Neal Dee gave the beginning invocation and closing benediction.

Tonya Huseman, daughter of Ted and Deanna Huseman, graduated with honors from a class of 230 students at Randall High School Friday evening. Family attending were Denny and Dolores Heiman, Rodney, Mona and Dustin Schulte, Darrin and Jennifer Heiman, Wayne and Sandy Heiman, Bert Huseman, David and Yvonne Ehly, Gary Huseman, and Bob, Theresa and Ross Birkenfeld.

Congratulations to Cary and Leona Acker on the birth of a girl, Kyla Marie, on May 20 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She has one sister Jennifer and two brothers, Jeremy and Chad. Her grandparents are Tony and Angela Acker and Alphonse and Viola Kleman.

Brigetta Dobmeier has returned from a trip to Seattle to visit her granddaughter Rachelle and husband Bill Whitneur and children. Then in Huguian, she visited her sister Chris, who is living in a retirement home, and Arnold and Lois Blindkian. They took her on a tour of the countryside and Lake Quinalte which was beautiful with wild flowers due to lots of rain. Then she went on to Palm Beach to visit Fred and Charlotte Lawrence. On Sunday morning she returned to Seattle where her daughter Gail and husband Robert McCandless live. They gave her a tour of the gallery where they display their wares. Their specialty is their clocks.

Evelyn Backus attended the graduation of her grandson, Dustin Albus, on May 20 at the Watson Memorial Stadium in Hobbs, N.M. He graduated with honors from a class of 325 students. Dustin is the son of Michael and Camille Albus of Hobbs, N.M.

Prayers are asked for Clara Kleman and Helen Backus who will both have surgery in Amarillo this week.

Denis and Kathleen Mattingly of Logan, Iowa, Lee Mattingly of Marysville, Kans., Tim Mattingly of Woodbine, Iowa and Connie Van Nostrand of Stephens Point, Wisc. Spent several days with Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld. Kathleen and Marilyn are sisters. The Mattinglys were here to attend Denis' mother's funeral. She was buried in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo where her

husband was buried in 1965. While here they also attended a family get-together at the home of Kenny and Cince Schulte.

Virgie Gerber went with Karen Gerber to Lubbock Sunday to watch the finals of the AAU basketball games at Monterey High School. Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber played on the same team in the games. Whitney Hoelting, Shawna Gerber and Tara Kleman played with a team from Sudan. Virgie's sister, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock joined them at the games, and they all went out to eat afterward.

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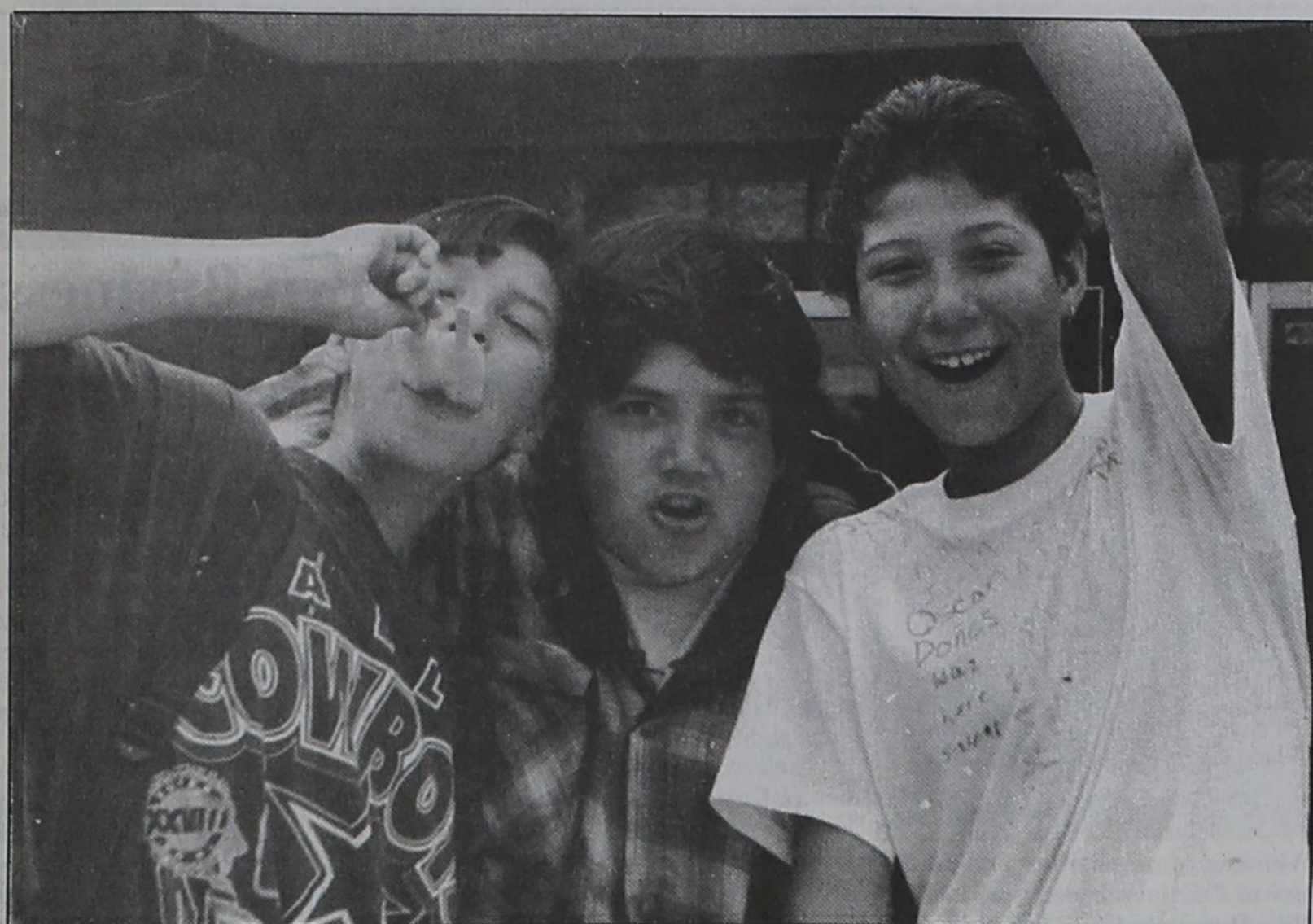
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**YIPPEE, IT'S OVER!**—Students from Dimmitt Middle School savor frozen treats and the feeling of freedom as they leave the school building after the final

