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## County proposes increase in budgets

Former Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith was the only person to appear Monday at a hearing by the Castro County Commissioner's Court on the county's proposed 8.07% tax increase.

The county (and all other public bodies) is required to hold a public hearing for any tax increase above 3%. The county is proposing a tax rate that will equal 40.1 cents per \$100 evaluation on property in the county. County Judge Polly Simpson said the tax increase was necessary when she made the motion to

propose the hike at the county's Aug. 8 meeting.

The county's proposed budget, which will be considered at a Sept. 1 hearing at 5 p.m. at the courthouse, is up \$51,116 from last year, to \$2.53 million. Last year's budget was \$2.48 million, down \$154,583 from the 1992-93 budget of \$2.64 million.

Smith, who was commissioner until last September, said the county should cut its budget. He suggested a sort of self-flagellation for

spending about \$400,000 in legal fees this year in fighting the redistricting case.

"Let the people that caused this trouble pay the damages that this has caused Castro County," Smith said in a prepared statement he read to the commissioners at the hearing. "I propose an 8% decrease to offset what the commissioners court did in 1993. The commissioners court needs to abide by the law so they won't get sued. Let us quit making these big mistakes and quit increasing our taxes."

No one on the court responded to Smith's statements.

Commissioners had adjusted the road mileage among precincts to account for some increases in the budget for precincts. The budget includes \$271,925 for Pct. 1; \$199,762 for Pct. 2; \$199,595 for Pct. 3; and \$203,847 for Pct. 4 for a total of \$875,129. Last year, the budget for the precincts was \$714,437.

The county's general fund budget is proposed at \$1.66 million. That is down \$79,576 from last year.

Other county offices generally have increases, although not all. The total proposed office budgets are \$716,420, up from \$692,096 last year. Salaries were unchanged from last year.

In Monday's regular meeting, commissioners heard several insurance proposals for the county's health insurance program. Commissioners also approved several line item transfers, most having to do with prisoners in the county jail.



### SNAP OUT OF IT

Football season is upon us. We have full coverage of last week's scrimmages on Page 8. The regular season starts next week, and our football preview will tell you everything about all 3 county teams. It's coming in next week's *Castro County News*.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

"You shouldn't try to go to Czechoslovakia," they told Doug Pybus.

"I've driven all over Europe, and I don't think you can take a car across the border," one man told him.

But Doug refused to listen to reason. This quest had been in his mind ever since he learned he had won a week's trip to Vienna, Austria, through an Associated Grocers marketing contest.

For him, it was a personal pilgrimage.

"I was bound and determined I was going to go, no matter what, and nobody was going to talk me out of it," he said.

So on Monday morning, Aug. 15, armed with a roadmap and a rented Opel, Doug and his wife Cheryl headed west from Vienna. Doug drove, Cheryl navigated, and they both tried to decipher the German-language traffic signs along the way.

They knew to stay on the four-lane divided highway as long as they could.

"There's no speed limit on the four-laners," Doug said. "We drove with the traffic, sometimes 100 miles an hour."

At the border city of Bratislava, the capital of the Slovak Republic, they encountered their first checkpoint.

"There were soldiers with guns, barbed wire all around, and old cars that had been stripped," he said. "It looked like a war zone."

After showing their passports, they were waved through.

Soon enough, they could see for themselves what decades of Communist rule had done to Slovakia.

"It was like a different world," Doug said, "like stepping back in time. The cities were trashy and drab, and there was a lot of pollution. There weren't many cars. There were people on bicycles, and on foot, and pushing carts. There were some old-timey trains. It was pretty bleak, although the countryside was real pretty and green."

They drove 50 or 60 miles north through Slovakia to the border of the Czech Republic—where they

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### Wanted: Rain

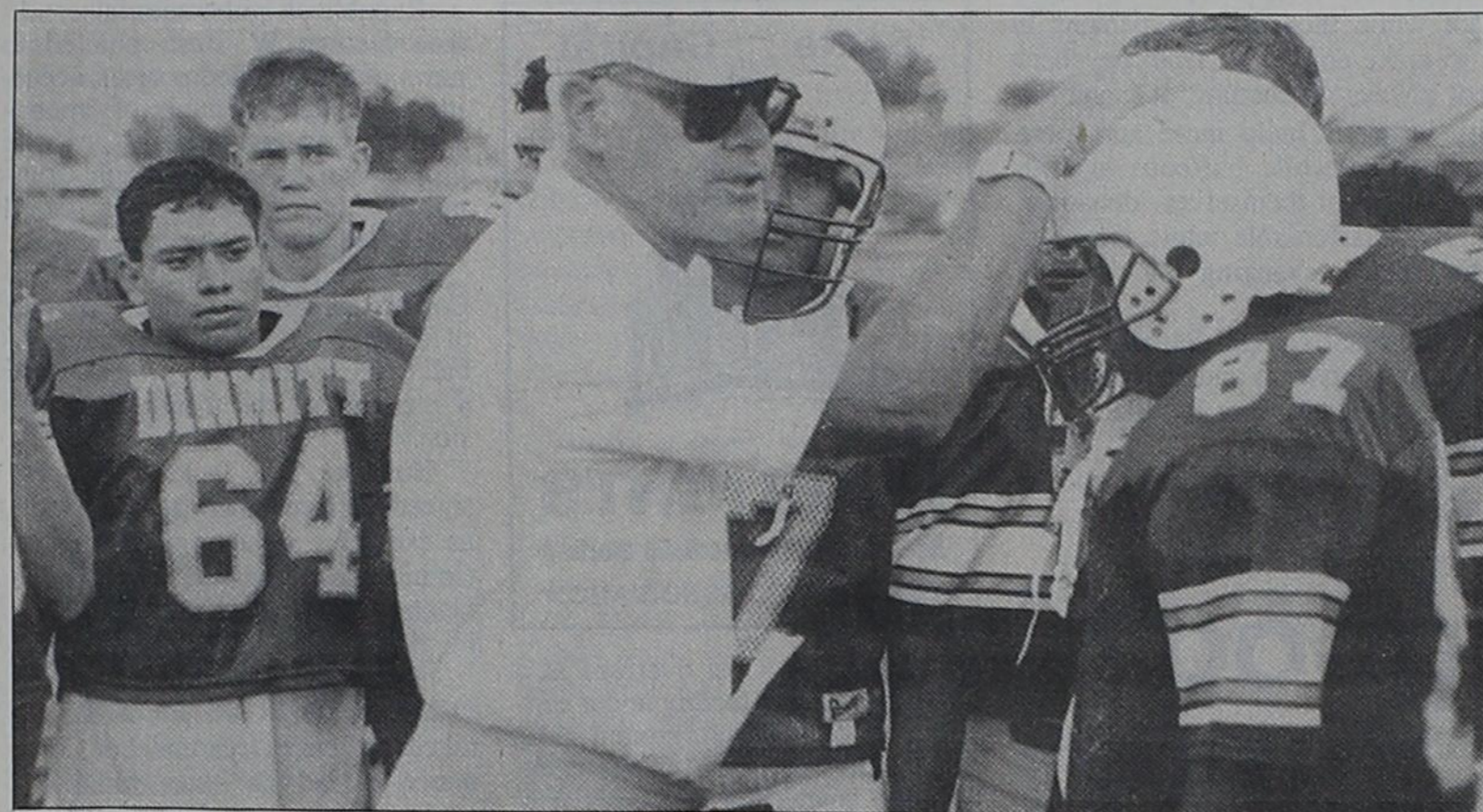
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Wednesday	94	64	

August Moisture	1.69
1994 Moisture	16.21

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US Weather Observer



**GREAT EFFORT, MEN**—Dimmitt head football coach Danny Chisum praises his players after their scrimmage Friday at Lubbock Cooper High School. The varsity Bobcats shut out Cooper while

scoring two touchdowns in the first scrimmage of the season. Dimmitt will take on Abernathy here Friday at 6 p.m.

Photo by John Brooks

## Ballots filling up for commissioner races

Ballots are getting crowded in three of four county commissioner races on Nov. 8.

Friday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for persons to file in any of the commissioner races. The elections will be non-partisan winner-take-all, but party affiliations will be listed next to each candidate's name.

The commissioner elections are being held for the first time since

1990 after the recent settlement of the county's precinct line dispute. The lines have reshuffled much of the city of Dimmitt; questions about which precinct you live in can be answered at the county clerk's office or the tax assessor-collector's office.

Candidates as of Tuesday included Pct. 1 incumbent Newlon Rowland, former commissioners

Harold Smith and Edd Bennett, and Danny Rodriguez; Clyde Damron, Sam Rutkowski, Robert Duke, Don Moke and Larry Gonzales in Pct. 2; Pct. 3 incumbent Jeff Robertson, and Hank Warren, Bay Baldrige, Jerry Stump and Phil Lemons; and Pct. 4 incumbent Vincent Guggemos and Carroll Gerber.

Winners in Pct. 1 and Pct. 3 will take office immediately after votes in the election are canvassed and will serve about 27 months. Winners in Pct. 2 and Pct. 4 will take office on Jan. 1.

Early voting will begin Oct. 19 and continue through Nov. 4 at the county clerk's office in all races on the November ballot. Voting will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., including the noon hour, due to the agreed order between the county and attorneys for plaintiff Joe Cre-spin in the redistricting suit.

## Sarpalius plans meeting Tuesday

US Rep. Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) will hold a town hall meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

If Congress does not recess by Tuesday, the meeting will be rescheduled.

The meeting will give local residents a chance to share views and

concerns with Sarpalius.

"I want to make sure your voices are heard in Washington, and that is why these town hall meetings are important," Sarpalius said. "It gives everyone a chance to exchange ideas and to decide what is most important to us in our part of Texas. Our government really does work best when we work together."

## County gets notice in region newspapers

Castro County has received some notoriety in the regional press in the past two weeks—and some of it isn't so flattering.

Stories appeared Aug. 15-16 in daily papers across the state when Dimmitt's new curfew ordinance was spotlighted in a story by Associated Press correspondent Jean Pangel. Pangel covers West and Northwest Texas and is based in Lubbock.

Her story also focused on efforts in other cities to establish an ordinance, but told how the curfew has apparently helped cut juvenile crime in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney told Pangel that the curfew was a tool the department was able to use to cut into crime in the city.

In a story that appeared in the Aug. 15 *Dallas Morning News*, Castro County was lumped in with places in Mississippi, Louisiana and other parts of Texas over minority officials facing strife.

In the copyright story, reporters Susan Feeney and Steve McGonigle of the paper's Washington bureau relied heavily on former commissioner Harold Smith for facts about the county, some of which are not correct. For instance, the story says the county "is 69 percent Hispanic." The county is not 69% Hispanic; the county's Hispanic population is 46.16% of the county population of 9,070, according to the 1990 US Census.

The story reads:

"In Texas, when the all-white Castro County Commissioners Court refused to pave roads in Harold 'Tater' Smith's heavily Hispanic precinct, he dug road-paving materials from his land to do the job.

"For his efforts, Mr. Smith faced possible felony charges last year for using county equipment to do work on private property.

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## DAI receives its first load of corn Sunday

Dimmitt Agri Industries received its first load of Castro County corn Sunday afternoon.

The crop was harvested by Richard Jackson and it came off of the Jim Elder place north of Dimmitt.

Jackson planted Pioneer 3737 and watered the crop three times during the growing season. Yield from the first load on a "wet" basis was 7,870 pounds per acre and moisture content was slightly above 29%.

"We've been getting quite a bit in at our facilities in the Tulia area—about 300,000 pounds over the weekend," said Dimmitt Agri manager Don Graham.

Dimmitt Agri is the only county elevator to report receiving corn.

"We thought we were going to have some (corn) a couple of days ago, but they decided it was too wet to cut," said Jarrel Sewell, manager at Cargill Grain Division at Hart. "I expect we'll see a little come in by the weekend, anyway."

Eddie Matthews at Easter Grain said he hasn't even heard of producers in his area thinking about attempting to harvest corn, yet, and expects it will be another week to 10 days before anyone tries to cut.

Sunnyside Grain workers also predict harvest to hold off for another 10 days or so in their area south of Dimmitt.

## Races filling up November ballot

Races are heating up in the commissioner elections planned with the general election in Nov. 4. At least four candidates are on the ballot in three of the four precincts. Incumbents are marked with an (I)

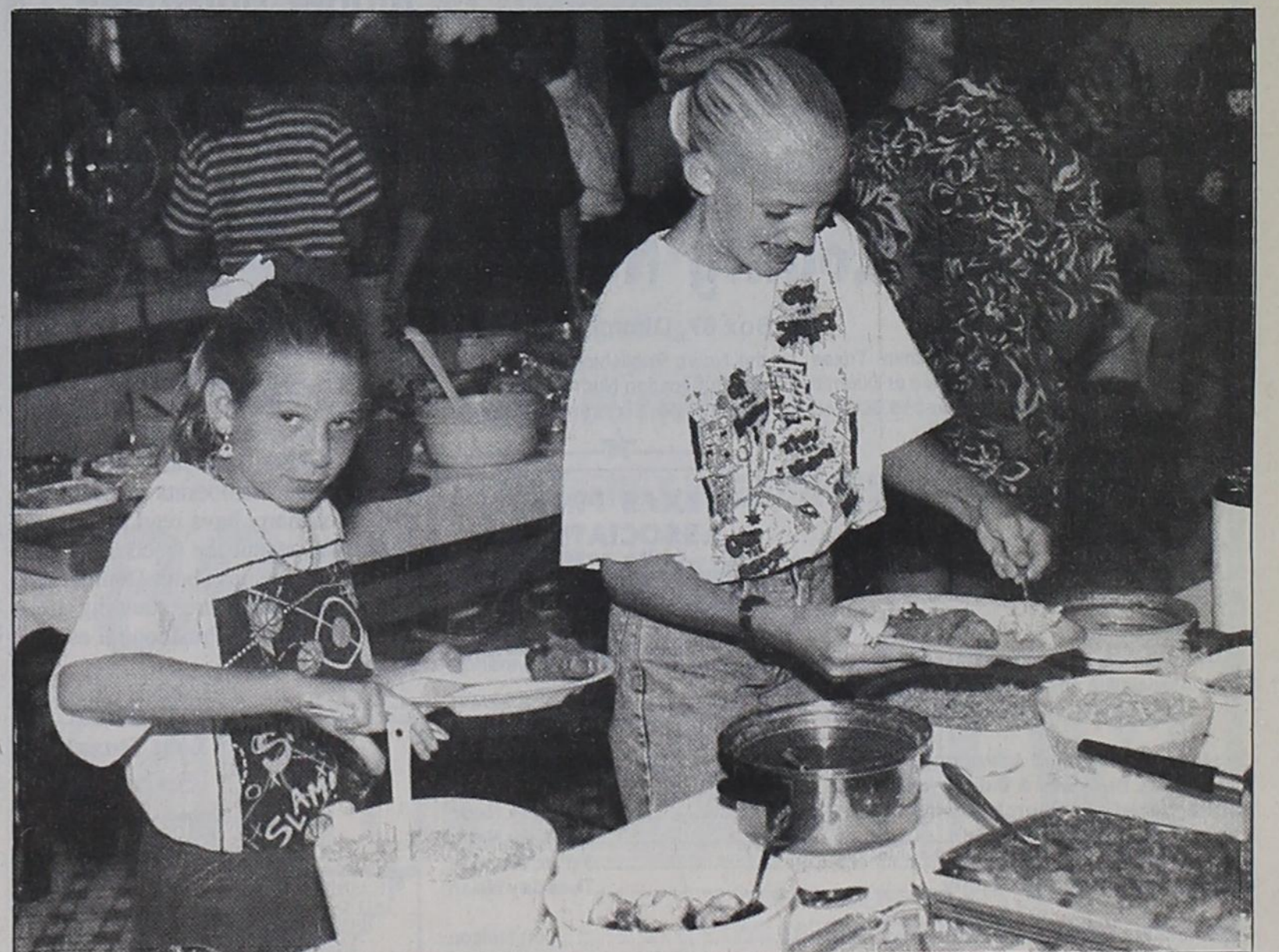
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Phil Lemons  
Bay Baldrige  
Jerry Stump  
Hank Warren

**PRECINCT 4:**  
Vincent Guggemos (I)  
Carroll Gerber

**PRECINCT 1:**  
Newlon Rowland (I)  
Danny Rodriguez  
Edd Bennett  
Harold Smith

**PRECINCT 2:**  
Don Moke  
Sam Rutkowski  
Clyde Damron  
Robert Duke

**Deadline to file: Friday at 5 p.m.**



**DECISIONS, DECISIONS**—Mary Bradley and Carol Summers face a delightful dilemma: which bountiful dishes to dip from at the annual Bethel Chicken Fry last Thursday night. There were two big tables of tasty vegetables, salads and desserts,

plus a couple of tubs of Bethel-style deep-fried chicken. Approximately 60 people enjoyed the chicken fry, which is an annual Bethel tradition that dates back several generations.

Photo by Don Nelson

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## Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

While I'm sitting around playing computer games and worried when or if there will ever be baseball as we know it, some guys are getting real rich with sports caps for "fake" teams.

The caps are made by Very Minor Leagues and were advertised in the first "strike" issue of *Baseball Weekly*.

With the promise of more teams, the caps you can buy are for teams including the Lorena Bobcats, Whitewater Landsharks, Malone Rangers, Shamokin Dopes, Cuervo Tequila Shots, Catskill Mice, Macon Whoopies, Woodstock Hippies, and, my favorite, the Forney Gators (including an alligator with his tongue hanging out). The towns are real, but the nicknames are made up.

Those names are trademarked, which I should have done about 10 years ago when, in these pages, I suggested nicknames for several teams around. Some are appropriately named (You gotta better name for the Hereford Whitefaces?), but some are begging for better. Like the Hart Beats. The Flagg Poles. The Canyon Walls. The Plainview Notrees. The Tarzan Janes. The Crockett Cooskin Caps. The Dimmitt Dammits.

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All of this health care debate is almost as stupid as the O.J. Simpson mess. It doesn't make any sense, and it probably won't have a minute's impact on our lives.

Because of some ongoing health problems, I have been told by two insurers that I can't be covered for any price, and I can't qualify for Medicare. If something happens, minor or major, I'm a stuck duck. I've been anywhere from a little under the weather to totally miserable the past two weeks and can't afford to go to the doctor. Is that the way it should be? No. Will something be done about it? Probably not.

Four years ago I began suffering from a very major, life-threatening illness. I still have effects from it at

times, and it has changed my life. The insurer at my former place of employment paid only part of the costs until the costs reached a ceiling, then I was cut off. Forever. Have a relapse? Suffer, sucker. You're the unfortunate one. Now get out of the way while we build a new fancy building.

