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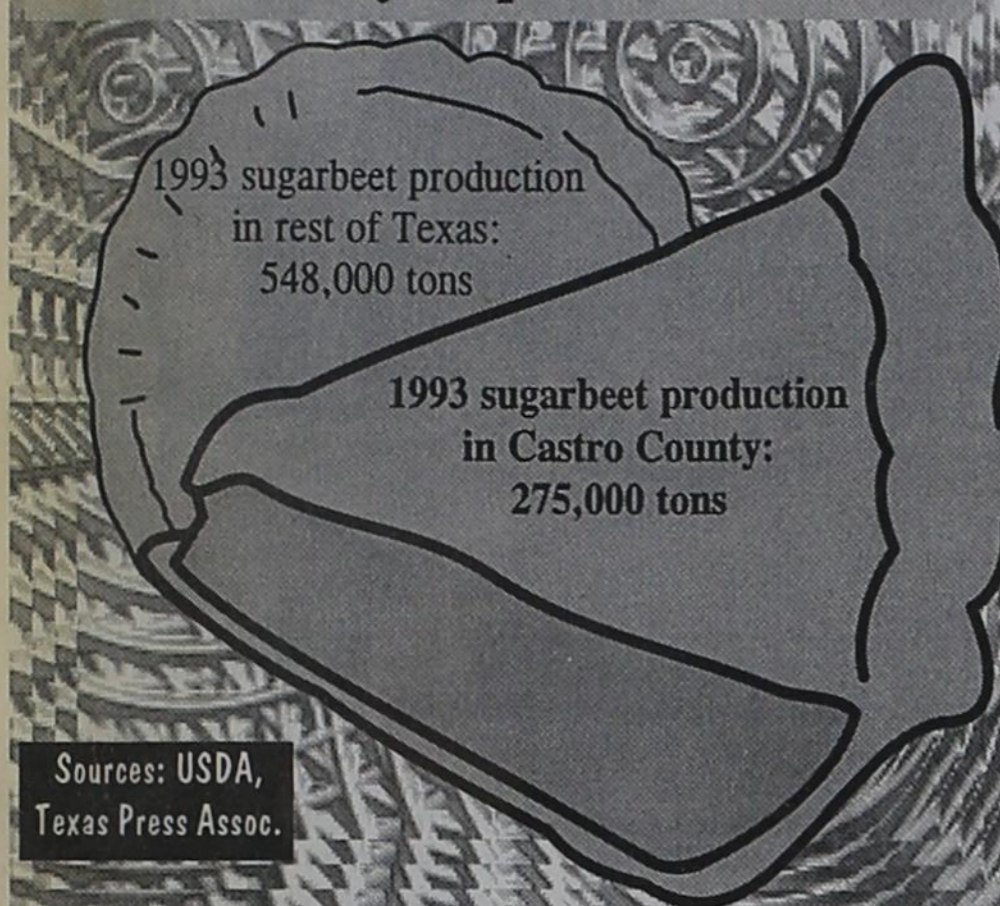
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County still tops in ag production

Castro County helps make life sweet



Castro County is still a strong force in agriculture, among the leaders in the state in production of several crops but is in the bottom third of the state in volume of sales, according to figures released this week.

Castro County ranks 185th in the state in sales, with \$26,323,000 posted in 1992. Several area counties were higher, including Crosby (183rd), Parmer (181st), Swisher (180th), Bailey (179th), Floyd (174th), Lamb (135th) and Deaf Smith (114th).

Castro County is also higher than some area counties, including Cochran (227th), Garza (205th) and Donley (207th).

The figures (livestock numbers were not released with the report) for ag commodities showed Castro County is No. 2 in sugarbeet production for 1992 and 1993, No. 2 in 1992 and No. 3 in 1993 in corn production, seventh both years in sunflower production, and

eighth in 1992 and ninth in 1993 in wheat production.