day of classes for the 1995-96 school year Friday afternoon. They are (from left) Oscar Melendez, Oscar Juarez, and Roy Rodriguez. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# RES first graders are honored

First graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School won honors and awards for the fourth nine weeks grading period, and also were recognized for perfect attendance for the whole school year.

Those honored included:

**Keith's Room**

Citizenship: Yvette Arce, Jessica Castillo, Daniella Covarrubia, Julia Falcon, Cassandra Garcia, Daniela Zepeda.

Most Improved: Anthony Flores, John Hight.

Homework: Arce, Castillo, Covarrubia, Falcon, Ashley Fuentes, Garcia, Michelle Gonzales, Sean Luna, Seth McLain, Jorge Olmos, Bryce Parker, Eric Saenz, Skyler Smothermon, Zepeda.

Attendance (Nine Weeks): Arce, Aaron Arcos, Covarrubia, Garcia, Sasha Garza, Luis Lopez, Olmos, Parker, Saenz, Smothermon, Zepeda.

Writing: Fuentes, Gonzales, Luna, McLain, Parker, Zepeda.

All Star Readers: Arce, Castillo, Covarrubia, Elias Caldera, Garcia, Sasha Lule, Gonzales, Lopez, Luna, Zepeda.

Perfect Attendance (Year): Smothermon, Olmos.

**Ponce's Room**

Citizenship: Alondra Castillo, Dario Luna, Manaure Rodriguez, Micaela Salinas, Victoria Castillo, Yuri Aguilon, Marisela Saucedo, Edith Velasquez.

Homework: Salinas.

Most Improved: Alondra Castillo, Jacob Cardona, Carlos Ontiveros.

Perfect Attendance (Nine Weeks): Victoria Castillo, Jorge Quintana, Salinas, Isidro Villalba.

Reading: Velasquez, Cardona, Alondra Castillo, Victoria Castillo,

Edgar Garza, Quintana, Johnny Ramirez, Rodriguez, Salinas.

**Feaster's Room**

Citizenship: Raul Casas, Samantha Howell, Jessica Wagner, Arica Cisneros, Rafael Gonzalez, Natashia Jordan, Amanda Lopez, Caleb Snitker, Chelsea Buckley, Eloy Salinas, Stacey Buskirk.

Homework: Salinas.

Most Improved: Mary Sanchez.

Perfect Attendance (Nine Weeks): Buckley, Jose Chavez, Martin Garcia, Gonzalez, Britany Heard, Amanda Lopez, Victor Ortiz, Candis Rodriguez, Sanchez, Joshua Smothermon, Wagner.