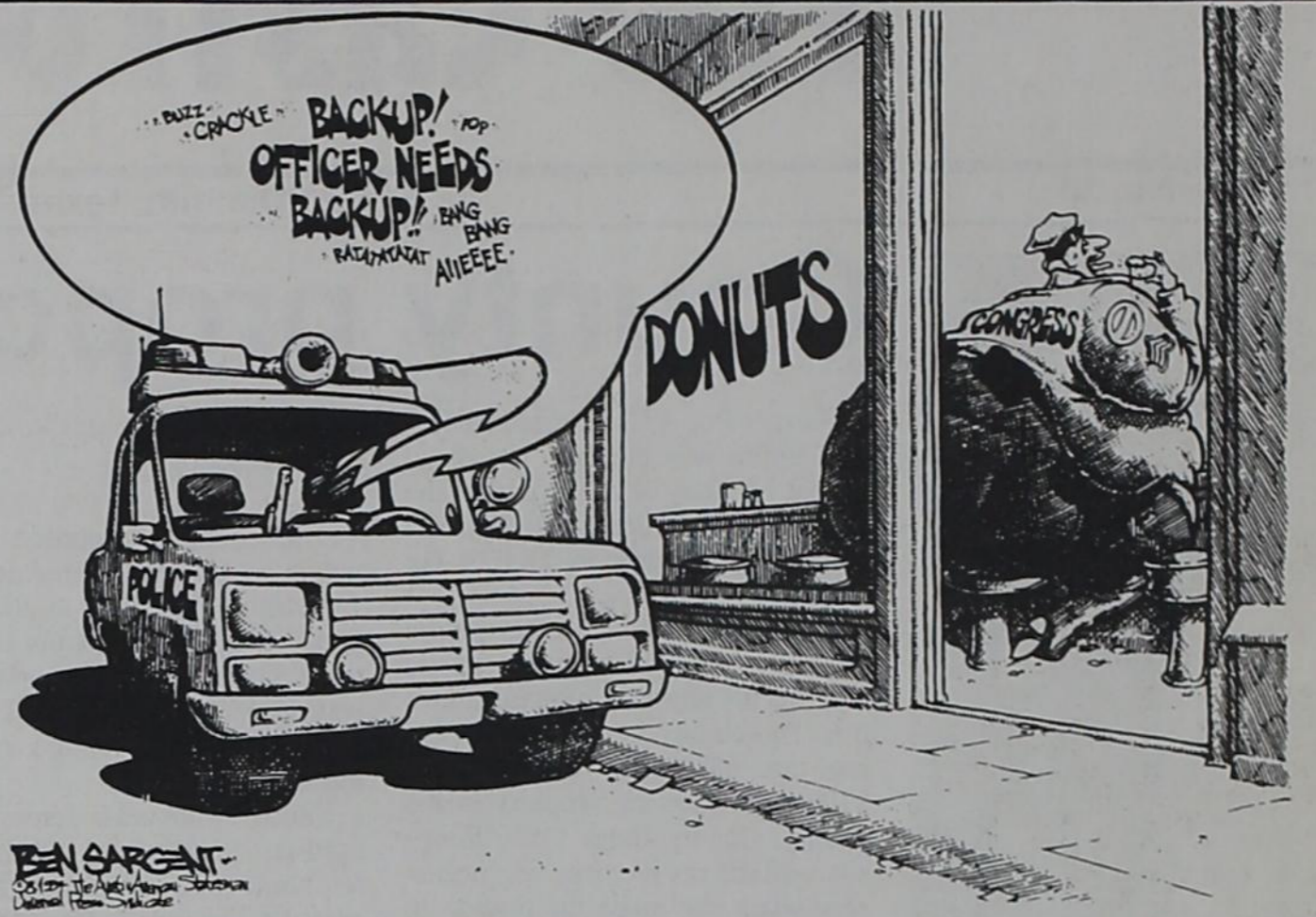
Should I suffer a major relapse today, I would not fare well. There would be a little treatment available and a little support, but not much more. That's not the way it should be. If you suffer from an unpreventable illness, there should be better care available.

Fixing the health care system is not about to happen. Nobody knows what they want, including the Clinton family. President Clinton made a big mistake when he began to waiver from his stance for universal, across-the-board health care for anyone in the United States. Providing the same, top-dollar, top-shelf care for everyone is the only solution. If people are content with their current care, that should be fine. If they're not content, they deserve better.

Health care should never be unaffordable, but it is. It's unaffordable while our local hospital builds a concrete parking lot while thousands of persons in Castro County try to make ends meet from paycheck to paycheck and not always succeeding. It's unaffordable while big-city hospitals build more and more and more. It's unaffordable while buffoons in both parties make laughingstocks of themselves "debating" health care reform. It's unaffordable while the president waffles on his stance, changing his mind as easily as if he were changing clothes.

It's time for our representative, Bill Sarpalius, and our senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, to take a strong stand or find out what it's like to not have a health care plan.

By the way, Bill, Phil and Kay, the Congressional plan would be just fine.



### State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Cost overruns at a youth corrections facility under construction on sinking ground near Beaumont sparked a blame-game between lawmakers and other parties responsible for the project, after a seven-hour hearing last week.

According to Texas Youth Commission officials the half-finished Golden Triangle State School project's cost has tripled from the original figure of \$126,805 per bed to \$380,417 per bed.

Youth Commission officials blamed the Legislature and Beaumont Democratic Rep. Mark Stiles, and Stiles, in turn, blamed architects who planned construction on the 35-acre site in a former rice paddy.

The Youth Commission already has spent \$18.2 million on the project and is seeking another \$10.6 million to complete it, according to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on the Family Code, (which conducted the hearing) referred to the land as a "swamp," and suggested that the Legislature close the Youth Commission and give its responsibilities to others "who can do the job right."

Stiles, whose concrete company is a contractor in the project, said his company got the contract through competitive bidding.

Jefferson County Judge R.P. LeBlanc Jr. said the county spent nearly \$10 million building roads and routing utilities to the site. "That's not a swamp," he told the *American-Statesman*.

Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush pointed to news of the bungled project, accusing Gov. Ann Richards of "monumental mismanagement" of the project and noted the Youth Commission is overseen by a board controlled by her appointees.

But the Richards campaign said Comer Contrell, a business partner of Bush in the Texas Rangers baseball team, oversaw the project while a member of the Youth Commission.

However, Ron Jackson, who resigned in December from his post as executive director of the Youth Commission, said he would take the blame for going ahead with the plans for the downsized facility.

**Baseball Strike Assistance**  
Meanwhile, Gov. Richards has asked the Texas Department of Commerce to lead the Texas Rapid Response Team in assisting stadium and team employees affected by the Major League Baseball strike.

The Department of Commerce contacted employee representatives of the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers, offering workers financial management assistance, retraining, resume writing, interviewing workshops, labor market information.

Representatives for both teams said no workers are immediately impacted, according to the commerce department.

**Lotto Sales Lead Nation**  
At 26 and a half months old, the Texas lottery topped \$5 billion in sales last week, making it the fastest-growing lottery in the nation.

Texas reached the \$5 billion plateau half a year faster than its closest competitor among lottery states, Florida, which reached the \$5 billion mark after 32 months.

About \$1.7 billion of the lottery's proceeds have been received by the state treasury, according to Texas lottery spokesman Steve Levine.

**Costly: Jailed Foreigners**  
Texas taxpayers are forking out \$74 million a year to feed, clothe, house and supervise 4,760 non-U.S. residents in state prisons, according to a study released by the Criminal Justice Policy Council.

Those costs were included in the immigration lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales against the federal government. The suit seeks reimbursement to the

state for the health care, education and criminal justice costs of undocumented residents.

According to the CJPC study, costs would be reduced if the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service could deport foreign prisoners to their native countries, but noted that the INS does not have the capacity to conduct deportation hearings for the thousands of prisoners.

**Insurers Must Fix Roofs**  
Insurance companies last week were ordered to pay for the removal of multiple layers of shingles when replacing hail-damaged roofs.

Insurers who refuse to pay for the tear-offs could face disciplinary action under the order issued by state insurance commissioner Robert Hunter.

"To deny payment for the removal of all roofing materials after a storm is an unfair practice," Hunter said.

Complaints by consumers were filed when some companies refused to pay for a complete tear-off, contending that they were only obligated to remove only one layer.

In a *Dallas Morning News* report, Jerry Johns of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service said the order would affect "only a handful of insurers."

**Teachers Feel TAAS Pressure**  
Texas State Teachers Association has found that some of its members spend an average of 11 hours a week preparing students for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, or TAAS, and feel pressured to do so.

Adopted by the state Legislature in 1985, TAAS measures reading, writing, math, science and social studies skills. The Texas Education Agency rates schools and school districts based on TAAS scores.

Richard Khouri, president of TSTA, called TAAS a "high-stakes test" and said the state is placing "too much emphasis on a single number produced by the TAAS."

He urged the state to find other ways to measure student achievement, such as portfolios of their work.

**Other Highlights**  
Campaign finance records show that Don Wittig, GOP candidate for attorney general, has received a fourth of his campaign donations from lawyers and law firms with cases pending in his court.

## Is managed care good?

By PHILIP C. CLARKE

Nearly every major health care reform proposal currently on the table in Washington relies on managed care to deliver the goods. But is managed care all it's cracked up to be? And what does it entail?

Amid the jargon thrown about in the health care reform debate is the term managed care. Not many people know just what managed care implies. But if Washington policymakers have their way, most Americans will find out the hard way. First of all, will it provide quality health care as the reformers insist?

With a traditional insurance policy, an individual, or his employer, pays premiums for coverage of most medical problems. Typically, such plans have a deductible and some copayments up to a set limit. Under such an insurance policy, a doctor and his patient together decide what treatments to follow, with the insurance company picking up most costs policy's deductible. Managed care is quite a different animal. Under most plans, the patient, or his employer, pays a fixed amount into the plan for coverage of all his health care needs. The plan usually charges little, if any, out-of-pocket costs to the patient.

Health maintenance organizations, or HMOs, and preferred provider organizations, or PPOs, are two of the leading forms of managed care. Under most HMOs, the doctors are employed by the plan itself. With a PPO, the plan contracts the doctors, who must accept the payment and other restrictions of the plan in order to get on the list.

Managed care is supposed to be a market solution to runaway health

care costs. Here's why. Under most managed care plans, the plan itself, not the doctor, decides what care will be available. If the patient gets sick, he or she must see a doctor on the approved list. If the doctor wants to prescribe an expensive test, he first must get approval from the plan. The idea is that knowledgeable plan administrators will make cost-effective decisions. That is supposed to cure one of the principal problems with normal insurance. Under traditional insurance—often called fee-for-service—the doctor gets paid for each treatment administered. Critics contend that this tends to give doctors the incentive to overprescribe treatments.

But does managed care live up to its promise of providing cost effective care? *Investor's Business Daily*, in a series of investigative articles, found some chilling examples of how managed care can deny treatment when it is needed most. For example, a pregnant woman enrolled in an HMO suffered severe lower abdominal pains. Her HMO doctor advised that such pain often accompanied a first pregnancy. In continued pain, the woman visited the plan's "urgent care clinic" two more times. On the third trip, the doctor said simply that he wouldn't see the woman again, and that she should "grow up and accept the pain." Finally, a friend took the ailing woman to another doctor, who discovered that she had a tubular pregnancy and rushed her to the emergency room for an operation.

In another example, a 4-year-old girl was running a 104-degree fever for nearly a week. Finally, after several calls and visits to her managed care doctor, the woman convinced him to order tests—tests

that showed the girl suffered from pneumonia and a urinary tract infection. In yet another case cited by *Investor's Business Daily*, an elderly man was told by his HMO that he needed cataract surgery, and promised to schedule the operation. After waiting two years for the surgery—during which time he lost his ability to drive or read—the man paid for the procedure out of his own pocket.

Why such things often happen is clear. Under managed care, the plans take a set amount of money for each patient, promising to provide all their health care needs. But as critics point out, in many cases the less care provided to patients, the more the plans can keep in profits. And according to the investigative report, managed care plans often employ a variety of rationing techniques. These include delaying treatment, limiting tests and prescription drugs, restricting access to specialists, and denying certain types of expensive care outright.

None of this may matter to healthy enrollees. And managed care claims to do well at emphasizing preventive care. But what happens when a person becomes seriously ill? As *Investor's Business Daily* suggests, people need to look more closely at managed care before getting pushed into it by would-be reformers.

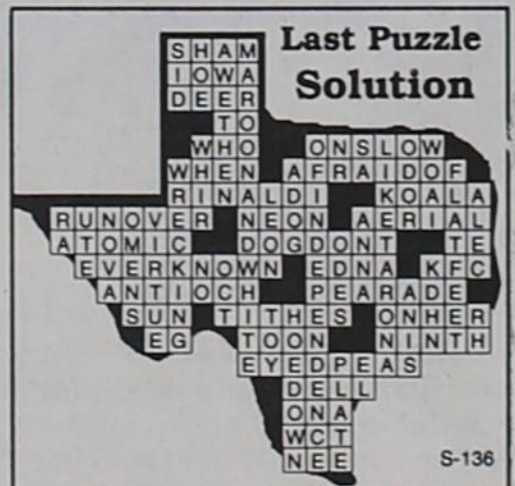
### Letter Candidates have higher purposes

Dear Editor,

In response to your comment regarding health reform in your 1:1 column last week:

Perhaps Sens. Dole and Gramm will be running for president, but their opposition to the Clinton health package would naturally be philosophically based rather than partisan. The Clinton plan is surely the largest government-controlled program with astronomical costs for now and the future. Even Democrats stand against the plan, and it would only take a unified effort of the Democrats to pass the plan. Not many have read the many pages nor accept the freedoms lost, but thank goodness both Democrats and Republicans are standing up, regardless of any Presidential aspirations.

DEANNE CLARK



### ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "loud enough to wake the ..."
- 5 Eagle Lake's Prairie Museum has wildflower gala
- 6 honorary TX Ranger: Stanley Gardner
- 7 tornado sound
- 8 PepsiCo to Dallas' Pizza Hut (2 wds.)
- 18 TX George Strait's "\_\_\_ in the Hole Band"
- 19 TXism for run (3 wds.)
- 21 "Giant" star Rock (init.)
- 22 a cow and a calf
- 23 State Capitol located on Congress \_\_\_
- 24 load the mule again
- 29 Dallas NBA team
- 30 Wichita Falls FM
- 31 this Red is the official "Cowboy Poet of Texas" (init.)
- 32 statement of belief
- 33 TX Belle Starr hid outlaw Younger UNT's "\_\_\_" Joe Greene played in four Super Bowls
- 35 TX Rafter's network
- 36 TXism: "got \_\_\_ do as a hibernating bear" (idle)
- 38 Goliad's Presidio La Bahia has painting of angel with six \_\_\_
- 39 Mule \_\_\_ TX
- 40 many TX sites began as one (3 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "feel like I was chewed \_\_\_ split out"
- 43 Emmitt's objective

### DOWN

- 1 east of Houston on hwy. 225
- 2 former controversial WTSU president
- 3 angry stare (2 wds.)
- 4 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John \_\_\_"
- 9 TX Minaryd's owns Sack \_\_\_
- 10 TXism: "in \_\_\_ neck of the woods" (near)
- 11 TXism: "packed like cows in a box \_\_\_"
- 12 TXism: "mighty fine"
- 13 TXism: "\_\_\_ a bulldog on a gun powder diet"
- 14 this Corey won '88 Texas Open
- 15 TXism: "it beats \_\_\_ a peckin'"
- 44 TBN's "\_\_\_ the Lord" is on 12 TX TV stations
- 45 TXism: "sticks out like \_\_\_ thumb"
- 46 "yes" below the border
- 47 TX dusters
- 49 TXism: "pays it no never mind"
- 50 TX TV producer Spelling
- 51 this TX Porter won '66 Pulitzer Prize (init.)
- 52 TXism: "\_\_\_ it or lose it!"
- 16 A&M uses a \_\_\_ scholarship player as the "12th man"
- 17 TXism: "it'll rattle \_\_\_" (loud noise)
- 20 TXism: "\_\_\_ up" (admitted)
- 22 tip of Texas wildlife refuge: Las \_\_\_
- 24 \_\_\_ Cola
- 25 Astro Drabek stat
- 26 Rangers made early badges from this Mexican coin
- 27 TXism: "fesses up"
- 28 TX Charley Pride's "Wonder \_\_\_ Live There Anymore?"
- 38 TXism: "has \_\_\_ on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- 39 football
- 41 Sam Houston's Indian wife
- 42 authority for TX Olympians (abbr.)
- 45 TXism: "wouldn't touch that with \_\_\_ foot pole"
- 48 Sonora is on the western \_\_\_ of Edwards Plateau

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# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sharon Barker has just returned from a seven-week mission trip to Israel and Jordan where she worked with a group of nursing students who are considering medical missions as a career.

Sharon will be showing slides and telling about their work Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church. Ladies of our community are invited to bring their favorite salad and join in a time of food, fellowship and inspiration.

Sharon is the daughter of Joy and Elvis Barker.

Aural Davis has been hosting her daughter, Janis C. Thibeault, and her daughters, Emily, Erica and Erin, for two weeks. They went to see "Texas" and Wonderland Park, and to see Suzanne Phillips, Janis' sister, at Amarillo. They went to see Rodrick and Bobby Shaw, Aural's brother and sister-in-law, in Lubbock.

The last week of their visit here was spent enjoying the many and varied events of Harvest Days.

The Raymond Odom family enjoyed all the Harvest Days activities. After the parade, Mozelle Odom had lunch for Gladys Richardson, Elberta and Susan Pate, Howard and Maretta Smithson, Patricia and Bob Campbell and Greg,

Jackie and Eric Odom. After lunch all the women went to the fair.

On Sunday the annual Odom family reunion was held in Thompson Park in Amarillo. It was attended by 103 family members.

Brothers M.B. and Raymond Odom and their sister, Gladys Richardson of Bakersfield, Calif., and their sister-in-law Opal Odom of Dimmitt were present. They have four sisters and two brothers who are deceased, but they were well represented at the reunion. Everyone enjoyed catching up on the latest with each family member. A nephew was there with his 14-month-old triplets. Family members came from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and California.

Wilma (Babe) Scoggin attended the family reunion in the home of her son and wife, Larry and Sue Scoggin, in Midland. Their daughters Jennifer and Chad Smith and Lisa and Kevin Swift were there. Babe's daughter Cindy and Donald Ballew and their family Danny and Heather Ballew from Chicago, Ill., were there, too. They had a fun time with music, swimming, games and golf. They also admired the newest member of the family, one-month-old Amber Jordan, daughter of Jennifer and Chad. Chad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith of Ohio, attended the celebration as well. On Sunday they all attended

the dedication for the baby at their church service.

Elizabeth Huckabay was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a sack lunch. She served chocolate cake and ice cream for dessert. Dude McLauren won high score and Cleo Forson won second high score. Others playing were Alma Kenmore, Helen Braafladt, Emily Clingingsmith, Ferne Dickey, Bernice Hill, Lorann Hamilton, Neva Hickey, Johnnie Vannoy, Edith Graef, Virginia Crider, Ina Rae Cates, Susie Reeves and Louise Mears.

A country gathering for a "Meet the Couple" party honoring Robert and Kimberly Boozer was held in the home of Monty and Sue Boozer on Saturday evening. The special event for a lovely couple was in Monty and Sue's spacious backyard and the weather was perfect for an outdoor party. There were many couples who hosted this party and there was food everywhere: salads, fruit and vegetables on tables in the garage; a long table outside with roast beef and chicken prepared in many ways; several freezers of homemade ice cream in many flavors; and cakes and cobblers. The tables were decorated with fresh flowers and lanterns.

Thanks to many who helped on cleanup day at the museum before Harvest Days — Dale Winders, Edna Reinart, William Bellinghausen, Bill Birdwell, Houston Lust, Madge Robb, George Sides, Robert Duke, Elmer Berryhill, Marilyn Neal and several 4-H kids including Kace and Lori Schulte, Taylor and Justin Matthews, Justin Sutton, and Brandon, Jeremy and John Furr.

Visitors on open house at the museum were from Lubbock, Nevada, Mo., Nazareth, Dallas, Amarillo, Wadsworth, Ill., Clayton, N.M., Hart, Earth, Weatherford, Oklahoma City, Plainview, Sunnyside, Fulton, Mich., Rio Vista, El Paso, Farmington, N.M., Moran, Wyo., Anderson, Mo. and Georgetown.

A surprise 35th wedding anniversary celebration for Bill and Lynn Lankford was held in the lovely home of John and Annice Goodell on Sunday afternoon in Amarillo. The couple's children hosted this special occasion: Kevin and Neely Lankford and family Adria, Matt and David of Amarillo, and Lauren and Dale Fezell and baby Caleb of Houston.

The dining table held a beautiful fresh flower arrangement, a five-tiered wedding cake, three chocolate cakes and pink punch. The groom's table was in the breakfast nook and it held a fresh flower arrangement. A German chocolate cake and iced tea was served. Mary Lynn sings in the choir at First Baptist Church so many of the choir members attended as well as many others from Amarillo including the pastor, Dr. Ben Loring Jr., and Clyde and Betty Renfro. Sue and David Vaughan flew in from Dallas, the Arly Lankfords came from McLean, Decimae Dennis from Midland, and the Cloers from Tulia and Ottawa, Canada were among the guests. As Bill and Mary Lynn went to their car to go home they found it decorated in pink and white balloons outside and inside and signs "Just Married 35 years ago" and tin cans tied on the back of the car.