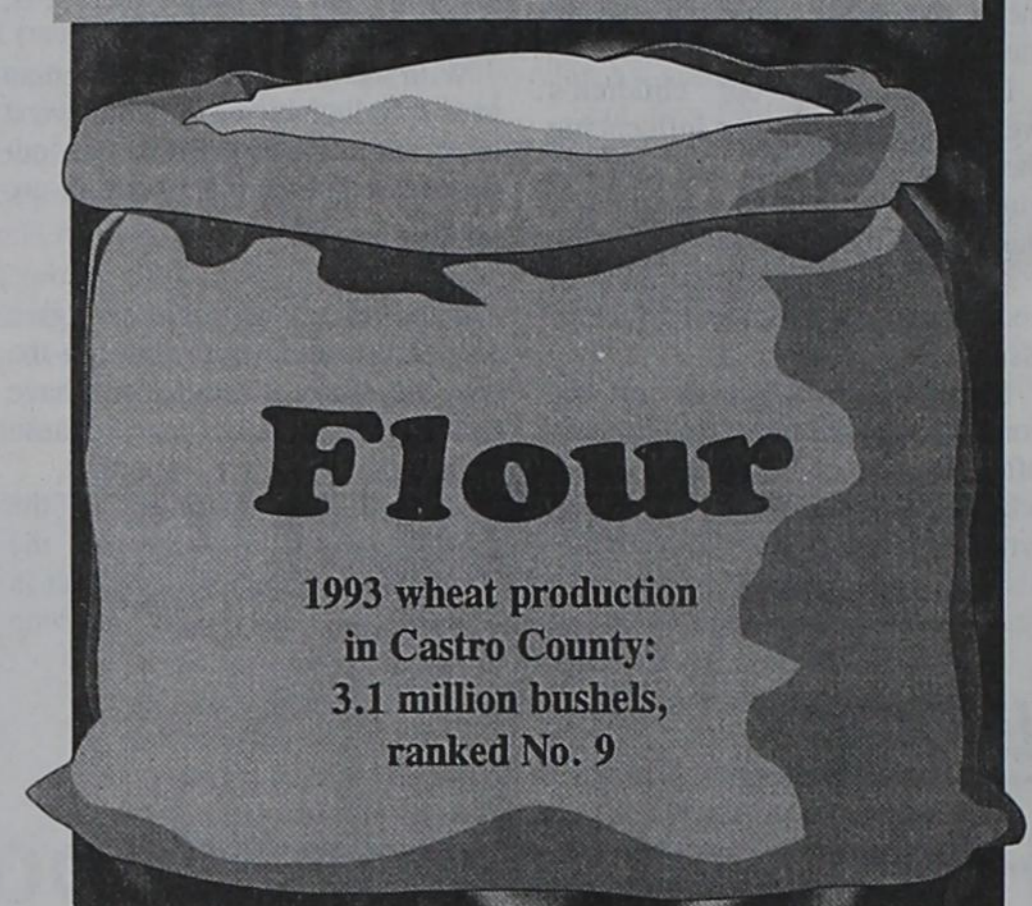
The county produced 4.1 million bushels of wheat in 1992 and 3.05 million bushels in 1993. Hansford County led the state both years: 6.86 million bushels in 1992 and 6.8 million bushels in 1993.

The county was No. 2 in the state in corn production with 16.5 million bushels, 8.1% of the state's total. In 1993, corn production dropped to 15.6 million bushels, third behind Parmer and Dallam counties. The county produced 7.3% of the state's corn in 1992.

Castro County produced 297,400 tons of sugarbeets in 1992 and 275,000 tons in 1993 to rank second in the state both years. Deaf Smith County led both years, with 304,100 tons in 1992 and 310,100 tons in 1993.

Castro County's yield per harvested acre lagged behind other counties, however.

...Making the dough and the filling



Flour

1993 wheat production in Castro County: 3.1 million bushels, ranked No. 9

1:1

By Don Nelson

"Hello, Newt? This is Bill."

"The President."

"Of the UNITED STATES!"

"No, no, Newt—I'm not going to ask you to compromise. You don't even have to cooperate. I just want to talk over a few things and—by the way, why do you have a 900 number?"

"Hey, good idea. Every little bit helps. We all have to run for re-election, don't we?"

"Okay, okay—YOU have to run for re-election. So what's this call costing me?"

"Wow. \$9.95 a minute, huh? Boy, that's really re-inventing government."