Perfect Attendance (Year): Gonzalez, Smothermon, Sanchez, Heard.

Reading: Buckley, Cisneros, Sanchez, Heard, Samantha Howell, Rodriguez, Chavez.

**Matthews's Room**

Citizenship: Jerry Acevedo, Kim Back, Jason Dones, Jayme Flores, Marilyn Gill, Celena Gregory, Sabre Mason, Tabatha McAllister, Wesley Nutt, Carmen Pena, Kayla Saenz, Clarissa Sanchez, Vikki Sanchez.

Homework: Acevedo, Zane Matthews, McAllister, Nutt, Pena, Saenz, Clarissa Sanchez, Vikki Sanchez.

Most Improved: Mason.

Perfect Attendance (Nine Weeks): Back, Rudy Corrales, Dones, Gregory, Matthews, Pena, Saenz, Clarissa Sanchez, Justin Trotter, Ramon Rivera, Vikki Sanchez.

Perfect Attendance (Year): Trotter.

Reading: Corrales, Dones, Sean Lookingbill, McAllister, Saenz, Clarissa Sanchez, Vikki Sanchez.

**Horton's Room**

Citizenship: Gladys Ruiz, Gadira Garza, Omar Soto, Edgar Chico, Jaime Esqueda, Alfredo ByGoytia, Gerardo Reyes, Diana Cordera.

Homework: Jose Cardona, Garza, Arthur Castaneda, Chico, Esqueda, Reyes, Soto, Angelica Flores, Ruiz.

Most Improved: Joshua Cano, Abraham Alvarado, Soto.

Perfect Attendance (Nine Weeks): Ruiz, Alvarado, Cano, Castaneda.

Reading: Humberto Aguilar, ByGoytia, Cano, Esqueda, Ruiz, Soto, Rene Villegas.

**Roberson's Room**

Reading: Five Point—Randi Cates, Joby Cleaver, Justin Dominguez, Beau Gonzales, Joslyn Harmonson, Jason Hill, Scott Martinez, Thelma Medrano, Seth Noland, Dana Sandoval, KaShondra Sherman, Isela Velo; Ten Point—Anna Brockman, Jessie Lara,

Joshua Norman, Brandy Smith.

Homework: Brittany Allen, Brockman, Harmonson, Martinez, Medrano, Norman, Sherman, Velo, Cates.

Citizenship: Allen, Jessica Arguijo, Brockman, Dominguez, Harmonson, Lara, Martinez, Medrano, Norman, Sandoval, Sherman, Smith.

Perfect Attendance (Nine Weeks): Allen, Harmonson, Hill, Martinez, Medrano, Sherman, Velo.

Perfect Attendance (Year): Medrano, Velo.

Handwriting: Brockman, Arguijo, Harmonson, Lara, Medrano, Noland, Norman, Sandoval, Smith.

Most Improved: Harmonson, Noland.

## Chamber is making plans for July Jubilee

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a July Jubilee celebration again this year, and several individuals are working to make this year's celebration a crowd pleaser.

This year's event will be held on Wednesday, July 3.

Max Ellison is working on getting live musicians to perform at the gazebo that day, and Sandra Clark and members of the Retail Merchants Committee have planned a variety of kids' games. Hot dogs will be served for lunch. A dunking board on the square will be a featured attraction, with many local celebrities offering to "take the plunge."

## First Baptist Church schedules VBS beginning Monday

Dimmitt's First Baptist Church, located at 1201 Western Circle Drive, is planning a Vacation Bible School for Monday through June 7, with the theme of "Go For the Goal."

Sessions will last from 9 a.m. to noon each day, and Family Day will be June 7 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a lunch provided.

Children are invited to participate and transportation will be provided from three locations in Dimmitt.

Those needing transportation may catch a ride at Northwest Second and Andrews (the northwest corner of the bank parking lot), at Northwest Ninth and Andrews (at the little park), and the main gate at the Azteca Complex.

Pick-up time will be 8:45 a.m., and riders will be dropped off at 12:15 p.m. at the same location at which they are picked up.

"Come on out and join the team at First Baptist Church and 'Go For the Goal'," a church spokesperson said.