Bill Newland and Renise Blair were on the program at Canterbury Villa on Thursday. Bill sang *My God is Real, This World Is Not My Home* and *Ten Thousand Angels*.

## Gruhlkey accepts UTMB-Galveston

Jay Gruhlkey, son of Perry and Phyllis Gruhlkey of Plainview, formerly of Dimmitt, has accepted a position to medical school at UTMB Galveston.

Gruhlkey received the Texas Outstanding Rural Scholar Award which provides financial support for medical students in return for medical services after completion of medical school.

He has signed an agreement with Hardeman County Memorial Hospital in Quanah to begin his medical practice there.

He graduated from Plainview High School, Texas A&M University, and studied cytogenetics at UTHSC in Houston.

Renise played and sang *He Is Coming, My Savior First of All, This the Blessed Hour of Prayer and More Like Jesus Would I Be*.

Decimae Dennis spent a week in Dimmitt visiting relatives: Coby and Connie Gilbreath, Chauncey and Cailee; Danny and Debbie Underwood, Dennis and David; and Edgar and Leta Dennis. She went to Amarillo on Sunday and visited with her aunt, Jauvada Curtis, and attended the celebration for Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford.

While David and Sue Vaughan were in Dimmitt they visited with David's family, Charles and Betty Vaughan, and Shari Wilkerson and her family. They took them out to eat at K-Bob's while I was at the Boozer party.

Some names were omitted from Zelma Smith's birthday celebration last week — Chad and Denise Grusing of Amarillo (Denise is a nurse at High Plains Baptist Hospital), Dwayne and Keeshia Smith and Tommy and Sharon Smith and children, Tyler and Kelsia, all of Dimmitt. The boys are engaged in farming.

Nikki Kenley presented a mini-concert in the evening worship service on Sunday at First Baptist. She sang *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* and *Close to Thee*. Nikki will leave this week to go back to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

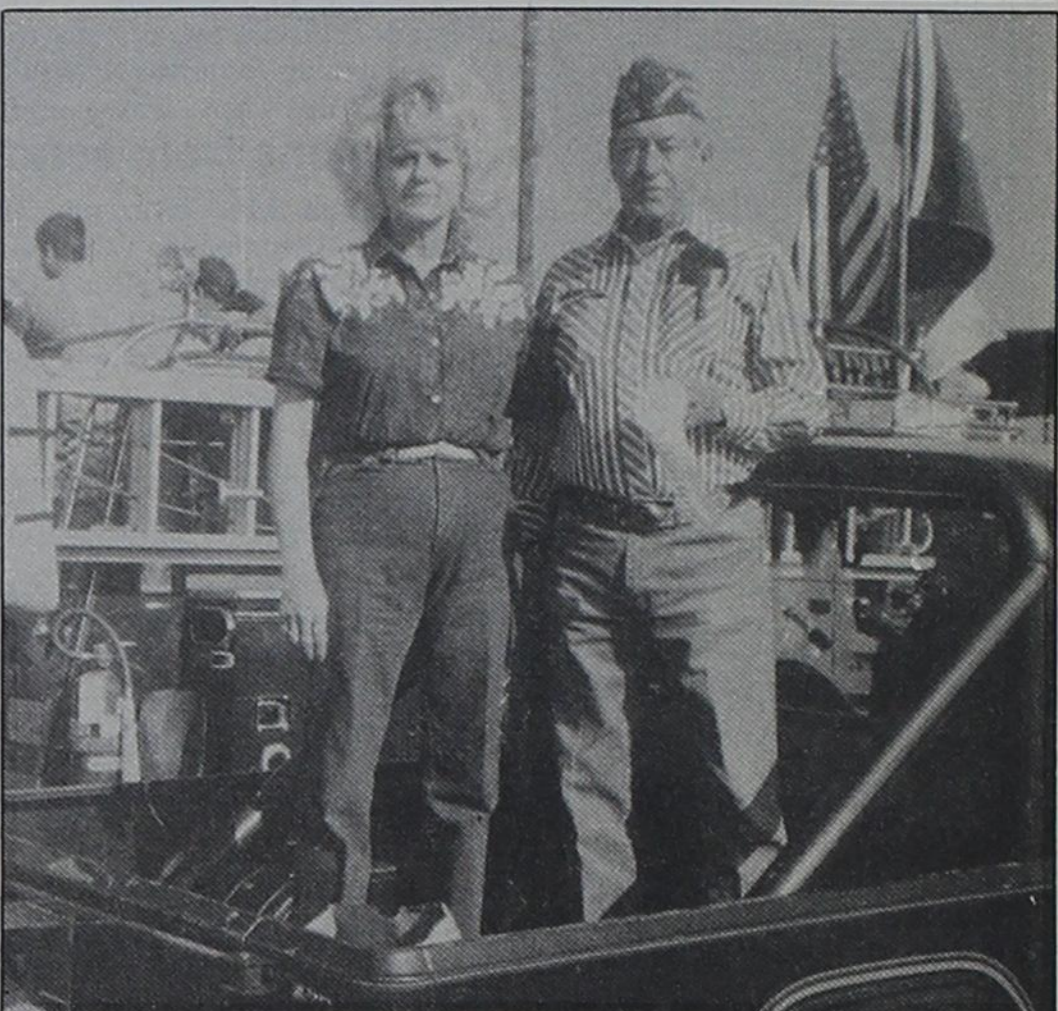
Nikki's grandparents, Dub and Dorothy Kenley from Tahoka, were here over the weekend to hear her sing.

Several Dimmitt folks went to the wedding of Scott O'Kelly and Gail Walterscheid in Amarillo at St. Stephen United Methodist Church. Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, formerly pastor at Dimmitt, joined the Rev. Jim Smith of St. Stephen in giving the vows. Marie Winders and Deanne Clark were the organist and pianist and Terri Louder and Chuck Braafladt were the vocalists. The Fred Boltions, the Ed Free-

mans, the V.C. Hopsons, the Gary Langfords, the Reeford Burrouses, the Don Nelsons, Percy Parsons, Karen Sheffy, Polly Bell, Carole Dyer and Gainell Minnick attended the ceremony.

Visiting the Methodists Sunday were Jennifer Elms from Olton and Kelly and Flip Taylor.

Evan Brewer of Wilmette, Ill., is visiting the Bill Clarks this week.



THE VFW POST 8056 FROM DIMMITT entered a float in the 1994 Harvest Days parade and among those riding were District 13 Commander and Post 8056 Commander Ted Stubblefield (right) and Anita Vardell, District 13 Auxiliary President and member of Post 4818 in Hereford. Courtesy Photo

# Sunnyside

Seven men who are members of the Llano Altos Association came to Sunnyside Baptist Church Saturday morning to join five of the local men in beginning a paint job on the trim of the church, which has been in the making for a long time.

The men from Lee St. Baptist Church in Dimmitt were Al Webb, the Rev. Ron Redding, W.E. "Bill" Brisco and Shannon Powers. Buster Kittrell is a member of First Church, Sudan, but lives in Muleshoe. Others from Sudan were Gaylon Burns and the pastor, the Rev. Darren Provence. Local men were the Rev. Anthony Sisemore,

pastor, James Norrell, Ezell Sadler, Embree Roy Sadler and Gerald Elkins. They found a lot of food waiting for them at noon prepared by the women of the church.

In the process of stripping old paint they discovered that the porch over the south door was about to fall since it was rotted out from a roof leak years ago. They put up a new one, finished the stripping, put on the primer and went home before supper time.

There was enough food left from dinner that the women and pastor decided to have dinner at the church Sunday for all who could stay. They will come back and do the painting of the trim this week if weather permits. They did this as a mission project and will take no pay. Supplies and everything needed to make the repairs are furnished by the church.

Bess Bills got to come home Thursday from Methodist Hospital in Plainview for a few days. She is doing well. R.V. needed some rest.

Ray Wowell of Plainview, father of Lori Sisemore, was transferred from CCU to a private room with monitors at Lubbock Methodist Hospital on Saturday. Anthony and Lori visited with him Saturday night. Lori had been down to see him several times this week. He is doing well.

Bob and Dotty Ott of Avinger came for a visit with his sister, Betty and Alton Louder, Saturday. They came in their mobile home and will stay a week or so. While here they will also visit with Dottie Ott of Hereford, Janelle and Milburn Haydon of Farwell and Evelyn and Harry Mitchell of Farwell.

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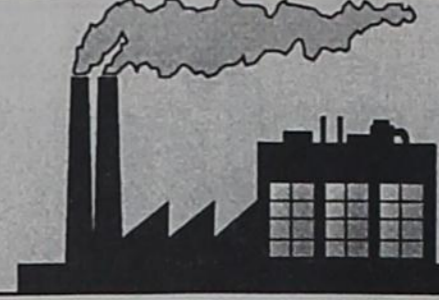
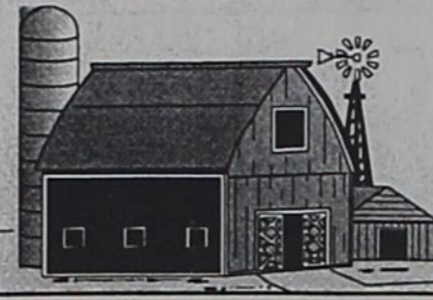
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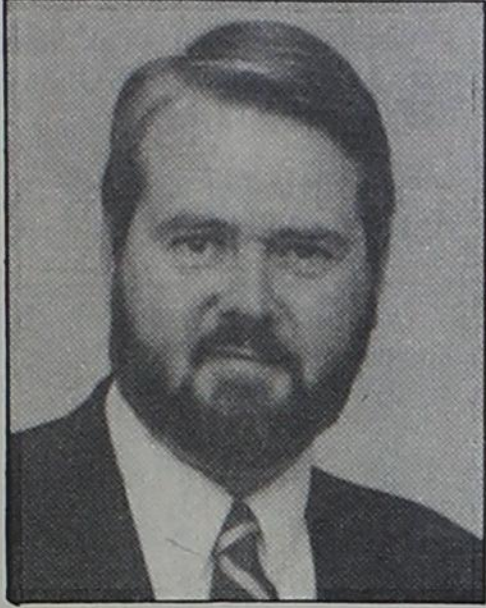
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By DON TAYLOR

### A lot of what I know (Last of two parts)

Last week in Part One, I shared that a lot of what I've learned over the years I've learned from other folks. Many of the lasting, vitally important lessons were taught to me by family and friends.

This week, I want to share some of the lessons I learned at school and I want to contribute to your business acumen by sharing some of the wisdom I've acquired from my bosses. Teachers and supervisors are two of our world's greatest learning resources. I wish that I had learned this when I was younger.

#### Lessons from school

—From Mrs. Irvin, my first grade teacher, I learned the value of rewarding outstanding performance. I can still remember that brightly colored pencil I received for completing a difficult assignment.

—From Mr. Layson, my fifth grade

instructor, I learned that discipline really does shape character. It also makes sitting uncomfortable.

—From Mrs. McCracken, my eighth grade teacher, I learned that respect isn't generated by physical strength or size. Mrs. McCracken stood about 4 foot 6 inches tall and weighed in at 90 pounds when wet. She earned our respect because she was pound-for-pound the best teacher in the state.

—From Mr. Trower, my high school vocational agriculture instructor, I learned the value of public speaking. The ability to stand before an audience and speak forcefully, fluently and convincingly is a skill everyone should develop.

—From Mr. Porter, our school superintendent and my high school psychology teacher, I learned that it is always best to think before you speak. It is frequently better not to speak at all.

—From Dr. Sartain, my college algebra professor, I learned that  $x$  plus  $y$  minus  $ab$  plus  $r$  plus  $2$  equals something. However, unless I plan to teach algebra,

knowing the answer probably isn't going to feed my family.

—From Dr. Owens, my college history professor, I discovered that history can be a hoot. I also learned that any subject presented well can be interesting.

From Dr. Mayer, my college journalism professor, I learned that there is a right way to write. I don't always write correctly, but I know there is a right way.

#### Lessons from bosses

—From Frank Smith I learned that all bosses like hustle.

—From Bill Foster I discovered that if you want to keep good employees you have to pay them what they're worth.

—From Dave Hannen I learned the value of being worth more than you're being paid.

—From John Stensland I got a basic education in selling. He taught me that knowing your product and knowing how it will benefit the customer is a good start on making the sale.

—From Max Barnett I learned that

work is never work if you're having fun. The trick is either work around funny people or make whatever you're doing fun.

—From Joe Rich I learned that if you want to be successful in the manure business you follow elephants. That is, think big!

—From Dr. Jerry Miller I learned to check references for any potential employee that aren't listed on the resume. In other words do a little digging if you really want to find out about someone.

—From Dr. John Dittrich I learned the value of empowering employees. Make certain they know what to do, give them total responsibility for getting it done, support them when they need it and reward them for doing it well.

Thank you all for the lessons. I'm sure there were times when you didn't think I was listening, but I was. More importantly, I'm still learning.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

# Insects of Interest

By ANDY WILLIAMS-COUNTY ENTOMOLOGIST

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

Crops across Castro and Lamb counties are approaching maturity and looking good. Cotton is approaching cut-out with an increase in cotton bollworm activity. Most corn is almost 100% dent with some continued corn borer problems. Sorghum is ranging from whorl to heading with some greenbug activity continuing.

#### COTTON

The big news in cotton this week is the increase of cotton bollworm activity. Cotton bollworm adult pheromone trap numbers continue to increase across Castro and Lamb counties. As the area corn begins to dry down these bollworm adults are finding the cotton more attractive for egg-laying. It has not been uncommon to have upwards of 50,000 to 100,000 eggs per acre, and small larvae ranging from 1,500 to 35,000 per acre. This is well above the economic threshold of 5,000 or

more small worms per acre. Frequent scouting is important at this time, because insecticide applications should be targeted at egg hatch. Natural egg mortality needs to be watched carefully; however, it is expected that 80% of the eggs will produce worms. Mortality varies greatly depending on the moisture status of a field and whether plants have reached cutout. Many fields will be treated with pyrethroids (Karate, Ammo, Baythroid, Fury). There are many available and all are very effective. If aphids are present within a field an aphicide should be added to the bollworm treatment to prevent a flare-up. Pyrethroids used alone with aphids present will cause an aphid flare-up.

The insecticide Furadan 4F, has received a section 18 crisis exemption to control cotton aphids from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture on

Aug. 2. The crisis exemption only applies to certain counties in West Texas including Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Swisher, Hale, and Floyd in Crop Reporting District 1.

Most of the corn I look at on a weekly basis is 75-100% dent. Area producers began to cut ensilage corn this past week. Southwestern corn borer adult pheromone trap numbers again increased this last week which means we still need to monitor for this pest carefully. European corn borers also need to be watched carefully. Late planted fields are especially susceptible to these later generations of corn borers, because as the earlier planted corn begins to dry down the late fields become extremely attractive to corn borer moths. Spider mites are still a concern, but mite feeding after full dent will not cause yield loss, but may contribute to premature plant lodging if mite feeding damage is severe and the crop is stressed. Mite feeding will not slow dry-down of the grain. Beneficial insects in corn are increasing especially minute pirate bugs, spider mite destroyers, and spiders.

Greenbugs in sorghum are increasing across Castro and Lamb counties. Previous surveys on the South Plains have documented insecticide resistant greenbugs in our area. Brant Baugh, Extension Agent-Entomology, Parmer-Bailey counties, did a study on resistant greenbugs in 1992.

With sorghum beginning to bloom we need to watch for the sorghum midge, a small orange-colored gnat about 1/2 inch long.

The female deposits 50-250 eggs between the glumes or husks of developing seeds. Eggs hatch in two to three days and the pink to orange larvae consume the contents of developing seeds. Larval development requires 9-11 days. Shortly before the adult emerges, the pupa works its way toward the tip of the spikelet until three quarters of the pupa protrudes from the tip.

The pupal period is completed in three days and a generation can be completed in 14-16 days. Adults live only one to two days.

Midge damage sorghum only when it's blooming. A single floret or seed is susceptible only one day; a head normally blooms and is susceptible for about seven to nine days. A field which is uniform is usually susceptible for two to three weeks. Susceptible grains are only those with yellow bloom (anthers).

### Plans assist with permits

Confined animal feeding operations in Castro County which aren't required to have a state or federal water quality permit can receive technical assistance from the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a site specific water quality management plan which can help prevent pollution problems.

"If an operator voluntarily develops and maintains a site specific water quality management plan through the district and that plan is certified by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the operator will be in compliance with state water quality law and will be exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding non-point source discharge of pollutants," said Bob Phipps, chairman of the Running Water SWCD.

Phipps added that the producer will have to maintain his or her plan to retain certification.

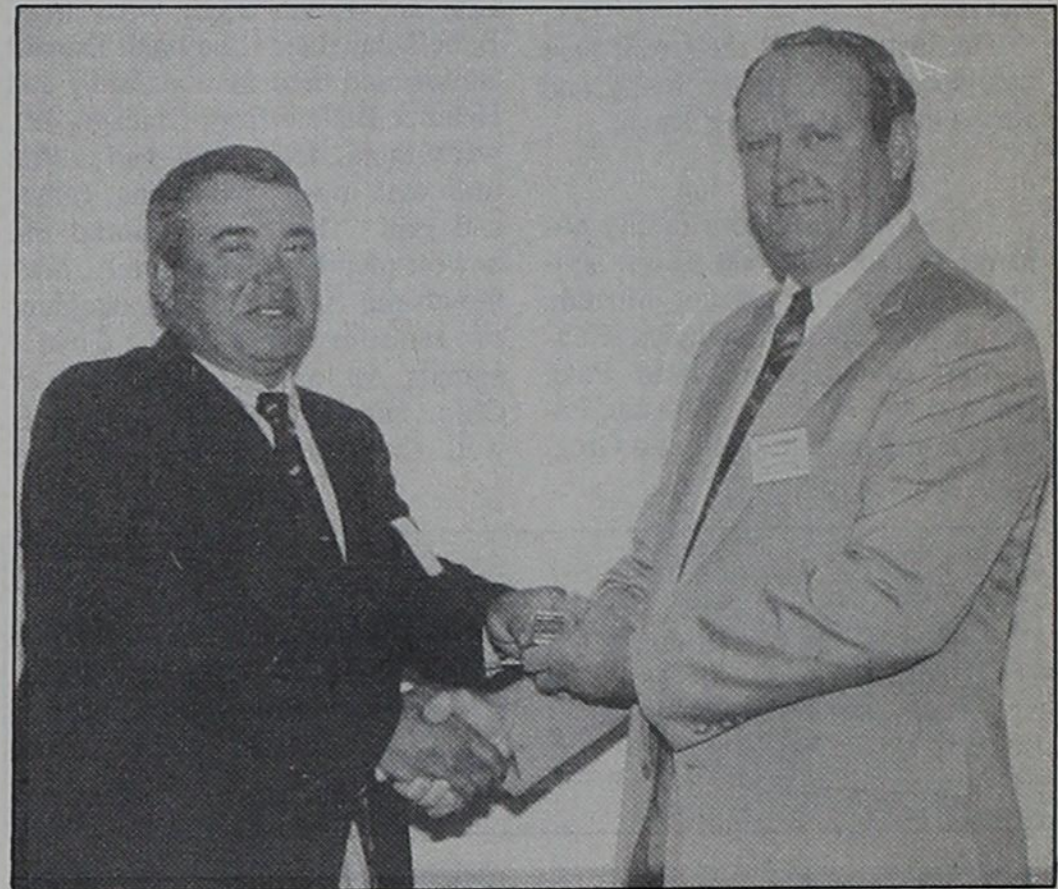
A water quality management plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures, technologies or any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

Senate Bill 503, which was passed in the Texas Legislature's last regular session, names the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board as the lead agency in Texas for activities relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point source pollution.