"Yeah, I understand. Wherever private enterprise can do the job, why—"

"But it just seems that when the call is from my office to your office, you're costing the taxpayers money. Come to think of it, you're costing the taxpayers money when they call you, too. Either way—"

"Okay, okay — technically, it's not a new tax."

"SURE I understand, Newt. I'll just get you added to my MCI Friends and Family list."

"Hey, I've still got a Friends list. Of course, I don't go anywhere without a bodyguard. . . ."

"Well, whatever. Look, what I was calling you about was your Contract With America."

"Are you SURE it's going to walk in the House, Newt? I mean, you 300 guys only promised to bring these things to a vote. You didn't promise that they'd pass."

"Not even any second thoughts, Newt?"

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INSIDE FOR TWO—Dimmitt's Tiffany Wilcox (44) rebound are Hart's Kim Grossman (24), Jodi Card (22), Brandi Key (40), and Dimmitt's Kara Josselet (13) and Amy Ethridge (31). Dimmitt held off a late Hart rally for a 68-64 win. Photo by John Brooks

Skunks raising stink in Dimmitt

Skunks are becoming a nuisance in the southwest part of Dimmitt, and residents are urged to close crawl spaces and use natural repellents to keep skunks from being a nuisance.

Jack Floyd, animal control officer for the Dimmitt Police Dept., said skunk reports have increased significantly in the past two months. At least one skunk got inside a home on Oak St. and was frightened enough to fumigate the house (where brand new carpet had just been installed) and one of the home's residents.

Other skunks have been reported in back yards, outbuildings and under houses in crawl spaces. Some have surprised persons taking out

the trash when the skunks jump out of dumpsters or spray when they are alarmed.

"Everyone needs to make sure their dumpster lids are closed and that all the trash goes in the dumpster," Floyd said. "Everything needs to be as sanitary as possible."

Floyd said residents should cover window wells and other pits; close cellar and outside basement doors; and use screening, skirting and fencing.

Repellents are easy to make, but must be replaced often to be effective. Moth balls or flakes placed around the outside of a home or outbuilding are effective, as are cloth rags soaked in household ammonia solutions.

Hospital trustees delay appointment

During a four-hour session Tuesday night, the hospital board approved a children's preventive health-care program, increased the rural health clinics' mid-level staff, gave the go-ahead on construction of a new solarium for the hospital, scheduled interviews with three prospective new physicians, and authorized Hospital Administrator Steve Goode to negotiate the district's first contract with a health maintenance organization.

The board postponed the appointment of a trustee to fill the vacancy created by Garland Coleman's resignation. Board members looked over a list of 10 or 12 nominees, discussed their options, and decided to make the appointment at the next regular meeting in January.

Coleman, who was president of the board, resigned Nov. 15. His term runs until next May.

Vice-President James Welch, who conducted Tuesday night's meeting, read off the list of nominees, which includes men, women and a mix of Anglos and Hispanics. Virtually all are from Hart or Dimmitt.

He said any interested resident of the district may nominate more candidates before the January meeting.

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Chamber annual meeting set

Dimmitt's Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership meeting Wednesday at noon at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

A full meal will be served for \$5 per person. The 1994 financial report and activity report will be distributed. New officers will also be elected.

All members are encouraged to attend and have a voice in their Chamber of Commerce.

The agenda includes the 1994 financial statement and the proposed 1995 budget; election of four directors for three-year terms and a

director for a one-year term; summary of 1994 activities; membership report; and a committee activity preference request.

Eddie Matthews and Chamber President Reta Welch are retiring from the board. Matthews has served two years on the board but has chosen not to finish out the 1995 year. Welch has served six years on the board and has been president for two years. She will be on the board next year as a non-voting director and immediate past president.

Candidates presented by the nominating committees will be incumbents Gary Thompson, Les Miller and Charles Axtell, and Carter Townsend and Sandra Clark. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

Lunch reservations should be made by Monday by calling 647-2524.

The Chamber board will have a retreat Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joe Frank Wheeler, executive director of the Borger Chamber of Commerce, will help the board set goals and plans for 1995-96.