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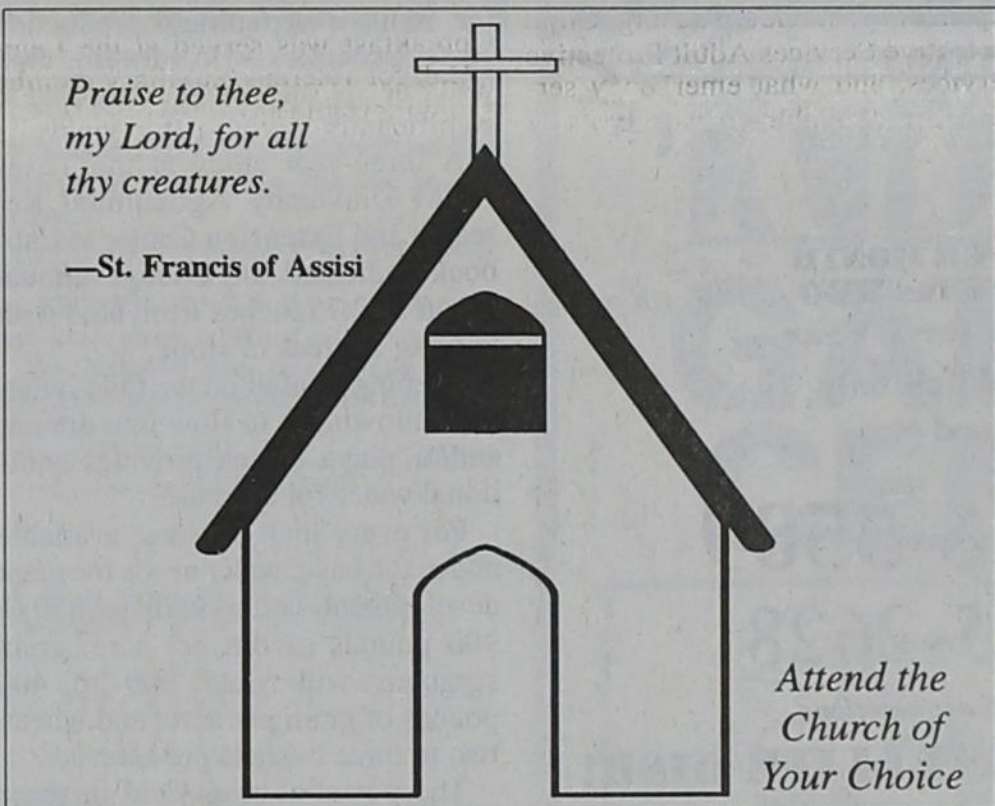
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- Sunnyside Baptist**  
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 Bennie Wright.....647-5712
- First United Methodist**  
 Hart  
 Greg Kennedy.....938-2462
- La Asamblea Cristiana**  
 400 NW 5th, Dimmitt  
 Manuel Rodriguez
- First United Methodist**  
 110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt  
 Johnny Robertson.....647-4106
- Iglesia De Cristo**  
 E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt  
 Pedro A. Gonzalez
- Immaculate Conception Catholic**  
 1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt  
 Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
- Jesus and the Love of God Church**  
 (Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt  
 Felix Sanchez.....647-3668



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 Hart  
 Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
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 SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt  
 Harry Riggs.....647-4435
- Immanuel Baptist**  
 501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt
- Rosa De Saron**  
 411 NE 6th, Dimmitt  
 Maria Castaneda.....647-5598
- Rose of Sharon Temple**  
 407 NE 4th, Dimmitt
- First Baptist**  
 302 Ave. G, Hart  
 Gerald Aalbers.....938-2316
- Harvest Family Church**  
 500 S. Broadway, P.O. Box 502, Dimmitt  
 Gary Reid.....647-4195
- First Assembly of God**  
 300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt  
 Larry Gilliam.....647-5662
- First Baptist**  
 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt  
 Paul Kenley.....647-3115
- Lee Street Baptist**  
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## DHS Class of '86 seeking members

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1986 is planning a class reunion for the weekend of Aug. 3, and organizers of the event have been unable to contact a few of the class members.

Anyone who knows how to contact the following people is asked to call Marlene (Nino) Martinez at 647-3632, LeAnn (Webb) Pigg at 647-4206, Cindy (Nutt) Cornett at 647-2460 or Stephanie (Ryan) Waldo at 945-2536.

Class members sought include Mike Cantu, Sandy Chasco, Robert Cole, Luz Marie Garcia, Jimmy Glover, Robert Green, Maria Mendoza, Lucy Sabeira, Alicia Salinas, Mark Shackelford, Rebecca Soto and Terry Wright.

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## Westex director resigns

Dale Swinburn of Tulia has resigned from the board of directors of the Westex Federal Land Bank Association to take an appointment with Cotton Incorporated.