The board is responsible for assuring that individual water quality management plans comply with state water quality standards established by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"Each water quality management program developed, maintained and implemented by a landowner or operator through a soil and water conservation district must meet rules and criteria adopted by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board," Phipps said.

"With a little fine tuning and certification of an existing soil and water conservation plan for a confined animal feeding operation, a producer might find that his or her operation will adequately meet state water quality goals," Phipps said.



DAVID BOWNDS of Nazareth (left) receives a 20-year service award from Ed Blankenship at the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas annual meeting in Corpus Christi on Aug. 3. Bownds is an agriculture science and technology teacher at Nazareth. He received a gold pin to commemorate his 20-year anniversary.

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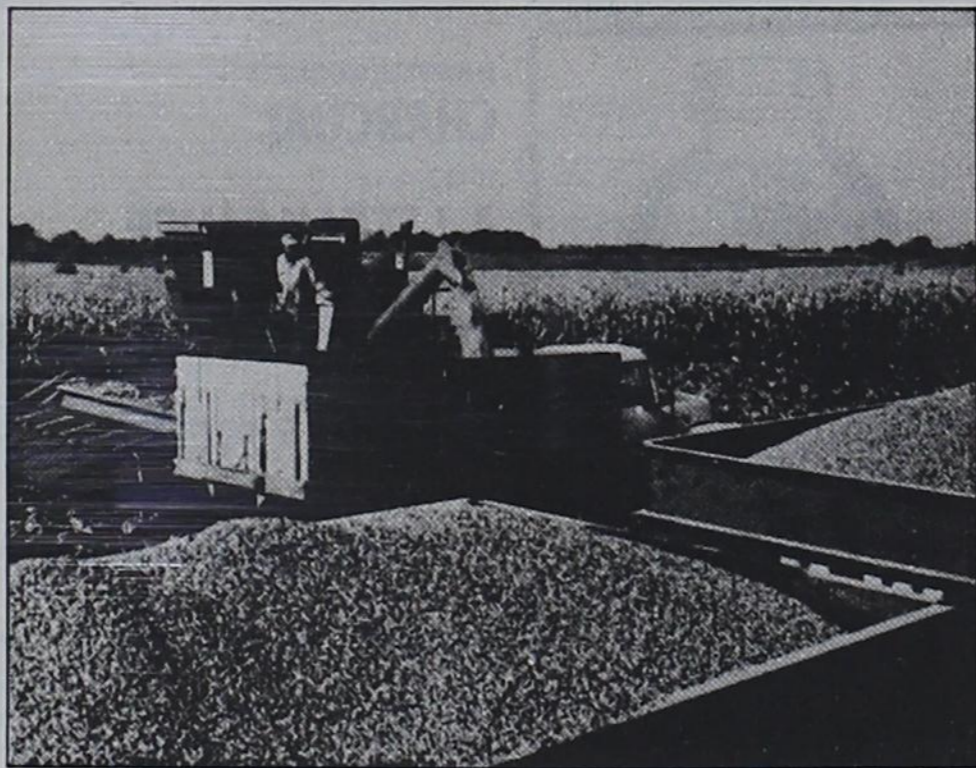
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## Cotton farmers getting anxious

Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains are anxious to bring this crop to harvest and get ready for a new season. Harvest in this area normally begins about Halloween, after the first freeze dries and desiccates the plants.

An almost three-month drought over most of the three-million-acre "cotton patch" in Lubbock and 24 surrounding counties got some relief the end of July with scattered showers in some areas. But those rains came too late for a million acres of dryland (not irrigated) cotton and has farmers facing crucial decisions about the remaining dryland and irrigated fields.

Those late rains are causing cotton plants to put on new growth, trying to make bolls which probably won't have time to mature this season. And they have slowed the development of existing bolls. Now farmers must decide whether to try to hold onto the crop awhile longer and gamble on increased yields or to apply harvest aids and strip the early bolls before they can deteriorate.

"Half of the fields are still in the blooming cycle," said Dr. Kater Hake, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Some of this cotton would like to have hot, dry weather (to mature the bolls already on the

plants) while other plants would like more rain," he said.

Fields which have survived the summer weather onslaught have matured more rapidly than usual.

"Many fields are about 10 days ahead of last year's crop," Hake said.

"Where growers had water and could irrigate, the crop looks superb," he noted. "Some fields look better in fruit set (the load of fiber-producing bolls) than the best fields did last year."

And last year with 3.4 million bales was the second-best crop in the area's history.

But with the loss of the million acres of dryland crop, scattered hail losses and other weather damage in irrigated fields, area crop watchers are expecting this year's South Plains harvest to be some 2.1 to 2.7 million bales.

"Last year made many area cotton producers believers in the use of harvest aids on early maturing fields," Hake said.

Harvest aids dry down the crop and rid plants of leaves before machines strip the open bolls. Hake said several factors should make harvest aids even more successful this year. These include:

◆ The crop is seven to 10 days ahead of last year. "The risk from

not using harvest aids will be greater as the time interval between boll opening and a freeze-aided harvest will be longer," Hake said. The longer open bolls remain in the field, the more likely they are to sustain weather damage to the fiber.

◆ Early applications of harvest aids generally go on when the weather is warmer and lower rates of less expensive materials are effective.

◆ The plants are shorter than last year with the same boll retention. "Short, compact, well-fruited plants respond extremely well to harvest aids. Use of lower rates of the materials and single applications should be possible on more acreage in 1994," the cotton agronomist said.

◆ Growers made a "quantum leap forward" in harvest aid experience and knowledge with last year's crop, Hake said.

The Extension Service agronomist said another key decision facing growers is that of properly winding down the irrigation of the crop.

"The objective at this time is to keep the plant healthy enough to retain and mature bolls while depleting the soil moisture and maximizing the heat units to mature the bolls," Hake said.



**HEY, GO EASY!** — As Cameron Lust helps himself at the annual Bethel Chicken Fry last Thursday night, his grandfather, Houston Lust (left), and Monty Booser appear to be worried that he's going to get their shares, too. But as usual,

there was more than enough for everyone at the annual event. The feast was moved indoors because of the threat of rain, although the chicken was fried outdoors in the community cooker, as usual.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Stocker seminar scheduled

A Stocker Cattle Seminar for area beef producers is scheduled Sept. 7 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will conclude at 1 p.m. The seminar will focus on wheat pasture cattle management. Topics include purchasing stocker cattle, health and nutrition.

Lunch will be provided. Reservations should be made by Sept. 1 with the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115. The seminar is being sponsored by the Extension Service in Castro, Bailey, Parmer and Lamb counties and Muleshoe Vet Supply.

## Energas hikes capital budget

Energas has announced that its capital budget will total approximately \$23.2 million for its 1995 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

"The plan emphasizes projects that enhance our operating efficiency, avoid expense increases and maintain our high quality of customer service," said Energas President Eugene A. Ehler.

The majority of the 1995 budget is targeted for system improvements, system replacements and extending service to new customers. The approximate amounts budgeted for each district include \$3.5 million for Lubbock, \$5 million for Amarillo, \$3.5 million for Midland, \$2.4 million for Odessa, \$1.7 million for Littlefield, \$1.5 million for Hereford, \$583,000 for Pampa, \$1.8 million for Plainview, and \$700,000 for Big Spring.

## EPA urges lead checks

The Environmental Protection Agency is advising homeowners with submersible brass pumps to have their wellwater tested for excess lead levels.

Laboratory studies have found that significant levels of lead can leach from some types of brass, said Dr. B.L. Harris, a soils specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"While many homes have brass plumbing or fixtures," he explained, "more emphasis is being placed on lead leached from submersible pumps, since these pumps are in constant contact with the water."

Some submersible well pumps are made of stainless steel and plastic components, but the majority of these pumps are constructed with brass fittings contained in a cast brass housing, Harris said. These pumps have the potential to leach high levels of lead into drinking water, especially if the water is soft and corrosive.

Homeowners should consult the pump manufacturer to determine if their pumps contain brass components. Otherwise people should have their water tested by a certified laboratory in their area. The EPA advises those affected to drink bottled water until their water can be tested and the quality assured.



**VISITING WITH MRS. CLINTON**—Lois Wales of Dimmitt (right) recently visited with First Lady Hilary Rodham Clinton about healthcare issues involving rural America. The visit was part of an effort by Mrs. Clinton to learn more information about healthcare needs of all Americans.

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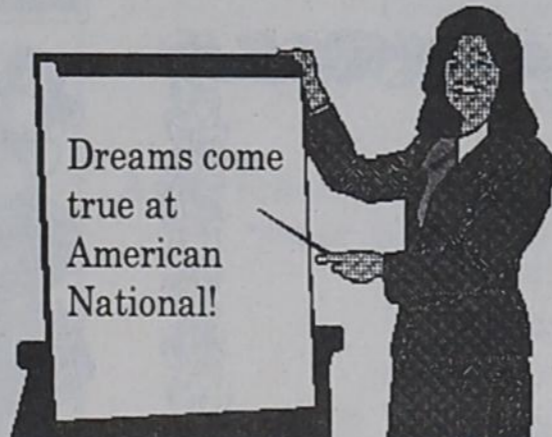
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## New program helps in cities

The Texas Agri-Food Master program, which has its roots in San Antonio, began plowing new ground this summer.

The program, started in 1992 and later introduced to Dallas and the Panhandle, takes the concept of volunteerism — already a cornerstone of educational efforts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service—a step further.

Volunteers, many from non-agricultural backgrounds, are trained to speak out for agriculture in numerous forums. In this way, the program reaches larger audiences than the county Extension agents, by themselves, ever could.

Andy Vestal, former Bexar County Extension agent, is serving as the statewide coordinator for the program, helping to develop new Agri-Food Master programming in targeted urban areas of the state. He moved to College Station July 1.

The Agri-Food Master program was developed by Andy Vestal and

colleagues and volunteers in Bexar County who realized the need to educate those in urban areas about the importance of a sound agricultural industry," said Dr. Zerle Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"While we in the Extension Service have been doing this type of education in a variety of ways for a number of years, the Agri-Food Masters is a concerted effort to inform the public about agriculture and natural resources through a corps of trained volunteers."

A growing concern in agricultural circles is that an increasing number of people—living in cities and generations removed from the farm—fail to understand the stake they have in the continued good health of the agriculture industry.

Agri-Food Master volunteers have been drawn from many professions, including retired military, medicine, real estate, and col-

lege faculty, as well as farming and ranching.

"It's a whole new group of volunteers (for Extension) to reach urban audiences, and they certainly have credibility," Vestal said.

The volunteers present programs on agriculture, food safety, biotechnology and the environment to youth and adult groups. For instance, Agri-Food Master volunteers help consumers understand how various products are grown and processed, Carpenter said.

Food and fiber production in Texas last year generated \$13.6 billion in cash receipts to farmers and ranchers.

"The food and fiber industry alone employs about 20% of the Texas work force. So, agriculture is big business in the state and it's crucial that we have a citizenry that is knowledgeable of this industry. That's where Agri-Food Masters come into play," he added.



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# People



MRS. SCOTT O'KELLY  
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## Walterscheid, O'Kelly wed Saturday in Amarillo

St. Stephen Methodist Church in Amarillo was the scene for the wedding ceremony uniting Gail Ann Walterscheid and Scott O'Kelly Saturday evening.

The groom's father, Rev. Vernon O'Kelly of Abilene, officiated at the nuptial service and he was assisted by Rev. Jim Smith of Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Vincent and Mary Walterscheid of Hereford. Parents of the groom are Rev. Vernon and Jane O'Kelly of Abilene, formerly of Dimmitt. Music was provided by organist Deanne Clark, pianist Marie Winders, guitar player Eric Suttle and soloists Chuck Braafadt and Terri Loudder.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown designed with a straight skirt and detachable train. It was created with a high beaded collar.

She wore a hat with beads and flowers which was made by her sister, Joyce Walterscheid.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses. The floral arrangements and corsages also were made by Joyce Walterscheid.

Matron of honor was Jill Jagers, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammy Holmes, Wendy Erick and Amy Castleberry.

The attendants were outfitted in black waltz-length gowns accented with a white off-the-shoulder collar. Each carried a long-stemmed red rose.

Best man was Kelly Goolsby. Groomsmen were Spencer Smith, Levi Reynolds and Lance Castleberry.

Ushers were Bruce Walterscheid, brother of the bride; Ty O'Kelly, brother of the groom; and Chris Stanford.

Ashley Roselius was the flower girl and candlelighter was Jennifer Bradley, the bride's niece.

After the wedding, the couple were honored with a reception at the church with Jo Jean and Kami Rogers serving cake. They were assisted by Debbie Bradley, Connie Pike and Jill Jagers, who made the decorations, which included live ivy plants with candles set on a mirror tile.

The three-tiered wedding cake featured a staircase descending to two smaller side cakes. The groom's cake was decorated like a guitar.

The couple plans to make their home in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Hereford High School and she is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed by Boatman's First National Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and he is attending Texas State Technical College. He works at Street Toyota Mazda.

### The Bookshelf

By Cindy Pottorff  
Rhoada's Memorial Librarian

School is in session and summer is over. That means the library's Summer Reading Program has drawn to a close.

The Jellybean Challenge was won by Ninfa Velo, whose guess of 425 was closest to what the jar held—439 jellybeans.

A total of 85 summer readers participated in the program. Fifteen children attended the summer reading party and had their knees painted.

Hart won this year's "Principal Challenge," with a total of 41 participants. Mr. Sanders will be serving 82 minutes on the school's roof—two minutes per reader. A special thanks goes to Cindy Davis, who kept the school library open at Hart for the second summer in a row.

Dimmitt Middle School comes in second with 19 readers, so Mr. Rasor will spend 38 minutes on the roof.

Nazareth came in third with 13 readers and Mr. Waldo, who's been very creative in the past, will serve 26 minutes.

Richardson Elementary School had 12 summer readers, so Mr. Setliff will serve 24 minutes under the Principal Challenge.

In addition to the people mentioned earlier, many others deserve a pat on the back for helping make the program a success this year. Extra prizes for readers and read-to-mes were provided by several local businesses. Pat Pugliese, manager of Dairy Queen, and Danny Jimenez, manager of Mr. Burger, provided coupons for free ice cream cones.

Paula Jackson, manager of Pizza Hut, provided personal pan pizza certificates and Walt Hansen, owner of IGA and Thriftway, provided incentives.

Publicity was provided courtesy of *Castro County News*, and cable companies in Dimmitt, Nazareth and Hart. KDHN was overlooked only due to my lack of time. They've been wonderful in the past, but the car wreck I had this spring stopped me from going on the air to publicize it this year.

A special thanks also goes to the library staff including Marie Howell and Jewell Connell, who worked even harder than usual. Our summer helper, Sonia Alcalá, did a wonderful job of helping us keep up with everything and she even painted knees at the summer reading party.

Our summer reading program is a real community effort and we couldn't do it without the community support we get. Thank you all!

### Shot clinic set

Free immunizations will be given every Wednesday in August for all school-aged children. These are being offered through the Shots Across Texas campaign.

Shots that are required for school include four-year-old boosters, a second MMR which is required before age 12, and a tetanus booster required after age 14.

Appointments may be made by calling 647-2404 or going by 108 SW Second. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Danneviks establish new home in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Dannevik are home in Lubbock after enjoying a wedding trip to San Antonio.

The couple exchanged wedding vows July 30 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Gary Boles at Cooper United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride is the former Katherine Ann Nabors, daughter of Carol and James Barbour of Oklaunion. Parents of the groom are Martha and Bill Dannevik of Dimmitt.

The altar area was decorated with ivy plants accented with candlelight tulle. Two large, brass candelabras entwined with English ivy were placed in the middle of the altar and the unity candle graced the center. Two large vases holding bear grass and gladioli flanked the altar. The pews were marked with candlelight ribbon and tulle with English ivy.

Jenny Zachery performed *Starting Here, Starting Now*, when the bride was being presented to the groom; *In This Very Room* while the unity candle was being lit; *He Has Chosen You For Me* and *Wind Beneath My Wings* when the couples' mothers were seated. The mothers lighted the unity candles.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Derwood Pennington, and she wore an elegant gown of ivory satin and Alencon lace designed by Alfred Angelo. The bodice, beaded with sequins and pearls, featured a Bateau neckline, short, capped sleeves and a basque waistline. The full ballgown skirt was highlighted at the back waist with a satin bow and featured a semi-cathedral-length train adorned with a beaded hem lace.

She wore a floral wreath highlighted with pearl sprays and double silk illusion veiling, which flowed to fingertip length.

The bride carried a nosegay bouquet with white and red roses to symbolize "purity and love." It was filled with babies' breath and needlepoint ivy.

Maid of honor was Anna Elliot of Lubbock, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Casey Harvey of Houston, Erin Wayham of San Angelo, Kim Griffin of Plainview and Lydia Guajardo of Lubbock, all friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore black crepe ankle-length evening dresses designed with a Victorian off-the-shoulder neckline. Each wore pearl and rhinestone earrings and a pearl necklace along with black crepe shoes to complete the look.

They carried handied bouquets which included a stargazer, an open red rose and a candlelight bow with babies' breath.

Best man was Scott Morris of Dimmitt, longtime friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Blaine Gregory and Jeff Butler, both of Dimmitt, Chris Comer of Pampa and Scott Hill of Houston, friends of the groom.

The groom wore a Pierre Cardin "Dream" double-breasted jacket by Lord West featuring a soft notch satin lapel, satin piped pockets and satin six-on-one buttons. The wool



MRS. WILLIAM PAUL DANNEVIK  
... nee Katherine Ann Nabors

trousers are deep pleated with tapered legs below the knees. He wore an ivory wing pintuck pleated shirt accessorized with black studs and cuff links. A black satin tie and cummerbund completed the look. He wore a white rose corsage accented with babies' breath.

The groomsmen wore tuxedos similar to the groom's, only their suits were single breasted and they wore a red rose boutonniere.

Cory Myers of Lubbock, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer and flower girl was Amanda Nabors of Graham, niece of the bride. Darby Peters of Lubbock registered guests. Ushers were Brice Fullington of Petersburg, nephew of the groom, and Chris Simmons of Lubbock and Jerrod Imel of Pampa.

The wedding reception was held at Caprock Winery in Lubbock.

The bride's round table was covered with a sheer skirt of candlelight fabric draped with bows. It held a gold punch bowl and flatware. The bride's candlelight wedding cake was decorated with gumpaste petunias and buttercream roses cascading down the two tiers to the base. Gumpaste petunias and roses decorated the top tier.

The groom's table was covered with a candlelight satin pleated

skirt and tablecover. It held fruit and vegetable trays with dip and different kinds of cheeses and crackers. The groom's cake was the "18th hole" of a golf course, with chocolate-covered strawberries around the top edge of the cake.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University in December 1993 and is teaching at Brownfield High School.

The groom is a student at Texas Tech University, working toward a degree in finance. He is employed by Plains National Bank.

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# CCHD planning contest for logo

If you have an idea about what should sum up services of the Castro County Hospital District and a little artistic talent, you could win a prize in a logo contest sponsored by the district.

Services provided by CCHD include Plains Memorial Hospital, a home health agency, ambulance service and two clinics. The top three entries will be published in the *News*. The deadline to enter is Sept. 24.

The logo will be issued on letterhead, forms, business cards, ads and other appropriate places.

Entries should be on 8 1/2 by 11-inch white paper with the entrant's name and address on the back, and

all entries become the property of CCHD.

Logos should be sent to Logo Contest, Plains Memorial Hospital, PO Box 278, Dimmitt 79027 no later than Sept. 24.

## Plainview group sets concert series

If you want to hear the London Piano Duo, the New York Vocal Arts Ensemble, Riverboat Ragtime Revue, or the piano and comedic talents of Dale Gonyea, a membership in the Plainview Community Concerts will give you a chance at hearing each.

The association is conducting its annual membership drive through Friday and memberships are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, \$50 for families and \$30 for single-parent families. Membership in this association will entitle the holder to admittance to all Plainview Community Concerts as well as shows sponsored by associations in Hereford, Pampa, Borger and Midland.