'Brown Bag Sunday' planned throughout county's churches

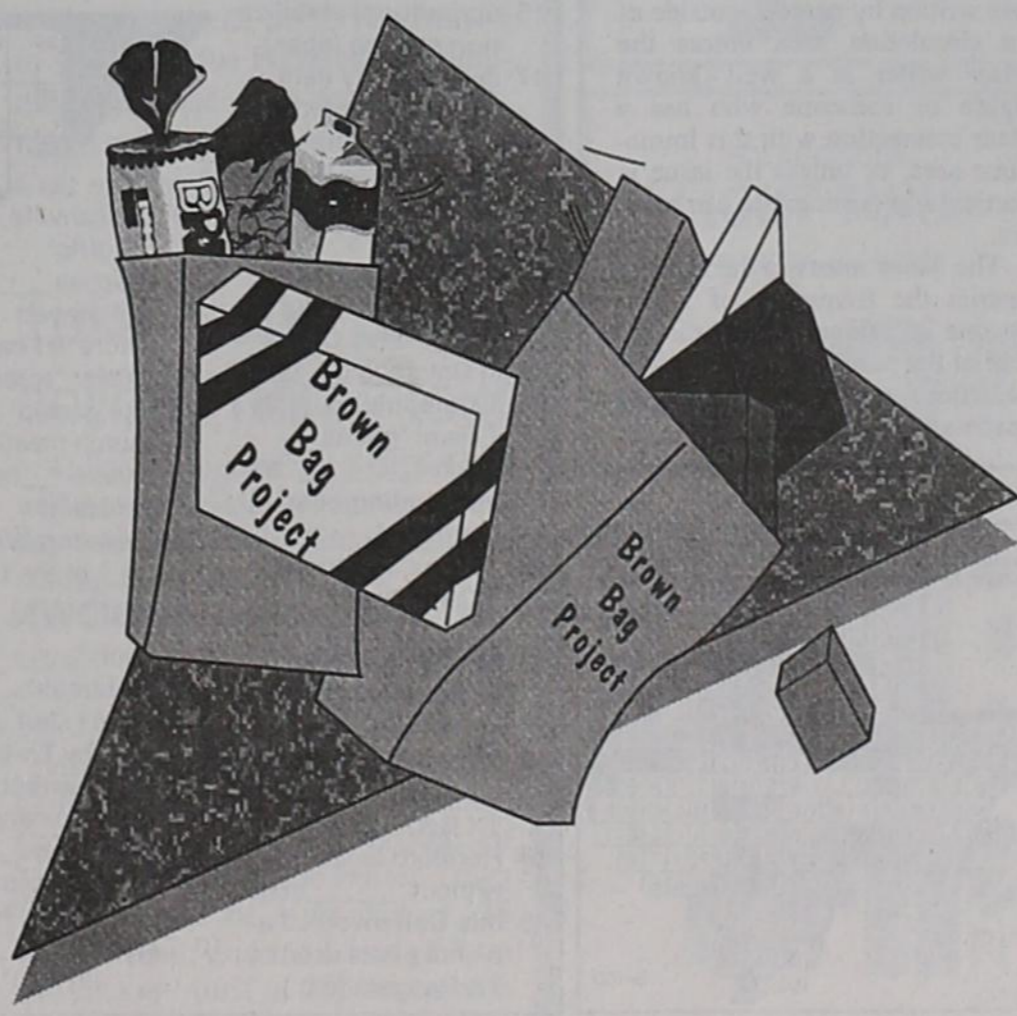
"Brown Bag Sunday" will be held this Sunday and the next two Sundays in all Castro County churches to help the annual "Brown Bag Project" sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance.

The project, with the help of volunteers and donations from the public, will help less-fortunate persons and families in the county with food, toys and other needs that would otherwise go unmet during the Christmas season.

Persons are asked to bring non-perishable staples, good toys and other items to their churches this Sunday.

"We will not be able to accept any home-prepared foods," said a project volunteer. "We can't take items people have canned, fruitcakes or other baked goods,"

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Bundle up!

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

Wednesday	36	24
Thursday	45	26
Friday	68	26
Saturday	60	34
Sunday	68	36
Monday	50	23
Tuesday	54	17
Wednesday	44	15
November moisture	78	
1994 moisture	19.86	

Hart merchants plan open house

Hart merchants are planning a holiday open house and will be open Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m.