Swinburn served on the board for nine years as a representative from Swisher County. The association serves the three-county area of Castro, Swisher and Deaf Smith counties.

Swinburn's resignation was accepted at the April 4 meeting of the board of directors, and Dwain Strange of Swisher County was named to take the position.

Cotton Incorporated is a farmer-owned company which promotes US cotton and supports research efforts for improvement of cotton crops.

Swinburn was presented with a plaque and a gift in commemoration of his years of service with the association.



MORRIS REAL ESTATE in Dimmitt held ribbon cutting ceremonies Tuesday morning at the business's new location at 112 W. Bedford. Scott Morris began his real estate venture here over a month ago. Helping with the ribbon cutting are: (front, from left) Chamber of Commerce member Deanne Clark, Larry and Jean Morris, parents of Scott Morris, Julie Williams, niece of Morris, Morris,

and Ann Morris Williams, Morris's sister; and (back, from left) Chamber of Commerce members Chaun Gunstream and Mike Huseman, Chamber Executive Director Shelly Nutt, and Chamber members Russel Birdwell, Sandra Clark, and Carolyn Jones, Mayor Wayne Collins, Chamber Board President Layne Myatt, and Chamber member Don Nelson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Furrow dikes can maximize benefits of precipitation

No one knows when the next rainfall will occur on the dry Texas High Plains; therefore, it makes good sense for area producers to keep furrow dikes installed in their fields to maximize precipitation benefits when it does rain again.

Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil mechanically installed in the

furrow. Installation of these mounds of soil creates a small reservoir in front of each dam.

In most instances, area soil infiltration rates are adequate to absorb small amounts of rainfall with little runoff.

However, when rainfall occurs in amounts exceeding soil infiltration rates, the furrow dikes hold the water in place until it can soak into the soil.

"Water is the limiting factor in crop production in this area," says Ken Carver, Assistant Manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock.

"It must either be obtained from precipitation or by pumping ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer. Maximizing precipitation reduces the amount of withdrawal from the aquifer, reduces agricultural production costs associated with meeting crop water needs, and has the potential to significantly increase crop yields."

A three-year study at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock indicated an average annual runoff of 2.73 inches from land with varying degrees of slope.

Keeping rainfall on the field rather than allowing it to flow into ditches and/or playa basins provides additional water for crop use.

For every inch of water available above the basic water needs for plant development, cotton will yield 50 to 100 pounds of lint per acre; grain sorghum will yield 300 to 400 pounds of grain per acre; and wheat, two to three bushels per acre.

The potential crop yield increase resulting from two to three inches of additional water on cotton could increase production by 100 to 300 pounds of lint per acre, and grain

sorghum production from 600 to 1,200 pounds per acre.

Other crops grown in the area should have similar yield increases when furrow dikes are used to retain similar amounts of additional water.

Producers should also remember that furrow dikes are especially effective when used under a center pivot sprinkler system. The furrow dikes hold the irrigation water in place until it can soak into the root zone soil profile.

"Furrow dikes are the single most cost-effective conservation practice that High Plains producers can implement to increase crop yields and profits," Carver said.

"Choosing not to use furrow dikes and subsequently pumping an amount of water from the Ogallala Aquifer equal to the average annual runoff of 2.73 inches will cost the producer from \$8 to \$12 per acre.

"In addition, the water pumped this year from the Ogallala Aquifer will not be available for use in future years," he concluded.

Additional information about furrow dike use is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

*There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.*

—Charles M. Schulz

*We are wide-eyed when contemplating the possibility that life may exist elsewhere in the universe, but we wear blinders when contemplating the possibilities of life on earth.*

—Norman Cousins

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### More Business Myths



Three years ago I wrote a column about common business myths. Myths are not outright lies. Rather, myths often contain some truth, at least enough to convince most of us that they are true. However, they are false even if you see them written as fact.

I shared four common business myths in the previous column. The first was: "The customer is always right." This myth is well known and some have carved it in stone. The fact is, customers are wrong some-

times. However, customers are the only reason your business exists, so treat them right even if they're wrong.

The second myth was: "Customers always buy the lowest price." They don't. Customers want value. A fair exchange for the money they spend. Give them high quality and great service and you can sell Rolex watches, Cadillac cars and 10-topping pizzas.

The third myth was: "Discounters don't offer customer service." They do, but they gave lowered customers' expectations for service in the process. They created a market position based on price; not service as we think of it. Some of the great services they do offer include convenient hours, clean restrooms, a wide selection of merchandise and great return policies.