All Plainview shows will be in Harral Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

The first concert will be held on Sept. 29 and will feature the London Piano Duo. The New York Vocal Arts Ensemble will appear on Jan. 22, 1995, and Riverboat Ragtime Revue will be presented on Feb. 11, 1995. Pianist-comedian Dale Gonyea will conclude the series with a show on April 4, 1995.

For more information or to reserve a membership, contact Vera Ott at 1-296-7933 or 1103 Ennis, Plainview 79072.



### Presbyterian Happenings

Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Iran.

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"A Seal Upon Your Heart" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning church worship service at 11.

There will be an ice cream social Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Steven Hoggard will give the devotional.

"Christ, the Wisdom of God," Colossians 1:15-20, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

### Ministerial Alliance

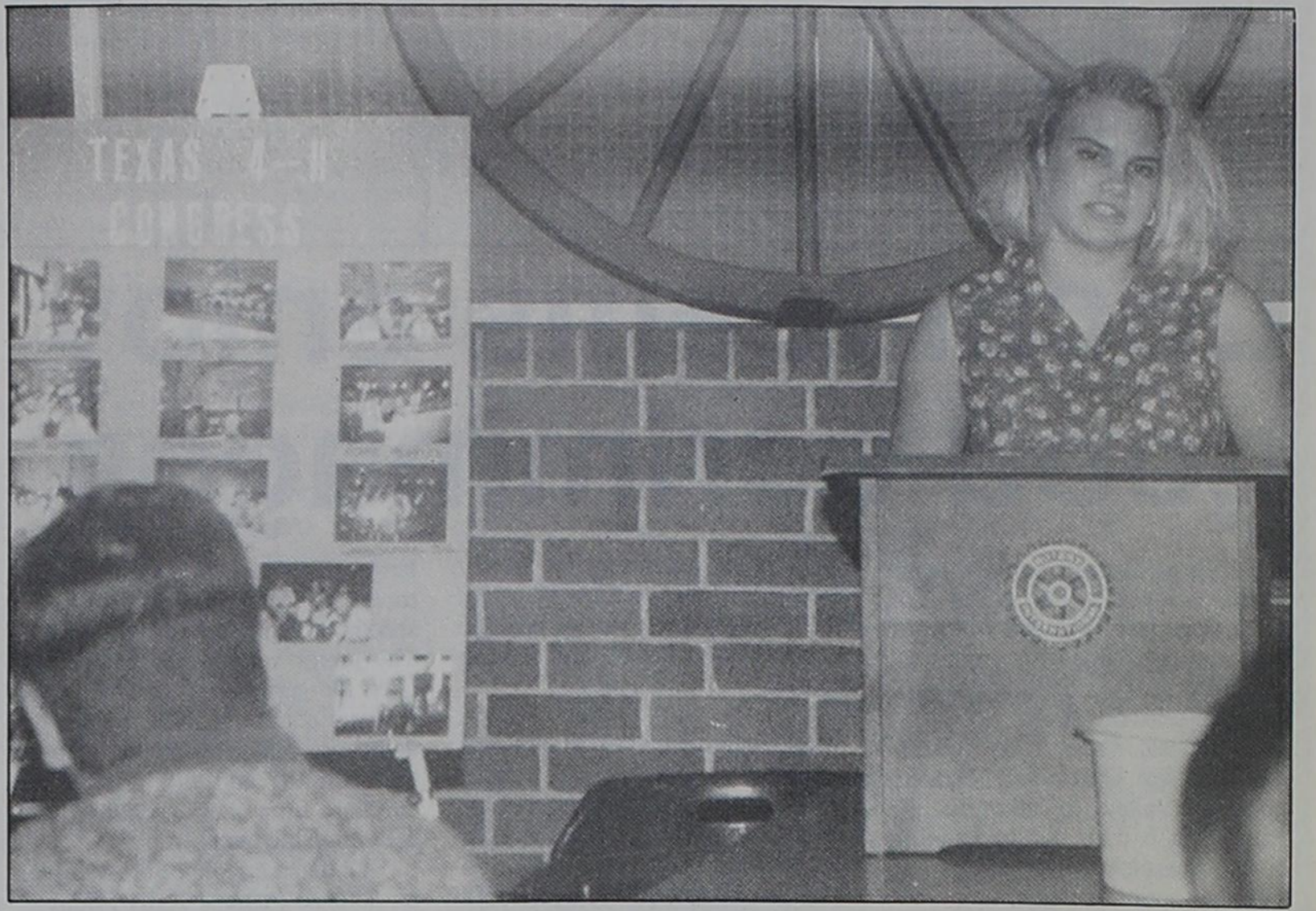
Bill Newland will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 1:1-3 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

### Christian Church

New minister Jim Hardwick and his family have arrived, and Jim will bring the messages for the morning and evening services Sunday.

Monday at 7 p.m. at the church Dr. B.D. Murphy will present a program on his mission trip to the Ukraine. The public is invited.

Wednesday Bible study will be at 7 p.m. at the church.



**MATTHEWS RELATES EXPERIENCES** — Tawnee Matthews discussed her trip to Texas 4-H Congress this summer at a recent meeting of the Dimmitt Rotary Club. The congress allows young-

sters to get a taste of the political process so they better understand how government works. The youngsters also met several state officials.

Photo by John Brooks



Susan Book

## Susan Book recognized by Duke TIP

Susan Book, 13-year-old daughter of Chris and Becky Book of Nazareth, has been recognized by the Duke University Talent Identification Program for excellent achievement on the reading portion of the ACT college entrance exam.

As a seventh grader last year, Book was one of several students to take the college entrance exams under Duke University's Talent Identification Program. Her verbal reading score was 29, and the criteria for earning recognition is a minimum of 27 in reading. The test was given during the months of December 1993 and January and February of this year.

She participated in the recognition ceremony in June.

## Bridal shower fetes Schacher

Becky Schacher, bride-elect of Greg Sava, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Carol Schroeder in Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Schroeder, the honoree and her mother, Vernie Schacher; the prospective groom's mother, Jacque Sava; and the bride-to-be's grandmother, Rose Birkenfeld.

The serving table held a wine and blue silk floral arrangement in an ivory ceramic bowl, along with crystal and silver serving pieces.

Deanne Clark and Sandie Baker served lemon tea and coffee, fruit and spicy tortillas and hot sauce to guests.

The hostesses presented the honoree with silverware in her selected pattern.

Special and out-of-town guests included Miss Schacher's mother and grandmother; Karen Neis of Lubbock; the bride-elect's aunts including Juanita Schacher, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Georgiann Kleman, Margie Albracht and Stephanie Dobmeier, all of Nazareth; the prospective groom's sisters, Debra Bridenbaugh of Amarillo and Jennifer Sava; the bride-to-be's sister, Cathy Schacher, and her sister-in-law, Mary Jo Schacher; and the honoree's cousins, Kirsten Verkamp and Bridget Birkenfeld, both of Amarillo, and Anne Acker of Nazareth; Beverly Hill of Nazareth and Sammie Lytle of Hereford.

## Nelson honored

Joel Nelson of Dimmitt was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer session at Oklahoma State University.

Nelson was one of 756 OSU students earning recognition for the 1994 summer semester.

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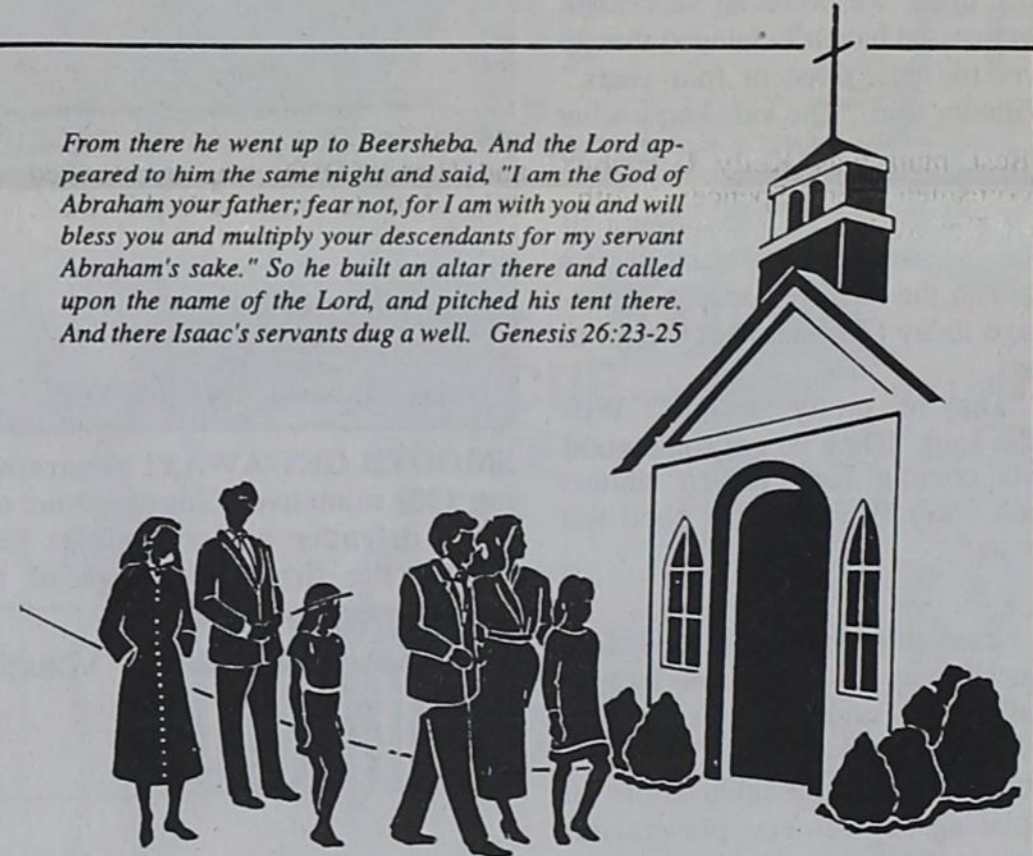
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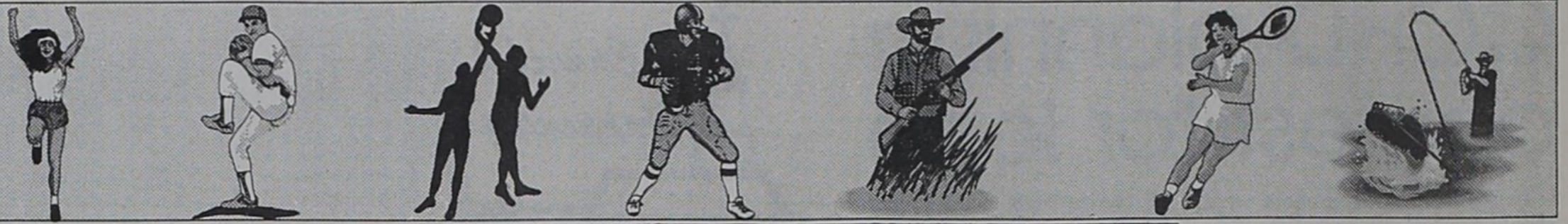
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# Sports



## Local teams enjoy good scrimmages

All three Castro County football teams enjoyed a successful first scrimmage last week and will try to continue polishing their games today (Thursday) and Friday in their final pre-season tuneups.

Hart hosts Kress today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. On Friday, Nazareth goes to Valley to take on the Patriots at 6 p.m., while Dimmitt hosts Abernathy beginning with freshman action at 5 p.m.

Dimmitt fullback Joe Juarez ran 68 yards for a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage, and Jason Wooten hooked up with Arturo Silva on a 50-yard pass play later as Dimmitt outscored Lubbock Cooper 2-0 in a scrimmage Friday at Cooper High School.

Dimmitt's junior varsity and freshmen also scored while holding their opponents scoreless. The Cooper varsity came the closest to scoring, going to the Dimmitt four-yard-line before being stopped on downs.

"I was pretty pleased overall," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "We saw a lot of things we need to work on but we did some good stuff. Cooper is not the caliber of team we will play in our pre-district schedule, so we still have some work to do."

Cooper, aided by two transfers including Greg Armes, all-region basketball and all-district football player from New Home, did some unexpected things in the scrimmage including line shifts on defense.

"We hadn't really worked on that but the kids remembered enough from last year to pick up the adjustments and do a good job against them," Chisum said.

The head coach said he hadn't made up his mind on all varsity and junior varsity assignments, with a couple of big needs for the team on defense.

"We need someone to emerge for us at defensive end and weakside linebacker," Chisum said. "We saw several people at defensive end. Several of them did a good job but we need more. We're not set at weakside linebacker. We won't make a final decision on some folks until after this scrimmage."

This week's scrimmage will begin with the freshmen going 15 plays on offense and 15 on defense at 5 p.m. After the freshmen play, the varsity will go 15 plays on offense and defense, with teams continuing their drives if they are inside the 30 at 15 plays. Then, the JV will go 15 plays on offense and 15 on defense, followed by a 20

minute timed quarter for the varsity teams including the kicking game. Finally, the junior varsity will go 10 plays on offense and 10 on defense.

Hart coach Danny Wilhelm was pleased with his team's effort against Lubbock Christian, and for good reason. The Longhorns rang up 508 yards offense and scored seven touchdowns. They would have had eight scores except for a fumble on the goal line.

"We were pleasantly surprised with our offense," Wilhelm said Monday. "The offense is usually behind the defense at the first scrimmage, but we played real solid on both sides of the ball."

LCHS scored just once, on a fluke play. "Our kid went for the ball on a pass, missed the interception, and their kid caught it and went 60 yards," Wilhelm said. "On the other 49 plays they ran, they made just 45 yards."

Wilhelm said quarterbacks John Welps and Alan Valderaz performed well. They are fighting to see who will replace Jason Aven, who graduated last spring after helping lead Hart to the playoffs the past two years.

"They had 158 yards passing between the two of them," Wilhelm said. "They both did a real good job for us."

Leading the offense were Raynea Garcia, who had 73 yards and two touchdowns; Eddy Chavers, with 164 yards and a touchdown; J.R. Lee, with two touchdown catches; and Joe Longoria, with 76 yards.

"I think we were so successful because we haven't changed this up over the past three or four years," Wilhelm said. "The kids know what to expect and know what they're supposed to do."

Wilhelm said the Longhorns will face a stronger-than-usual Kress team in the final pre-season scrimmage today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Hart.

"They're pretty decent," Wilhelm said. "They've got some good kids coming back (seven starters each way). They'll be a good test for us."

Nazareth's varsity scored four touchdowns in 35 plays against Ralls Friday night.

That pleased Coach Fick Price, who has the unenviable chore of replacing several key players this season, including both running-backs.

Nazareth will see if its offense can stand up to another tough chal-

lenge this week when the Swifts travel to Valley Friday for the second scrimmage of the season. The junior varsity is scheduled to open the scrimmage at 6 p.m. and will run about 15 offensive and 15 defensive plays. Then the varsity will run 20 and 20. After that, coaches from both schools will determine the next series.

"We had a couple of breakdowns on defense (against Ralls Friday)," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "This week we're going to work on our pursuit angles on defense and also our pass blocking on offense."

He said he still hasn't made a decision about several starting positions which are up for grabs, and will use this final scrimmage to make up his mind.

One of the runningbacks Price is looking at this year is senior Jon Johnson, who scored Nazareth's first touchdown Friday, a one-yard

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**THE END OF THE ROAD**—Dimmitt varsity defensive tackles **Dustan Buckley (52)** and **Justin Stroud (75)** get ready to make short work of a Lubbock Cooper running back's efforts during the scrimmage Friday at Cooper. Cooper was limited to only one scoring threat, but the Bobcats held them on downs at the four-yard line.

Photo by John Brooks

## Four win net, gross titles at championship

Jerry Heller and Bettye Butler shot the low gross totals and Reyes Sandoval Jr. and Jo Beth Mays fired low net over the weekend at the club championships at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Mays won a playoff with Mozelle Hall for first place in women's low net after both tallied 133 over 36 holes. Treena Matthews was third low net on the women's side with 136.

Sandoval was two shots better than Chi Abrego in the men's low net. Lance Louder won a score-card playoff to take third with a 139.

Heller fired a 140 over the two days to take a four-stroke win in men's low gross. Mickey Bishop was second with 144, and Cary Jackson was third at 147.

Butler fired a 171 over two days for the women's low gross title. Audrey Shottenkirk was second at 178 and Jerri Horton was third at 194.

Bishop and Butler were closest to the pin in a special contest.

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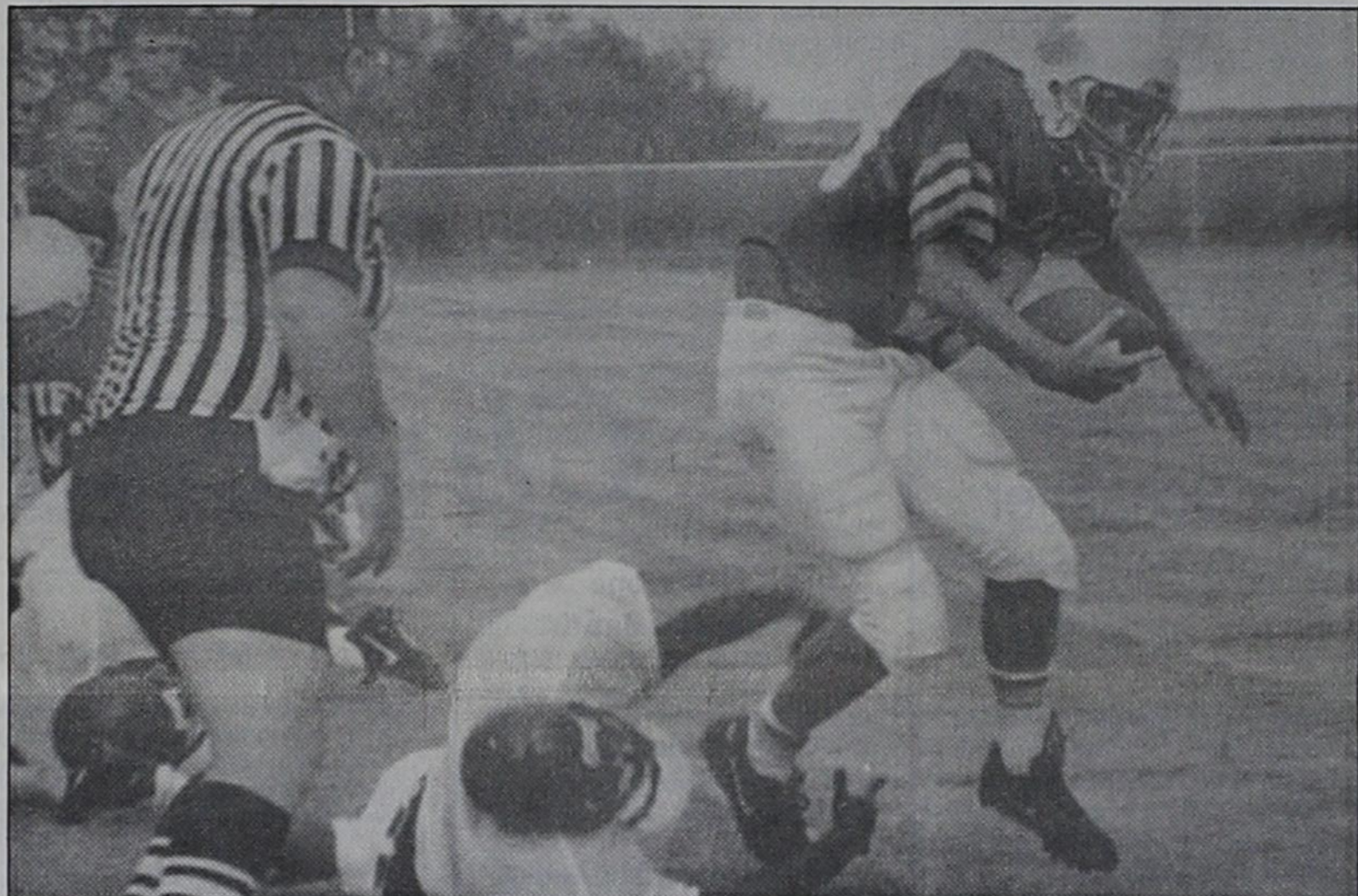
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**RAMBLING DOWN THE FIELD**—Dimmitt fullback **Joe Juarez (33)** gathers in a Jason Wooten pass and starts to turn upfield for big yards on a play Friday in a scrimmage at Lubbock Cooper. Juarez scored one of the varsity's two touchdowns on a 63-yard run on the second play of the scrimmage.