The stores participating in the open house will be the Company Store, Kosy Korner, Whit's End Flowers and Gifts and J.J.'s Art and

Gifts. Each store will serve refreshments and will feature specials during the three-hour open house.

Door prizes will be awarded, with the names being drawn from those registering at the stores during the Wednesday night spree.

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Letter

I am my brother's keeper

Dear Editor:
I'm on my soap box. I looked up the word frivolous and found 47 adjectives describing it. I don't know which to apply to your closing statement (Nov. 17) about condoms but all of them seem to mean the word "unimportant" to me.

Do you think our children's welfare is important, or influencing them is important, or setting guidelines for them is important? I think all of the above are important. I don't think distribution of condoms to our youth is a frivolous issue.

I would like for you to find one condom manufacturer, government official, school teacher, school administrator or any individual who will guarantee that condoms are safe. I can supply a 10-shot revolver with one shell in it for

them to spin and put to their head and pull the trigger. The odds of killing themselves are better than our children's are if we tell them condoms are safe.

We might as well take away the speed limit and all the lines on our highways and tell people there it is, go where you want to.

With the infection of AIDS on an ever-spiraling increase, I believe it is insane to give condoms to our youth and tell them it is safe to use them.

If the leaders of this nation give condoms to our youth through the laws they make, then that will have an influence on how I vote because I think our youth are important.

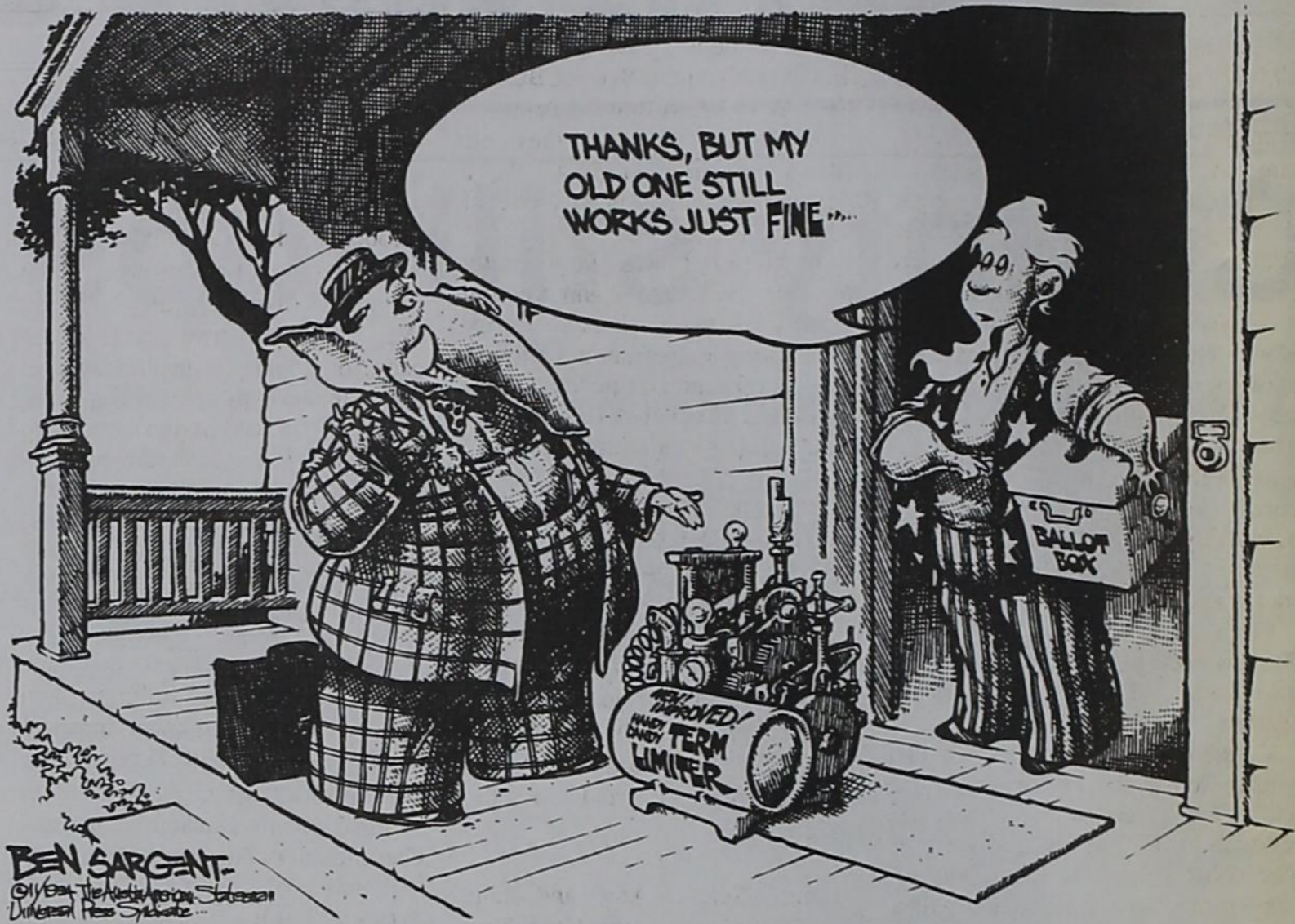
I am deeply involved in the Kairos prison ministry in the Clements maximum security unit in Amarillo, and work with men who