The fourth myth was: "Everyone is my target customer." All too often businesses try to be "everything to everybody" and end up being "nothing special to anybody." Find a market segment you can serve better than anyone else and watch your business grow.

### Six More Myths

• **A business loan would solve my problems.** While a business loan may lower your stress level for the short-term, it will not solve your problems. In fact, cash shortages in a business are usually a sign of deeper problems. Sometimes adding debt to a troubled business is like pouring water on a drowning man. Get help to find the cause of cash shortages and then work on those problems.

• **When I get my patent, someone will give me a lot of money for my invention.** This is a common belief, but unfortunately another myth. It is true that a strong, well-written patent can add value to a marketable invention. However, the key word is marketable. There are millions of patented inventions that never sold in the market place.

• **When my business grows, it will get better.** The words of the true statement are nearly the same as the myth—if you rearrange the order. When my business gets better it will grow. If you wish to grow your business, don't miss next week's column. I'll be starting a three-part series titled "The Growing Challenge." It will show you how to get better and bigger.

• **I don't have time to write a business plan.** The truth is we always have time to do what we want to do. If you don't want to write a business plan, it won't write itself. However, the business plan can be a great tool for gathering information, answering questions, eliminating mistakes, organizing details and acquiring money. It is essential in helping existing firms improve and become more profitable.

• **I can become very successful working eight-to-five, Monday through Friday.** I suppose it could happen. However, I'm never surprised when I find someone I look up to professionally, who is working early in the morning, late in the evening or on the weekends. Success has its price and its rewards.

• **We will work on that tomorrow.** For most of us tomorrow never comes. Today is only followed by another today. Only those tasks we take care of today will be completed today. Procrastination is a destroyer of careers and businesses. Learn to be a "do it now, finish it today," person.

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

## Tech receives grant to help in grading of cattle

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced that Texas Tech University in Lubbock has received a \$90,000 federal grant that will help refine and further standardize meat grading standards.

"Since Texas is the nation's largest cattle producer, I think it's only fitting that one of our top universities received this funding to improve the

grading of live slaughter cattle in the United States," Perry said.

Texas Tech will develop a training video to help U.S. Dept. of Agriculture inspectors nationwide more accurately predict quality grades of live slaughter cattle.

A grader's degree of accuracy is highly dependent on his or her ability to evaluate variation of fatness in an animal. Since cattle do not deposit fat at the same rate in particular anatomical locations and various breeds deposit fat in different ways, a grader sometimes has difficulty determining the quality grade of a live animal.

The number of breeds slaughtered in the United States has jumped from four in the 1950s to about 80 breeds today.