Photo by John Brooks



**SMOOTH GET-AWAY!** Nazareth's **Gaylon Schilling (28)** maneuvers his way out of the grasp of a Ralls defender and scrambles for extra yardage during the first scrimmage of the 1994 season

Friday night. The teams scrimmaged in Nazareth with the varsity Swifts outscoring the Jackrabbits, four touchdowns to one.

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# Rentfro begins WT horse duties

Trigg Rentfro, a native of Dimmitt, accepted a dual appointment as instructor of animal science and



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manager of the Horse Center at West Texas A&M University. He reported Aug. 1 and is the most recent faculty addition to the University's new equine industry program.

"His unique academic training in equine and animal science, agricultural economics and business will allow him to be involved in every course we teach in the equine industry program as well as other courses in the Division of Agriculture," Dr. John Pipkin, director of the equine industry program, said.

Rentfro's experience includes first-hand knowledge of the racing and breeding industries. He has worked for several world renowned race horse trainers and blood-stock agents and most recently served as the horse breeding manager at Billy Allen's Sunnyslope Quarter Horse

Ranch in Scott City, Kan., and Jomm Ranches in Grosswallstadt, Germany. His responsibilities included farm and personnel operations, the reproductive management of stallions and mares, feed sales and service, and performance horse and rider training.

A two-time graduate of Oklahoma State University (OSU), Rentfro earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics with a business and marketing option in 1990 and a master's degree in animal science and equine management in 1992.

He was a member of the OSU Horse Judging Team and the OSU Horseman's Association as an undergraduate and later served as a teaching assistant in courses such as "Business Management and Production," "Live Animal Evalua-

tion," "Animal Reproduction" and "Horse Training and Management."

In addition to his involvement in university student programs, Rentfro coached champion junior horse judging teams at the Oklahoma State 4-H, All-American Quarter Horse Congress and American Junior Quarter Horse Association world contests.

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## More about Nazareth . . .

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run during Nazareth's first 20-play series.

The Swifts' next three touchdowns came in the second series of 15 plays. Quarterback Gaylon Schilling was the sparkplug, completing touchdown passes of 13 yards to Scott Brockman and 71 yards to Colby Pohlmeier, and rushing for a 25-yard score himself.

"I was pleased with the way we moved the ball. We played really well in our second series," Price said.

The scrimmage was shortened due to rain and darkness, and Price said Ralls' varsity unit was shorted 14 plays.

Price also was pleased with the performance of his younger players, who outscored Ralls' junior varsity 1-0 on a touchdown pass from Jared Birkenfeld to Marcus Brockman.

The Swifts open regular season play on Sept. 2 at home against Lubbock Christian High School. Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m. at Swift Field.



JON JOHNSON (44) of Nazareth catches a Ralls defender off guard to pick up several yards before he's dragged down during scrimmage action Friday night in Nazareth. The varsity squads from Nazareth and Ralls were even with one touchdown apiece after each team's first 20 possessions, but Nazareth pulled away on the second series and outscored the Jackrabbits.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Nazareth WITH VIRGIE GERBER. 945-2869

The Nazareth cheerleaders sponsored an ice cream social Sunday afternoon for the football players and the community. Pictures were taken before everyone enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Shana Birkenfeld and Stewart Hutchins in Holy Family Church on Saturday. Father Darryl Birkenfeld of Hereford officiated. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Congratulations to Gerry and Joyce Kleman of Abernathy on the birth of a son, Devon Dean, Aug. 18. Grandparents are Carl Dean and Mary Kleman and Edwin and Juanita Schacher of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Liz Hoelting.

Mary Lou Schmucker has returned from a trip to San Antonio where she visited her sister, Anna. On Sunday they drove to La Grange to visit Mary Lou's daughter, Debbie, her husband Billy and their 3-month-old daughter, Melanie. It was a very pretty drive and they enjoyed spending the day visiting. On Tuesday night Mary Lou and Anna were among the 45,000 people attending the Elton John and Billy Joel concert in the Alamodome. The concert was wonderful—"almost as good as seeing Elvis." While in San Antonio Anna took Mary Lou to several excellent Mexican food restaurants. They also had a great time looking for and making a contract on a new house for Anna. Mary Lou hopes to return in October to help her move in.

Mary Acker and Evelyn Backus visited with Monte and Diana Adams this weekend at Breckenridge. It was very hot and humid. They drove to Weatherford, where it was cool and raining and enjoyed horse racing.

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**1--Real Estate Homes & Land**

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**DOUBLE WIDES** 95 Models, 3 Bed 2 Bath Only 264.05 per month FREE delivery and setup. FREE skirting with home purchased this month. **Bell Mobile Homes** 806-894-7212 10% DN \* 10.75 APR \* 240 MONTHS

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Two bedroom. 808 W. Bedford, \$18,500. Call after 5 p.m. 289-5870. 1-11-tfc

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**14 X 72' MOBILE HOME** and two lots in Hart. Phone 647-3428. 1-17-tfc

**ZERO DOWN PAYMENT ON NEW MOBILE HOMES** to qualified land owners. Call or come in Oakwood Homes, 5300 Amarillo Blvd. E, Amarillo TX, (800) 372-1491. 1-18-tfc

**18--Services**

**WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT?** Or feel better? 30 days, \$30. Call 647-2242. 18-40-tfc

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Call Brent or Bryan Portwood at 647-2541.

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SPECIALIZING IN QUALITY  
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**20--Help Wanted**

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for new equipment. Booker Transportation needs to staff two 1994 Air Ride Conventinals with 3406E multi-torque cats. We operate in 10 midwestern states with majority of miles being in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. We are a refrigerated carrier that offers a competitive wage plus a \$10,000 longevity bonus. Our biggest haul is "meat to Texas." If you like the short haul and plenty of miles, this is for you. We have never lost a driver due to "not enough miles." Give us a call at 800-569-4633, Booker, TX. 20-20-7tc

**NEED TO HIRE** an accounts payable and payroll clerk. Need to have general accounting knowledge, experience preferred. Contact Angie at 647-2191. 20-19-2tc

**21--Wanted, Misc.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO BUY** your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-tfc

**22--Notices**

**WHOOPI! I DID MAKE A MISTAKE!** I'm the woman selling T-shirts and "POPS," and I didn't give one young man the right change. If you're the one call collect, 806-447-5481. 22-19-2tc

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

**LOGO CONTEST** — Castro County Hospital District needs a logo to symbolize what we are all about. The hospital district will have a hospital, home health agency, ambulance service and two clinics. First prize will be a Realistic AM/FM Stereo Mate Headphone Radio, a \$40 value from Kittrell Electronics; second prize will be a Soundesign Telephone Clock Radio, a \$30 value from ALCO; and third prize will be dinner for two at Dairy Queen. Top three entries will be published in this newspaper. All entries become property of the hospital district. Winning entry may be used on letterhead, forms, business cards, ads, etc. Please submit entries to: Logo Contest, Plains Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt TX 79027 no later than Sept. 24. Entries should be on 8-1/2 by 11-inch white paper with entrant's name and address on the back. 22-20-2tc

**23--Lost & Found**

**STRAYED:** 6 head of mixed steers and heifers. Branded GO on left side or left hip. Lost from north of Dimmitt. 647-2518 or 647-4559. 23-19-tfc

**FOUND:** One large male dog, obviously well-trained for farm or ranch work. Black, brown and white, with brown collar, but no tags. Found Aug. 19 in vicinity of Thriftway. Call 647-3123, days; 647-3535, nights. 23-20-tfx

**24--Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**

Three cheers for the businesses and residents that made a special push to spruce up for Harvest Days. Dimmitt looked better overall in neatness and cleanliness than it has in a long time. We wanted to name specific places that made a big effort to improve their appearance, but there were too many who did work hard! It showed and our community can be proud.

Special thanks to Larry Garcia and the scouts for helping keep the weeds out of the sidewalk and picking up trash around the square. It seems like an easy job, but if you try it once, you'll realize that it is not as easy as it looks and it is a daily job. Businesses have a 24-hour a day job running their businesses and unless they can hire someone extra to specifically clean outside, it is easy to let beautification go undone. Thank you for going the extra mile.

We appreciate each who had a part in making Dimmitt look clean and neat for our visitors as well as all of us who live here.

CUFUPU COMMITTEE  
MIKE BAIN, CHAIRMAN  
24-20-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you for your acts of thoughtfulness, kindness and help given to us at the time of Charles' death. We appreciate each one of them.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES ACKER  
24-20-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**

We cannot adequately express our deep and sincere appreciation to our friends throughout Castro County. Your many prayers and acts of love and kindness during the illness of Alma Conrad, our mother, grandmother and friend, were simply wonderful. We felt that her passage into the eternal life of happiness and peace was a joyful and happy occasion, mixed with a little sadness. Many, many thanks for making this time very special and memorable. May God love and reward you as only He can.

ROSE MARY RAMAEKERS & FAMILY  
MITZIE BROCKMAN & FAMILY  
TED CONRAD & FAMILY  
COLETTE HOELTING & FAMILY  
SUSIE BACON & FAMILY  
TOM CONRAD & FAMILY  
ANGELA VENHAUS & FAMILY  
24-20-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks for each and every kindness shown to us in the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

MIDGE McLAIN  
BOB & FAMILY  
ALLEN & SHANE  
24-20-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club would like to thank everyone that helped make our hamburger sales such a success during the Harvest Days celebrations. A special thanks goes to Bill Sanders for furnishing the buns, Eddie Sutton for supplying the meat and First State Bank for feeding all of their employees with us.

A special thanks also goes to June Sutton, Treena Matthews and Sara Hill for planning and putting it all together and doing such a smooth job of running it all.

BOOSTER CLUB  
24-20-1tc

**25--Legal Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District will conduct a public hearing of the proposed 1994-95 budget at 7 p.m. on Aug. 29, 1994, in the board room of the school administration building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas. 25-19-2tc

**25--Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

EMMA REYNA AND JOE CRESPIN, plaintiffs, vs. CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, et al., defendants.

AGREED ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTION CYCLE FOR CASTRO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT PRECINCTS CIVIL ACTION NO. 2.92-CV-168-J Consolidated with CIVIL ACTION NO. 2.92-CV-202-J It is therefore ORDERED that, the following special election schedule and process be implemented:

1) Castro County will conduct a special election at the time of the regularly scheduled general election on November 8, 1994, for all county commissioner positions. No majority vote will be required and no run-off election will be held. Candidates will be elected by a plurality vote.

2) Persons elected as County Commissioners for precincts 1 and 3 shall be elected for the remainder of the terms of office for those positions, or a period of twenty-six months, with the remainder of the terms to end on December 31, 1996. Persons elected to the county commissioner positions in the 1994 special election for precincts 1 and 3 shall take office one week after the canvass of the vote, as the current officeholders have remained in office without election beyond the legal terms of office, and since 1988. The regular election cycle, as contemplated under the Texas Constitution, for precincts 1 and 3 will resume with elections to be conducted for those positions in 1996 in accordance with the statutorily prescribed election process for those offices and, subsequently, every four years thereafter.

3) Persons elected to county commissioner positions for precincts 2 and 4 shall take office as contemplated under Texas law, on January 1, 1995, and shall hold their respective offices for the full term of four years, or until Dec. 31, 1998.

4) Candidates shall qualify for a place on the ballot in the open primary to be held on Nov. 8, 1994, in conjunction with the 1994 general election, by complying with the normal procedures for filing an application for a place on the ballot in a primary election. In view of the shortened election cycle proposed by parties, the candidate qualifying period shall begin August 1, 1994, and conclude August 26, 1994, with August 26, 1994, being the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot.

5) In conjunction with the application, candidates will be required to either (i) pay a filing fee of \$300.00, payable to the County Clerk's office, or (ii) produce a petition signed by 30 registered voters from the candidate's respective commissioner precinct. Should persons who filed applications for positions as candidates on the ballot for precincts 1 and 3 and paid filing fees in 1992 when the county's elections were enjoined and the primary elections declared invalid file applications for a position on the ballot to run in the special 1994 election for commissioner positions in precincts 1 and 3, those persons shall not be required to pay additional filing fees. Filing fees will be deposited to the general funds of Castro County to help defray the cost of the election.

6) Candidates must also comply with Tx. Elec. Code Ann., 141.002, including the requirement that a candidate be a resident of the precinct in which he or she is running on the date the application is filed. A declaration of intent to run will not be required of any candidate.

7) One general election ballot will be printed for all elections on November 8, 1994. The candidates appearing on the ballot for commissioner positions will have denoted by their names their party affiliation. No special sign-in or registration of the voters will be required for this special election.

8) Because of the importance of this election to the people of Castro County, early voting hours will be extended to include the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday of the early voting period.

SIGNED this 28 day of July, 1994.  
MARY LOU ROBINSON  
US District Judge  
17-25-4tc

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK**

Sealed proposals for Modification of Picnic Areas, A.D.A. on highway(s), Various in Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Lamb and Lubbock will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation located at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, until 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1994, then publicly opened and read. All prospective bidders are notified that there will be no pre-bidders' conference. Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the office of Woody Marcy, 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas; telephone (806) 745-4411. Usual rights reserved. 25-20-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The undersigned hereby gives Notice of Application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club permit to be located at FM 2392 So. Side .9 ml. W. Hwy. 385, Castro County Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Country Club of Dimmitt/A Private Club, Inc.

Country Club of Dimmitt/ A Private Club, Inc. President, BETTY ANN McCLURE, Vice-president, JAMES DOUGLAS PROFFITT, Secretary/Treasurer, SHELLY C. NUTT. 25-19-2tc

**4-H club elects officers**

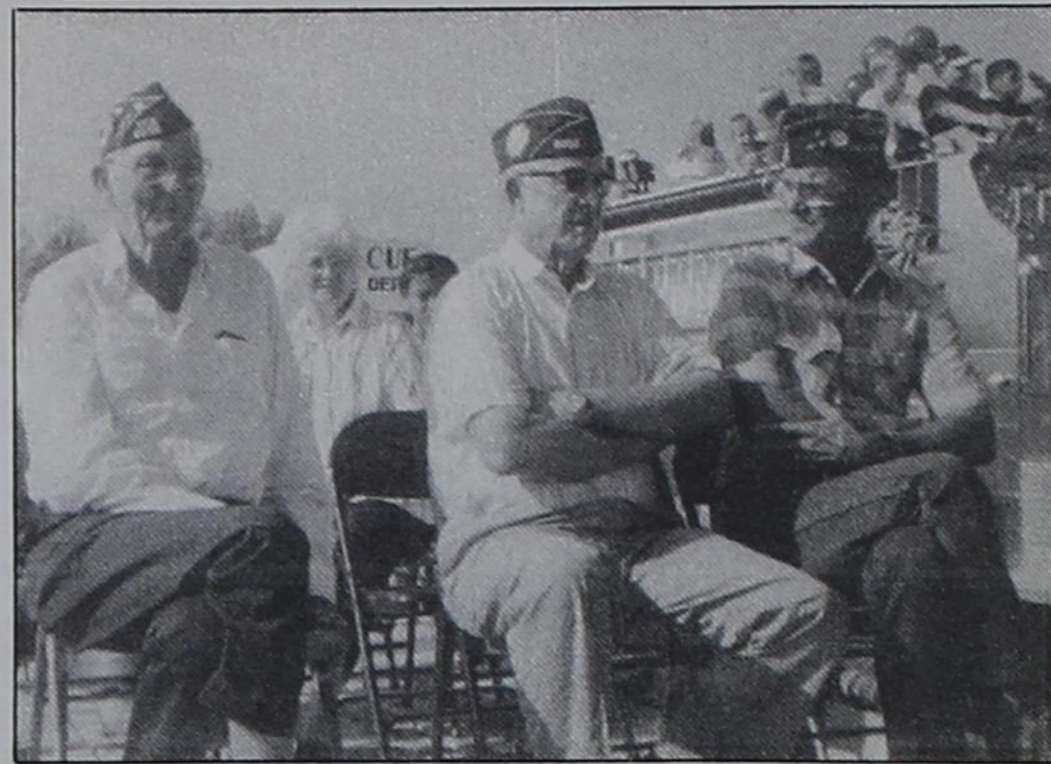
The Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club elected officers for the 1994-95 year during a recent meeting.

Newly installed officers are Shaun Furr, president; Brandi Rice, first vice president; Karmen Pohlmeier, secretary; Shane Furr, treasurer; Sage Annen, second vice president; Trinity Robb, third vice president; Kaci Schulte, Council delegate; Lori Schulte, reporter; and Susan Book, historian.

The History Committee will include Kami Jo Hand, Wesley Mays and Kristin Hales. Members of the Telephone Committee are Lori Schulte and Kristin Hales.

Larry Robb and John Furr cooked hamburgers for the group.

The Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club also held a program planning meeting last Thursday in the courthouse.



CHARTER MEMBERS of the VFW Post 8056 including (from left) Ralph Lambright, Carl King and Nub Calhoun and charter member of the VFW Auxiliary, Hazel Calhoun (in background) rode the organization's float in the annual Harvest Days parade recently.

Courtesy Photo

**Who's New**

**OUT OF TOWN**

Brian and Beth West-Gunzelman of Fort Worth are the parents of a baby girl, Brooke Morgan, who was born Aug. 16 at 2:58 a.m. at Harris Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Betty and Truman Touchstone of Dimmitt. Maternal great-grandmother is Lula Wood of Guyton, Okla.

**OUT OF TOWN**

Brandon Anthony, son of Steve and Melissa Lumsford of Danville, Ark., was born May 24. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 ozs. Grandparents are C.B. and Jean Lumsford, formerly of Dimmitt, and Leon and Fayreen Vaughn, all of Danville, Ark.

*Together We Can*

**25--Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Castro County Proposed Budget for 1994-95 is on file in the Castro County District and County Clerk's office.

The public hearing for the 1994-95 proposed budget will be held Sept. 1, 1994 at 10 a.m. in the Castro County Commissioners' Courtroom. The effective tax rate for 1994-95 will be set following the adoption of the budget.

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON JR.  
CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE

**25--Legal Notices**

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES CASTRO COUNTY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995**

POSITION	CURRENT	PROPOSED	SALARIES
			Current & Proposed
County Judge	\$50,175	\$48,045	\$24,756
County Clerk	\$70,849	\$67,900	\$22,980
242nd Dist. Court	\$36,725	\$36,500	\$510
Justice of the Peace	\$32,690	\$32,190	\$20,940
64th District Court	\$34,100	\$33,850	\$510
County Attorney	\$10,300	\$16,026	
County Treasurer	\$28,160	\$27,180	\$22,980
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$61,230	\$61,230	\$22,980
Constable	\$18,967	\$27,942	\$14,292
Sheriff	\$348,900	\$365,555	\$23,616
Precinct 1	\$218,985	\$271,925	\$17,244
Precinct 2	\$191,565	\$199,762	\$17,244
Precinct 3	\$149,010	\$199,595	\$17,244
Precinct 4	\$198,877	\$203,847	\$17,244

Officials are reimbursed for official travel by personal transportation at 27.5 cents per mile.

**Notice of Vote on Tax Rate**

The Castro County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 8.07 percent on August 22, 1994 at 5-7 p.m.

The Castro County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 1, 1994 at 10 a.m.