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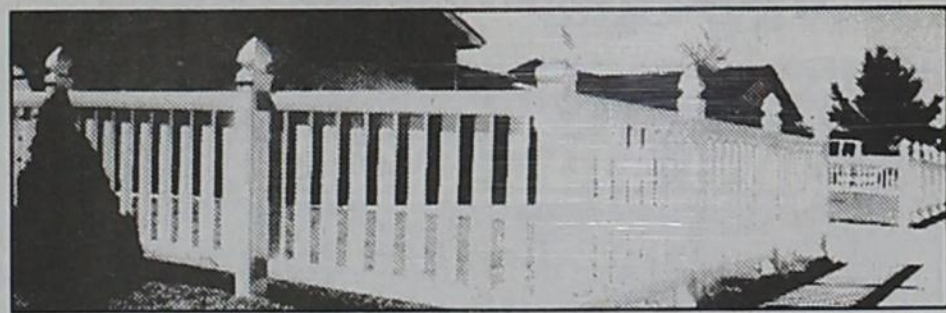
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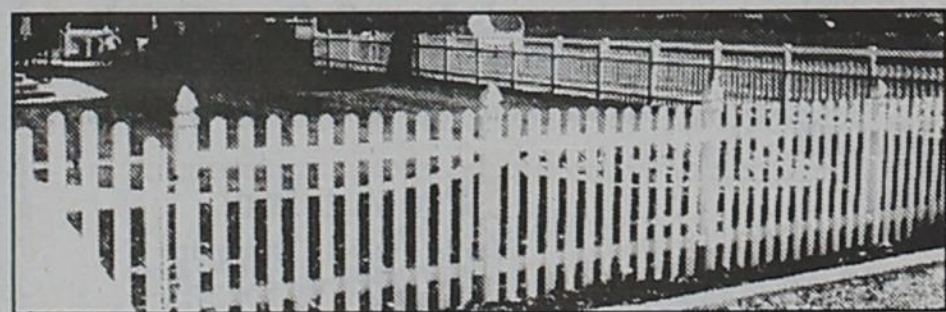
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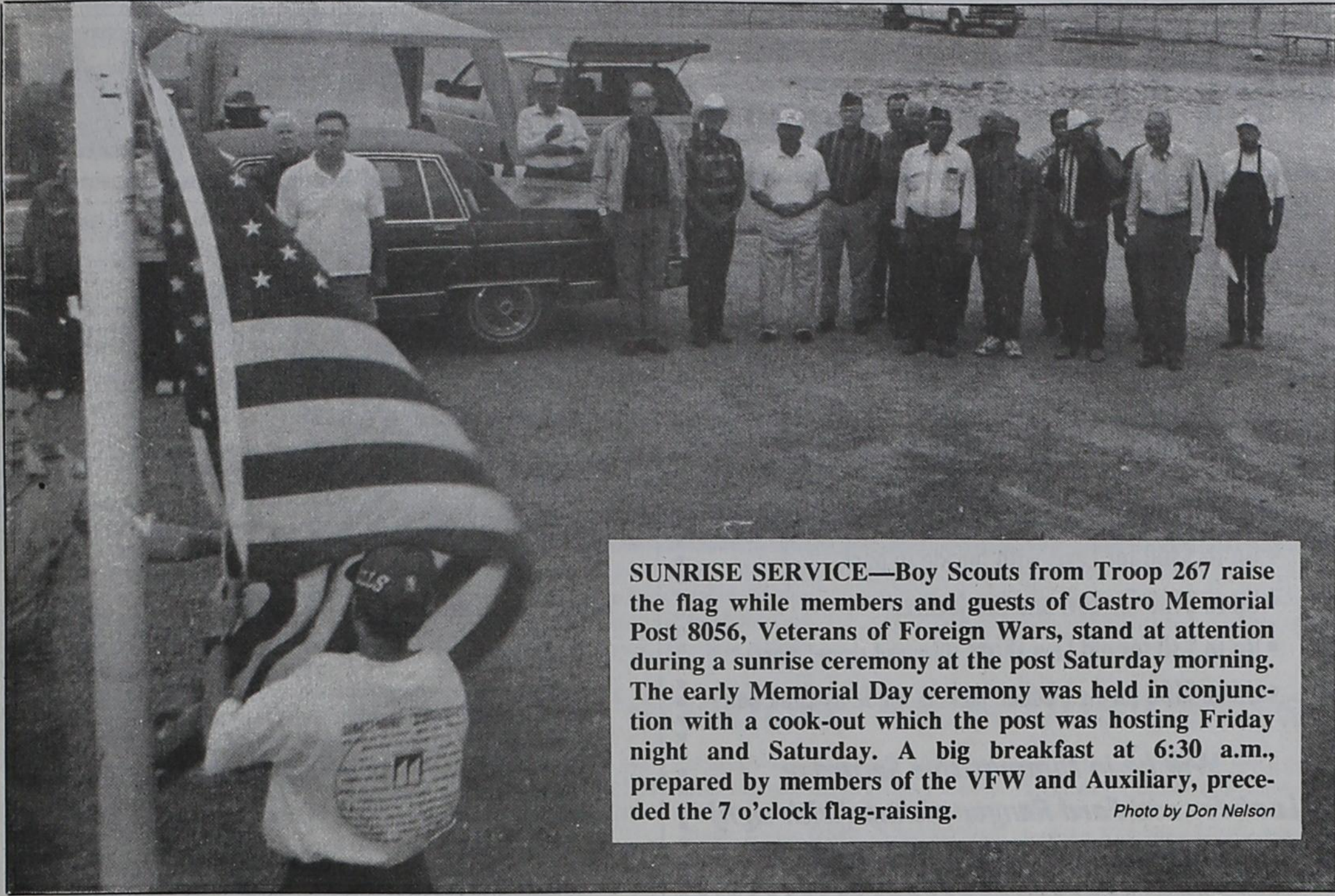
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**SUNRISE SERVICE**—Boy Scouts from Troop 267 raise the flag while members and guests of Castro Memorial Post 8056, Veterans of Foreign Wars, stand at attention during a sunrise ceremony at the post Saturday morning. The early Memorial Day ceremony was held in conjunction with a cook-out which the post was hosting Friday night and Saturday. A big breakfast at 6:30 a.m., prepared by members of the VFW and Auxiliary, preceded the 7 o'clock flag-raising.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Nazareth students recognized for top scores on ACT, SAT

Two Nazareth sixth graders were recognized in Fort Worth Wednesday for reaching high scores on the ACT and SAT tests.