HERE'S THE SCOOP—Members of the Dimmitt Booster Club (left) dish up ice cream to fans (right) at the club's annual Meet The Bobcats Night Thursday at Bobcat Stadium. Dimmitt fans heard the Bobcat Band, performed yells with varsity cheerleaders and met high school football players. Photo by John Brooks

## WT schedules orientation

New students at West Texas A&M University in Canyon will begin their first week on campus with a pep rally, western dance lessons, group competitions and campus organization orientations as part of WTAMU Buffalo Branding, a three-day new student orientation program, today (Thursday) through Saturday.

"Throughout Buff Branding, students will be learning the history and traditions of WTAMU as well as the campus layout," Amy Mason, assistant director of admissions, said. "By the end of the weekend, students will understand activities on campus; anything from football game yells to classroom building codes."

Buff Branding began 13 years ago as a way to acquaint students with the campus, faculty and other students. The first Buff Branding hosted 250 students as compared to this year's Branding expected to orientate over 450 incoming students.

An "Ice Cream Kick Off" at the President's Home on Wednesday followed by a street dance in the downtown square in Canyon began the weekend activities. A faculty-student picnic on Saturday will give students an opportunity to talk with faculty members in an informal setting.

"Students will get acquainted with new friends and faculty on a casual level and learn how to get involved on campus," Mason said. "These are two keys to success at college."

Upperclassmen serve as counselors leading the students in group competitions as well as the registration process that includes obtaining parking permits, identification cards and book purchases.

## More about Notice...

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"Mr. Smith, a 65-year-old potato farmer, denied any wrongdoing. He contended that he would not have been threatened with prosecution had he not aided efforts to elect the first Hispanic commissioner in a county that is 69 percent Hispanic."

"Mr. Smith said other commissioners persuaded District Attorney Jerry Matthews to take him before a county grand jury. Afterward, he said, Mr. Matthews signaled that he could quit or be indicted."

"They made life so rough on me that I resigned, and it was because I supported the Spanish people," Mr. Smith said.

"Mr. Matthews said that Mr. Smith's resignation 'had nothing to do with the redistricting matter,' although it was tied to his relations with commissioners who opposed the districting plan favored by Hispanics."

"In a nutshell, he didn't get along with the other commissioners, and it was causing family and personal problems," Mr. Matthews said. "His wife and family asked him to resign and get out."

## Obituaries

### Mabel Kimbell Bills

Mabel Kimbell Bills, 85, of Amarillo, died Aug. 17, 1994. Cremation was by Memory Gardens Crematory. Arrangements were by Schooler - Gordon - Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors in Amarillo. There were no services.

Mrs. Bills was born in Gasoline and moved to Amarillo in 1944. She married Virgil Bills in 1931 in Dimmitt. He died in 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of East Amarillo Church of Christ.

Survivors include a brother, Edwin Kimbell of Dimmitt; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Eliza Pate

Eliza Evelyn Pate, 85, of Amarillo, died Tuesday in Webster.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Jack Rowe Funeral Home Cathedral Chapel at League City with Gary Taliaferro officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo.

Mrs. Pate was born in Dimmitt and had been a lifelong Amarillo resident.

Survivors include her son, Joe E. Pate of Clear Lake; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

## 23--Lost & Found

LOST — Set of keys, probably near Dimmitt Post Office. If found, please drop them into the PO drop box.

# Police Calls

Two Earth men were arrested Saturday, allegedly caught in the act of burglarizing a house near Flagg by the owner of the house.

The house had been burglarized on Aug. 2, and sheriff's deputies are investigating whether there is a link between the two incidents.

About \$2,400 worth of items were taken in the first burglary, including several electronic items. On Aug. 20, two men were alleged to have loaded up their car with more items from the house.

When the owner drove up near his house with his brother, they called 911 to notify authorities and stayed in the area to keep an eye on the men. Deputies arrived before the men could leave.

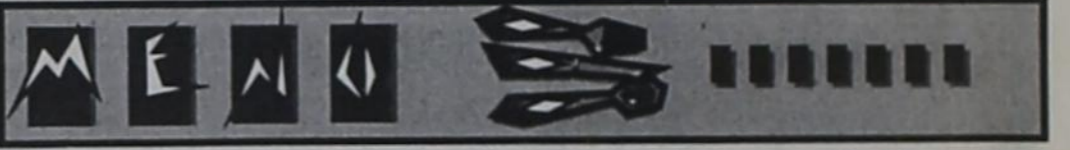
The alleged burglars told deputies, according to deputies' reports, that they had been told by another man that the house was abandoned and they could get what they wanted.

A Dimmitt man was booked for

Class C assault Aug. 17 in an altercation with a man over the Dimmitt man's ex-wife. Deputies said the two had mixed it up on one other occasion but neither filed charges. On Aug. 17, the men passed each other and one made a gesture toward the other. They argued in a parking lot at Halsell and US Highway 385 before deciding to go out in the country on Halsell and settle their differences with their fists.

The men ended up filing charges against each other for assault. The Dimmitt man filed charges against the out-of-town suitor first; when the suitor was arrested, he filed charges against the Dimmitt man. Both were freed on cash bond pending further disposition.

Classic Cable employees filed charges against two tenants in the Azteca Complex in the past week for unauthorized connection to the cable system.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt from Aug. 25 to Sept. 2.

### DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of turkey and dressing; \*corn dog or beef and bean burrito with chili; garden peas, Spanish rice or \*potato chips; \*tossed salad with dressing; \*fruit gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or iced tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of \*pizza supreme, Monterey casserole or barbecue hot links; Ranch Style Beans, baked potato or potato salad; tossed salad with dressing; \*assorted relishes or \*cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or iced tea.

MONDAY: Choice of \*soft taco, chicken strips or fruit and cheese plate; \*potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or peas and carrots; tossed salad with dressing; \*garden relish or chilled canned fruit; crackers; \*hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, banana or orange; \*milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of \*beefaroni, chili Fritos with salsa or pepperoni and sausage pizza; \*corn, broccoli or green beans; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; \*hot wheat rolls, old fashioned combread or flour tortilla; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of \*Italian spaghetti, grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup or oven-fried chicken; garden peas, mixed vegetables or mashed potatoes with gravy; \*tossed salad with dressing, pasta salad, cucumber and tomato salad; \*garlic French bread, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of \*barbecue on a bun, beef enchiladas, steak or chicken nuggets with gravy; \*fried beans, German potato salad or \*potato wedges; \*tossed salad with dressing; \*fruited gelatin or fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple,

orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of \*golden fried cod fillets, hot dog on bun with chili or salad plate with sandwich; Ranch Style beans, baked potato or French fries; tossed salad with dressing; \*assorted relishes or \*cantaloupe wedges; cornbread, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.

[Students in pre-kindergarten through second grade will be served menu items designated with an asterisk (\*).]

### HART

THURSDAY: Steak fingers (elementary), steak (secondary), whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Tacos, salad, pinto beans, brownie and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, apple cobbler, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, salad, corn on the cob, cookies, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, tostados, salad, pineapple, blueberry muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Burritos, cheese wedges, corn, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Hamburgers, lettuce, onions, pickles, French fries, strawberries and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked potatoes, cheese, sour cream, broccoli, bread, peanut butter cup and milk.

MONDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, hot rolls, cantaloupe and milk.

TUESDAY: Frito pie, cornbread, cauliflower, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, relish, corn, cherry cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, apple crisp and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, green beans, cornbread, pineapple and milk.

## More about

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encountered another checkpoint with armed guards.

"One guard kept waving his arm at me and saying the same word over and over," Doug said. "I thought he wanted me to back up. But when I started to move the car he really had a fit. It turned out that he wanted to look in the trunk."

"It's a good thing there wasn't anything in there—I hadn't even looked in the trunk."

Finally, after an inspection and another showing of passports, they were allowed to go through.

Soon they got off of the four-laner and onto a little paved road "about a car-and-a-half wide."

Eighty miles inside the Czech Republic, after a five-hour drive, they arrived at their destination: the little village of Jablunka, where Doug's maternal grandfather, Frank Masar, was born 102 years ago.

The village was on the slope of a mountain. There were several little stores, a post office, a smokehouse, a police station and a couple of churches along the road.

Uphill and downhill from the road, a few houses were scattered along dirt streets. They were small, frame, stuccoed homes, all neatly painted. Each house had a central chimney, and a supply of logs outside. Chickens, ducks and geese roamed freely in the yards.

Out from the town, small farms were carved out of the piney woods in no particular pattern. There were some small cornfields—obviously for livestock feed—and men were raking wheat straw in other fields.

Together We Can

A stream ran through the village and along the road.

"My granddad had told me about how he would take the ducks and geese and goats along the stream to graze when he was a little boy," Doug said. "Things haven't changed that much. They were still doing that there."

There wasn't enough time. Doug had plotted long and hard just to steal this part of a day from a guided tour to get to this place, and now there wasn't enough time.

Also, no one in Jablunka (pronounced *Ya-BLOON-ka*) could speak English.

"What little Czech language that I knew wasn't good enough," he said. "They spoke too fast and I couldn't understand them."

At the police station, someone tried to communicate with them in German, but Doug and Cheryl don't speak German either.

With a little more time, they might have found the village cemetery and spotted the Masar name on some headstones.

With a little luck, they might even have found a relative or two.

But they came up short on both time and luck.

At the post office, Doug and Cheryl tried sign language and "somehow we got it across to the lady that we wanted some postcards. She thought we wanted to send a telegram. Finally, she pointed to a little box over there that had some picture postcards in it and I nodded to her."

"There were only two postcards showing Jablunka. I wrote one of them to my mother and one to myself. Mother got hers Monday. The other postcards showed the area around Vsetin, nearby. I wrote one of them to my brother."

A holdover from the Communist days:

"They had these loudspeakers mounted on telephone poles. While we were there, some loud music came on, and then a woman's voice. I don't know what she was saying, but she sounded very authoritative."

"It was loud enough that I'm sure they could hear it inside the houses and up in the hills."

"That really got my attention. It made me nervous. This was 'Big Sister' speaking."

Doug's mother's dad came to America with his mother, father and sister when he was 14, in 1906. Frank Masar's mother got cold feet and took her daughter back to the old country on the next ship, but the father and boy stayed. Doug's great-grandfather settled on a farm near Vernon. Frank Masar grew up to become a farmer. He never knew what became of his mother and sister. He died in 1970, at the age of 78.

When Doug and his brothers were young boys, their grandfather would tell them of what life was like in his little home village in a remote pine forest on the other side of the world—about growing up in the peaceful mountains, and shepherding the family's ducks and geese and goats along the village stream.

When Doug won the trip to Vienna, in the same approximate part of the world, he saw his chance.

It was a slim, hurried opportunity. But to Doug, it was worth the checkpoints, the armed guards, the 100-mph traffic amid confusing traffic signs in a strange land.

"Everybody said, 'Nah, you'd better not try it—you're going to get lost, or worse,'" Doug said.

"But nobody was going to stop me."

"If I had the chance, I'd go back, and take my mother and my two brothers."

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## Great expectations

### Cotton:

*Lots of optimism afoot...*

By JOE BRYANT

Texas A&M Extension Journalist

LUBBOCK — Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains are anxious to bring this crop to harvest and get ready for a new season.

Harvest in this cotton area normally begins about Halloween, after the first freeze dries and desiccates the plants.

An almost three-month drought over most of the three-million-acre "cotton patch" in Lubbock and 24 surrounding counties got some relief the end of July with some scattered showers

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**COTTON HONOR** — Bill Cagle honors Charles Huffman of Lockney for 13 years service on the Plainview Co-Op Compress board of directors.



### Setting sights on a crop...

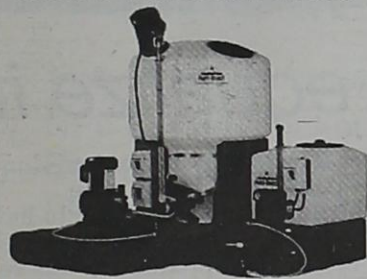
Big white bolls, like those shown in this file photo from several crops ago, may be the rule in the South Plains irrigated farming region in a few weeks. Lots of cotton farmers are talking up the good prospects of the crop, including Olton's Mark Gunter (far left), who chats with Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Scwab of Plainview during the recent annual meeting of the Plainview Co-Op Compress last week.

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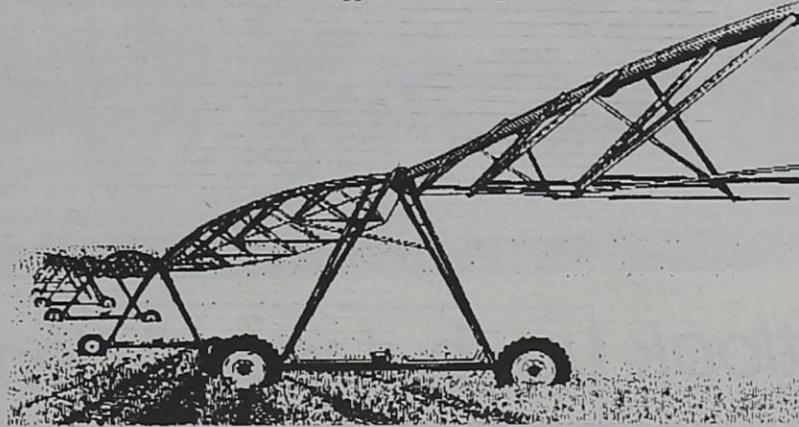


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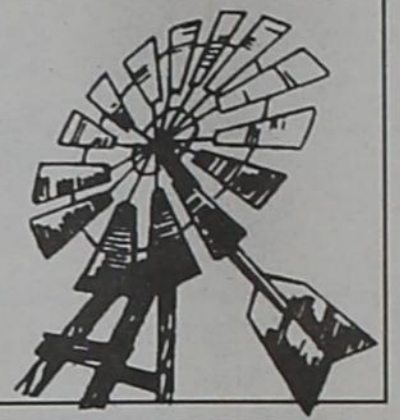
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### TEXAS PRODUCE CONVENTION —

Trade show and convention will be held on South Padre Island with Texas Ag. Commissioner Rick Perry to deliver the luncheon talk Sept. 15.

Dennis Avery director for the Center for Global Food Issues, will be the keynote speaker for the Sept. 15 session. Avery is an advocate of expanding American agriculture worldwide. A number of concurrent sessions on Sept. 16-17 offer latest advancements in vegetable and citrus production, particularly in biotechnology, irrigation and pesticide reform.

The Sept. 17 program will be a multi-cultural event dubbed "Mexico Day."

Sept. 17-18

### GOLDEN SPREAD ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT SHOW —

Donald Sell Farm in Perryton will be the site of the original Texas Panhandle tractor show.

# Stockyards yield very best array of Texana

## Bargains abound here . . .

By JUNE N. RODRIGUEZ  
c.1994 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — For anyone hunting down that quintessential Texas souvenir or gift, I have just two words: Stockyards Station.

Now don't sniff about how the renovated hog and sheep pens, tucked deep into the renovated, 19th-century Stockyards district, are just more of the north side's tourist trap. A recent Thursday afternoon visit revealed this relaxed shopping area to be surprisingly pleasant.

It was a little after 3 p.m., and the Station was humming as the Tarantula steam train made its turn-around and badge-wearing conventioners reboarded a local tour company's minivans. Diners on the shady patios at Risky's (barbecue) and the Feed Bag (chili, chicken-fried steak) wore contented faces while lingering over cold glasses of tea and beer. It was warm

outside, and nobody seemed inclined to move quickly.

The 25 or so stores waiting down those 100-year-old brick walkways, however, offered temptations in the way of leather, antiques, western wear, luggage, paintings, jewelry, country music and air-conditioned shopping comfort. That was enough motivation for me.

Oh, to have buckets of money: The potential damage in a 90-minute spree, just to buy my favorite finds, would easily have been thousands of dollars. And that's not to say that there aren't some good deals and excellent values to be found throughout Stockyards Station.

My first stop was Circle R Ranch Wear, where a polished cotton vest with a print of Native American figures was \$40 and a matching full skirt was \$60. There were kids' belts of leather and Guatemalan textiles for \$20 and beautiful western belt buckles for \$50 and up.

The western hat inventory, which includes the Larry Mahan line, is priced from \$30 to \$600.

A few doors down, Leather Trading Company of Texas carried a gorgeous tooled leather garment bag for \$400 and a similarly designed checkbook cover of tooled leather for just \$20. Multicolored broomstick skirts were \$130 and silver cross-pendants ranged from \$20 to \$40.

Browsing through the expansive Nostalgia Station can take some time. A wonderful Victorian organ was priced at \$1,295; new throws in hundreds of design choices were \$50; a pretty Tiffany-style table lamp was \$435; and a framed G. Harvey print was \$95. Near a corner piled with junk still to be sorted was an eight-point buck's antler rack, priced at \$35.

Past the Ernest Tubb Record Shop and the terrific Beadworks beading shop, I found Texas Hot Stuff, full of more throws and great earrings, as well as a bright cotton handbag in a campy rancho print with leather accents for \$50. Across the way, Stockyards Station Gallery was a really huge place filled with bronzes, oils and home decor items, such as lamps and books. Bluebonnets and cowboys are the more popular themes among the paintings, but my heart was won by beautiful hand-printed reproduction photos of 1880s and 1890s cowboys and ranchers at work, a bargain at just \$10 each.

Last and most treasured among my discoveries was the King Ranch Saddle Shop, the only such store outside Kingsville. There are the Running W shoulder bags, handbags, briefcases and luggage — all elegantly priced — but the shop stocks very cool T-shirts imprinted with sepia-tone ranch photographs (\$17).

With more opportune weekends ahead for travelling to the Fort Worth area, and events like the annual Fort Worth Livestock Show looming on the horizon, it's a joy to know ahead of time about the prizes hidden away in Stockyards Station.

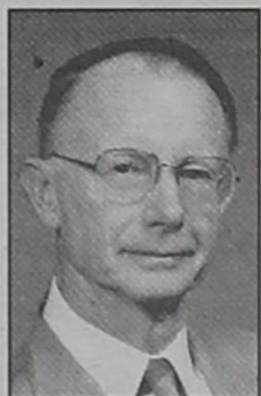
## U.S. crop outlook up, but world demand to equalize it

The August estimate of a record 19.2 million bale U.S. crop was substantially higher than expected. The previous record of 18.946 million was set in 1937 from 34.1 million planted acres and a 270 pound per acre yield.

However, the projected yield this year of 690 pounds per harvested acre is not far above the 685 pound per acre trend yield and is under the record 702 pounds set in 1987. The industry's concern of having enough cotton to expand appears satisfied for another year.

How well growers will fare financially largely depends on if they had implemented a marketing plan and "locked-in" a favorable price by mid-June. From now through harvest the supply/demand perspective is for a buyer's market. Acreage planted, despite a higher ARP, increased to 14.0 million acres from 13.44 last year. In the Southeast — Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Florida and Virginia — cotton acreage has increased 1 million acres since 1990.

As a result, the prospect of a small West Texas dryland crop no longer sways the U.S. crop size. Lubbock area dryland cotton makes up less than 5 percent of the U.S. crop. And, the area's irrigated



### COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

crop has a good yield potential at this time.

The August supply/demand estimates place 1994/95 U.S. consumption at 11.0 million bales and exports at 7.3 for record use of 18.3 million. The resulting carryover stocks next July are expected to increase a million bales from 3.5 million in 1993/94 to 4.5 million, or to 24.6 percent stocks-to-use (s/u). That is up from 20.2 percent s/u last season.

Analysis of price and s/u percent suggests that this supply increase may decrease the U.S. price level to 5 to 8 cents per pound. This means

December '94 futures price likely peaked on June 16 at 76.90 cents per pound settlement price.

World cotton production is moving closer to balancing with consumption this season for the first time since the 1991 crop. World production was set at 85.79 million bales and consumption at 86.73. The Chinese crop was increased 500,000 bales to 19.5 million, and it may eventually be closer to 20.5 million. The crop in India is also progressing well and larger than last year. Pakistan's crop is also projected larger than last year.

The seasonal weakness of price in November may test the 60-cent December '94 futures level. However, the lower price will offer skillful market watchers an opportunity to buy March, May and July 1995 calls as a storage hedge. At worst, you should have a good chance to recover the premium. This season, May and July futures should reflect full storage costs as free CCC loan storage is not likely because AWP is not expected to fall below loan.

Unfortunately, Texas growers have contracted only about 25 percent of their acreage. In addition, some producers have committed their cotton to

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in some areas. But those rains came too late for a million acres of dryland (not irrigated) cotton and has farmers facing crucial decisions about the remaining dryland and irrigated fields.

Those late rains are causing cotton plants to put on new growth, trying to make bolls which probably won't have time to mature this season. And they have slowed development of existing bolls. Now farmers must decide whether to try to hold onto the crop awhile longer and gamble on increased yields or to apply harvest aids and strip the early bolls before they can deteriorate.

rate. "Half the fields are still in the blooming cycle," said Kater Hake cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Some of this cotton would like to have hot dry weather" to mature the bolls already on the plants, "while other plants would like more rain," he said.

Fields which have survived the summer weather onslaught have matured more rapidly than usual. "Many fields are about 10 days ahead of last year's crop," Hake said. "Where growers had water and could irrigate, the crop looks superb," he noted. "Some fields look better

in fruit set (the load of fiber-producing bolls) than the best fields did last year."

And last year, with 3.4 million bales, was the second best crop in the area's history. But with the loss of the million acres of dryland crop, scattered hail losses and other weather damage in irrigated fields, area crop watchers are expecting this year's South Plains harvest to be some 2.1 to 2.7 million bales.

"Last year made many (area) cotton producers believers in the use of harvest aids on early maturing fields," Hake said. Harvest aids dry down the crop and rid plants of leaves before machines strip

the open bolls. Hake said several factors should make harvest aids even more successful this year:

"The crop is 7 to 10 days ahead of last year. The risk from not using harvest aids will be greater, as the time interval between boll opening and a freeze-aided harvest will be longer," Hake said. The longer open bolls remain in the field, the more likely they are to sustain weather damage to the fiber;

\* Early applications of harvest aids generally go on when the weather is warmer and lower rates of less expensive materials are effective;

\* The plants are shorter than last year, with the same boll retention. "Short, compact, well fruited plants respond extremely well to harvest aids. Use of lower rates of the materials, and single applications, should be possible on more acreage in 1994," the cotton agronomist said.

\* Growers made a "quantum leap forward in harvest aid experience and knowledge"

with last year's crop, Hake said.

The Extension Service agronomist said another key decision facing growers is that of properly winding down the irrigation of the crop. "The objective at this time is to keep the plant healthy enough to retain and mature bolls while depleting the soil moisture an maximizing the heat units to mature the bolls," Hake said.

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# Security: A vital part of your family's travelling, vacationing

By **BETSY WADE**  
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When it comes to safety in a hotel, many travelers have a gap in their psychological outlook: they are on vacation, possibly someplace they know where they feel comfortable, but in any case away from the familiar hurly-burly. Therefore nothing terrible can happen to them.

This "vacation vacancy," as one expert called it, blows the fuse of travelers' self-protective devices, and can be more dangerous than losing a hotel key, leaving luggage on the sidewalk or wearing lots of jewelry.

What happened to a colleague and her husband is nearly a case-book example. The couple are well-traveled New Yorkers, with antennae attuned to hazards ahead. They took the night flight to Manchester, England, and drove into Yorkshire. Unable to get into the hotel they had picked there, they accepted a reference to a sister establishment, also in the Michelin red book — a large, older hotel, solid looking but a bit worn around the edges and not air-conditioned. They took a second-floor room.

Before going to bed, jet-lagged and eager for sleep, they opened one of three double-hung

windows, the one farthest from the bed. My colleague was feeling ill and could not sleep, luckily as it turned out. Her husband thought he heard voices outside. In any case, both sprang wide awake about midnight when a hand holding a flashlight came through the window and curtains and swept the room with a strong light. They shouted at the top of their lungs and switched on the light. The hand vanished.

The couple looked out and saw a flat rooftop extending just below their window. There was no sign of the intruder. After they called the desk, the night manager and a security guard appeared and the manager said the police were checking downstairs. An examination outdoors revealed that a scaffold and a fire escape gave easy access. The couple decided against changing rooms, but there was no sleep that night, and the vacation was marred by jitters.

In telling the story, the colleague said it had never occurred to them to check window access or worry about security, as they would have done in Rio, Rome or New York.

Anthony G. Marshall, a lawyer who is dean of the School of

Hospitality Management at Florida International University in Miami, points up the impact of such an attitude: "You're in England, and you're at some grand old hotel, and they give you a quaint old brass key. All part of the hotel's charm, you think. Well, you would not tolerate that key at home. You would want an electronic key card, one without a number, preferably one that is changed for every single guest."

"Enjoying the quaint key is part of forgetting to pack your sixth sense, your warning sense."

In the case of my colleague's scare, room selection and inspection were the issues. Most people reject a hotel's first floor, if there are rooms there, as too unprotected. Second-floor rooms with balconies or terraces are often bypassed as well. Other second-floor rooms might prove unsecure if a thief could drive a car under the window and gain access by stepping onto the car's roof.

In Yorkshire, the couple did not look out the window because their internal warning bells had been muted. "On the third floor or higher," Marshall said, "you feel pretty safe, and you probably are, but you

should look out to the left and the right, particularly for a nearby hallway that could give access to your window."

If the couple in Yorkshire had observed the unsecure window before unpacking, the best solution would have been to move to another room. Some travelers to Europe have described being hesitant to open windows without grilles or barriers.

Chad Callaghan, head of the security committee of the American Hotel and Motel Association, urges guests to ask for a room change if anything makes them uneasy: lack of proper ventilation, too long a walk from the elevator, too high a floor. If there is no other room and

the air is stifling, then the window should be opened from the top, not the bottom. The \$1.5 Million Lawsuit

Most travelers are aware of the dangers presented by a sliding door that gives onto a balcony, atrium or parking lot. The long metal removable bar that can keep the door from being opened became standard in motels soon after Connie Francis won \$1.5 million from the motel where she was raped in 1974. Many motels, even those with no balconies, now have windows that can be slid open only wide enough for ventilation. Callaghan, who is senior director of loss prevention for all Marriott lodgings, said

that the new standard for Marriott is a window that opens only four inches, too narrow for a child's head. Older properties may allow wider openings, so if the room seems unsecure, another should be requested.

Marsh cautioned travelers not to assume that overseas hotels bearing names familiar in the United States had the same criteria for safety and security as those at home. When you book a room abroad, ask if the room has air-conditioning or how the windows are made secure.

A small hotel, the security experts agreed, is more secure than a large one.



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# Farm legislation moving through Congress very slowly

By Shawn Wade  
Plains Cotton Growers

Legislative issues affecting agriculture continue to make their way through Congress, albeit at a slower pace than expected according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. PCG officials say that the passage of legislation to reform Federal Crop Insurance and amend the Plant Variety Protection Act are definitely expected to go through before Congress adjourns this fall.

Donald Johnson, PCG Executive Vice

President, notes that producers are interested in the passage of these two bills because of the direct impact they would have on individual farming operations.

"The effects these two pieces of legislation will have is profound," explains Johnson. "While the details will not be completely ironed out until these Bills emerge from both the House and Senate it is likely they will be approved some time during this legislative session."

Status reports from Congressman Larry

Combest's office indicate the Federal Crop Insurance proposal is awaiting action in the Senate after recent

approval by the Senate Ag Committee. The U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the crop

insurance reform bill August 5.

The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) was passed by the

Senate and then approved by the House with the addition of one amendment. The Bill has been returned to the Senate for approval of the House sponsored change before it can be forwarded to the President.

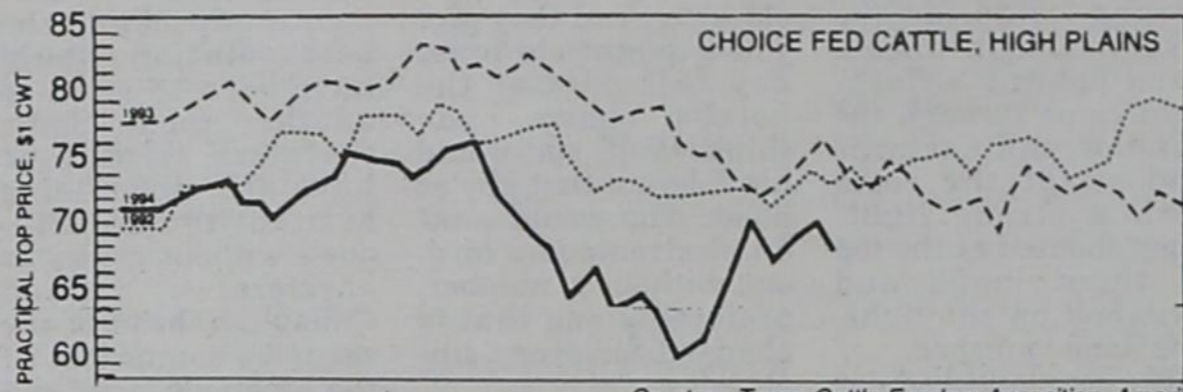
Rep. Cornbest offered an amendment to the PVPA during House Ag Committee consideration that would have allowed the sale of very restricted amounts of saved seed between farmers. Combest's amendment was defeated on a 10-10 vote by House Ag Committee members.

In its current form the Bill extends the right of producers to save seed from their own production for planting in subsequent years. One major change to current policy is that, for seed varieties registered after the passage of the Act, producers will be prohibited from selling or trading any portion of the seed saved from their production without the consent of the owner of the variety. Varieties registered before the passage of the Bill will not be subject to its requirements and producers will retain the right to save and sell seed from those varieties.

Preliminary marketing figures for Upland cotton through the first half of 1994 continue to indicate a small deficiency payment is still a very real possibility in 1994.

The figures released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service show a total of 269,000 bales were marketed during the month of June at an average price of 63.5 cents per pound.

The June figures bring the weighted average price to 65.38 cents per pound, down 0.1 cents from the figure calculated through May. This resulted in a corresponding 0.1 cent increase in the projected 1-4 deficiency payment to 7.52 cents. After subtracting the 6.45 cent advance the final payment would total only 1.07 cents.



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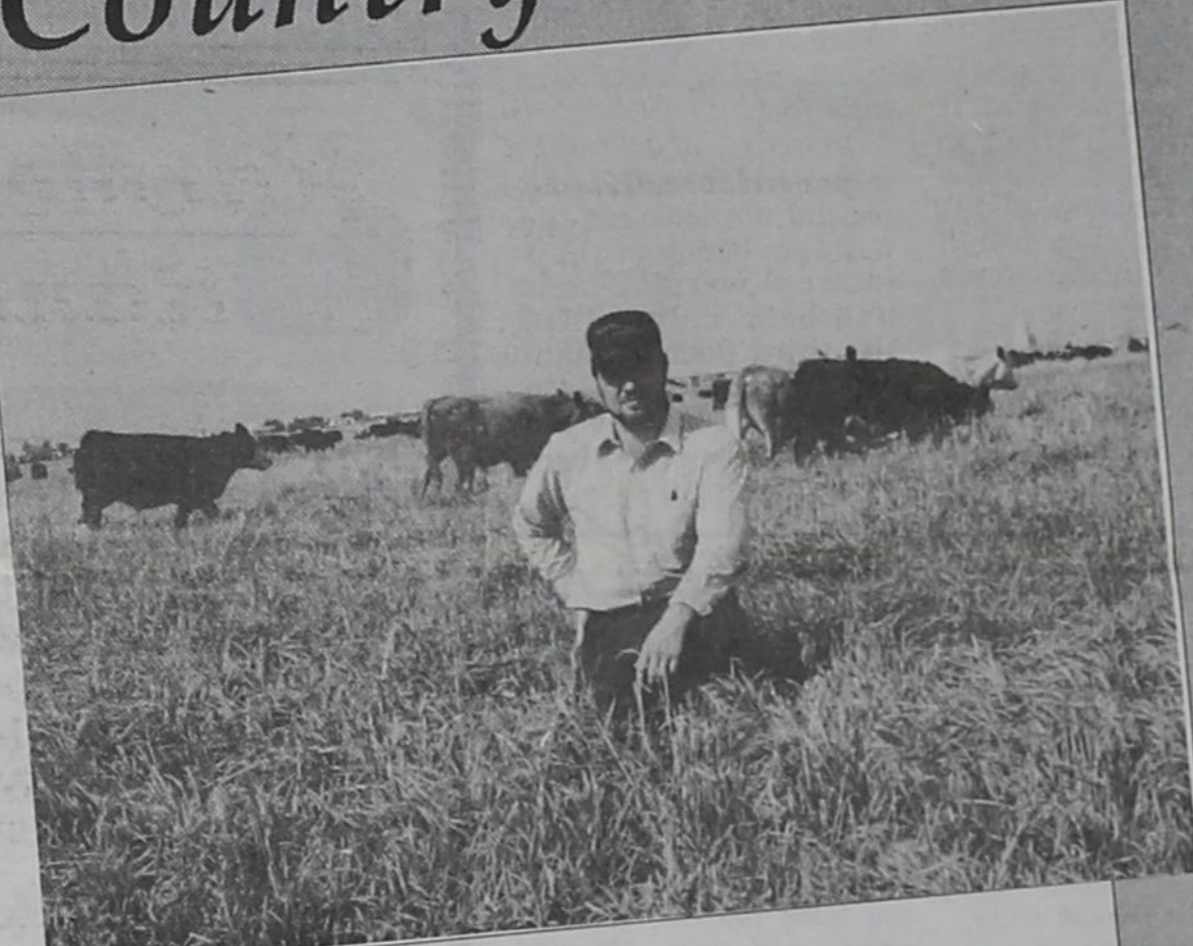
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## Man's hairstyle gets him barred

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A Shreveport man was denied access to a Caddo Parish courtroom on Monday because of his hair style.

Michael Lynch said he went into Judge Scott Crighton's court to support a friend who was on trial. The bailiff asked him to remove his hat. When he took it off, the bailiff asked him to leave the courtroom because of what he said were braids in his hair.

# Unusual 'farm' gives kids a shot at a more stable life

By DOUG GLASS  
Associated Press Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Peter doesn't say much. When he does, his voice is so quiet the listener must strain to make out his words.

But it's easy to detect that life is looking up for Peter. At 15, he had come halfway across the country to escape an abusive home life on the East Coast. He seems at last to have found stability here at the Andrew Drumm Institute.

"When they moved me out here right after Thanksgiving, I was real happy," he said.

Peter (not his real name) is one of six new arrivals at the institute, a boys' home with a long history that only recently reopened.

The institute is better known locally as Drumm Farm. It was founded in 1929 as a boys' orphanage by a rancher, Andrew Drumm, on about 320 rolling acres outside this Kansas City suburb. Among its alumni — and present-day cheerleaders — is Richard Rhodes, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Making of the Atomic Bomb."

In the early 1980s, trustees contracted to care for children with medical or behavioral problems. After about 10 years the board of directors decided the institute had strayed too far from its founder's intent, closed it, and reopened about a year ago with a renewed commitment to its original mission.

"I think historically we know what was

right with this place," said director Rufus Little, the man chosen to lead Drumm's rebirth. "They provided a lot of structure, a lot of activity, a lot of security and a healthy kind of lifestyle for the kids who lived here."

"This place really played the role of a good family for kids. That's what we're trying to do."

The boys attend public schools in Independence or Kansas City. They come home to a collection of red-brick buildings that range in age from the historic Drumm home, built in 1888, to a dining hall built in 1970.

A young, recently married couple serves as live-in house parents, helping with homework, discussing the boys' problems, call-

ing doctors when needed, and generally doing everything parents do. The boys do household chores and earn allowance money.

The program appears to be successful.

Peter, for example, first moved to Kansas City with a foster family. When the family no longer was able to keep him, a state caseworker

contacted Drumm Farm.

"What he really needed was stability, a good place he could count on being for a long time without the threat of being moved," Little said. "They brought him out here, and we liked him immediately. He's got real potential."

Getting into the Drumm program isn't

easy. Most boys are referred by the courts or the Missouri Division of Family Services. But few are chosen.

Each is interviewed and screened through psychological evaluations to make sure they are a "right fit," in Little's words, "kids who can do well in public school."

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their cotton to a co-op marketing agreement. The rest — more than half the growers — must face the consequences of a 5- to 15-cent per pound, or \$25 to \$75 per bale, lower price than they could have received. The loss at \$50 per bale is a substantial \$150 million to Texas producers on roughly 3 million unpriced bales.

If you have not priced the majority of your cotton, why didn't you take action while the pricing opportunity was "knocking favorably on your door?" Also, with the cottonseed market weakening, a hedge with a put in June on November or January soybeans would have gone a long way in covering ginning costs.

For those interested in learning more about how to interpret market signals and use price risk management strategies, contact your county extension agent for a possible one-day workshop to discuss alternative "price insurance" strategies. I will be conducting educational programs on understanding how to recognize seasonal price changes and take advantage of these price swings. A major part of the workshop is "taking the mystery out of using options."

Important Date:

The next crop report, as of conditions around Sept. 1, will be released on Sept. 12. The cotton crop will be more mature and a more representative survey of potential yield can be made. The September report is expected to still reflect a big crop, but it may project several hundred thousand bales less than in August, for a total crop of 18.5 to 19.0 million

bales. The Texas crop is expected to be substantially less than the 5.1 million August estimate.

(Dr. Carl Anderson, Cotton Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service, is a noted authority on the cotton markets.)

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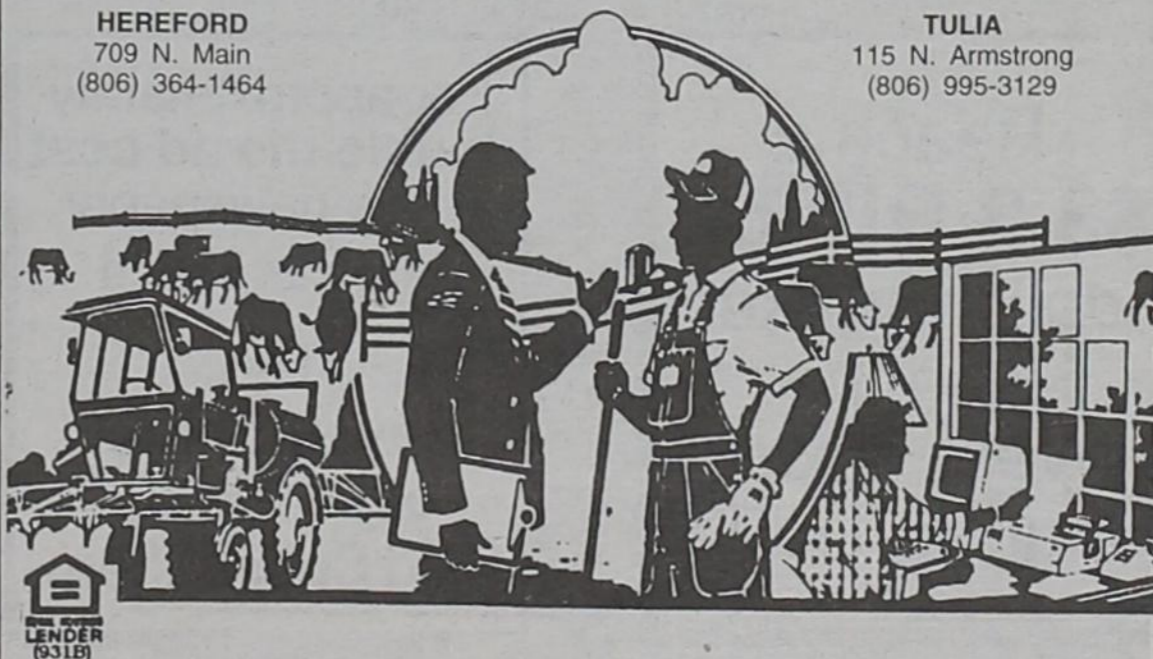
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