### Breast cancer screening planned

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt, June 6.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

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

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

recognition from the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Birkenfeld and Moyers were entered into The Talent Identification Program (TIP) by their high achievement scores, which allows them to take the ACT or SAT sooner than other students.

Birkenfeld achieved this state honor by scoring above a 500 on the math and verbal section of the SAT.

Moyers was recognized for scoring above an 18 on the math section of the ACT.

The ceremony took place at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in Forth Worth. Texas Christian University were the hosts.

The ceremony was similar to a graduation ceremony in that each student was called onto the stage to shake hands with dignitaries and receive awards.

There were also speakers of interest throughout the ceremony.

The two will also receive through

the mail a Certificate of Merit which will recognize their participation in the Talent Search.

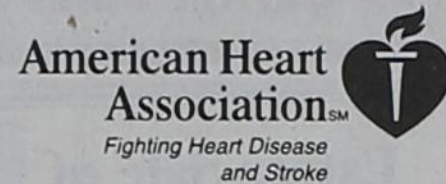
### Capt. Collins has new duty

Marine Capt. Joseph W. Collins, son of Wayne and Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Collins' new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

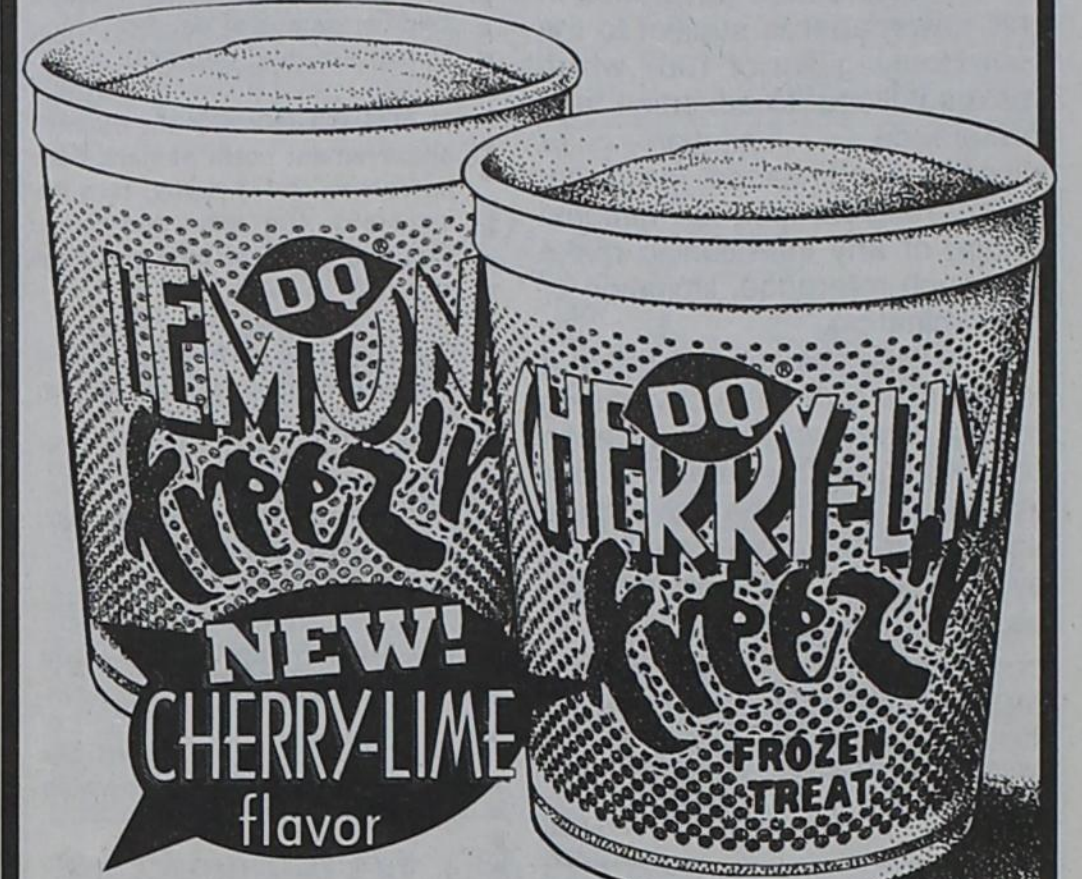
Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Collins are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1978 graduate of Dimmitt High School joined the Marine Corps in February 1987. Collins is a 1983 graduate of Texas Tech University.



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