have committed every sin known to man. They too are God's children and they are there because of those sins. God will not protect us from our sins. Without guidelines for our youth they will end up in prison, dead or dying from our sin of failure to set those guidelines.

It's time our nation turned away from the "if it feels good do it," "I'm not responsible for my actions," "the government owes me a living," "I'll sue you," "get it while you can," "there is no wrong if it furthers the cause," "kids are going to have sex anyway so give them a condom" attitude we have.

We are our brother's keeper and we better start living like it. We need leaders who will have the guts to set guidelines for all of us.

I'm off my soap box.
ROBBIE HAWKINS



Letter

Planned Parenthood responds

Dear Editor:
Upon reading the Nov. 10 issue, I felt an obligation to respond to some misleading and false allegations proposed in the Letters to the Editor section.

Politics is a topic I have no desire to battle. However, as a part of the healthcare provider system, I deem it necessary to correct some wrong "facts."

Planned Parenthood is an organization established with a goal to "provide the highest quality family planning education and related" services to anyone who needs them. "Anyone" is defined as "no age, sex, race, religious, marital, geographic or income requirements."

Planned Parenthood has provided and continues to provide skilled, quality healthcare. Their services include but are not limited to offering of birth control, physical exams, cancer screening, testing for anemia, screening for high blood pressure, diabetes and urinary tract infections, pregnancy testing, and the list goes on. Counseling and referral services are utilized in conjunction with educational services. In the Texas Panhandle, there are no abortions "provided" at any Planned Parenthood facility. Regardless of location, abortions are not "promoted."

Just as with any responsible healthcare provider, education is the tool utilized so the clients can make the decision themselves. Presentation of all possible options is done

in an unbiased, professional manner so the patient may make an educated choice. Just as with cancer, renal failure, diabetes, pregnancy or any other diagnosis, all possible options are discussed so that clients can make decisions for themselves.

When we appoint ourselves judge and jury of others (primarily perfect

strangers) as to what occurs in their private lives, behind closed doors, we have filled the shoes of the One on whom our Christianity is based. As I was taught through Christian teachings and through training to be a healthcare professional, it is not my responsibility to judge...only my responsibility to CARE.

LORI GLIDEWELL ALLEN

Letter

DARE likes support

Dear Editor:
I would like to express my gratitude to the citizens and leaders of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for their incredible support of the new DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

This is a very exciting program that gives young kids the skills they need to resist the pressure to experiment with drugs. DARE requires the cooperation of the schools, law enforcement agencies and the parents in order to be successful.

We have been fortunate in obtaining a state grant to fund the DARE program. (We applied for two grants and were awarded one.) The grant we received, however, only covers our basic expenses: the DARE officer's salary and the cost of the DARE workbooks.

One of our major concerns in starting the DARE program was obtaining a vehicle to use for the program. Some communities, such as Hereford, use local merchant donations to buy a van for use by the DARE officers to visit the schools. The Dimmitt City Council recently donated one of the retired police cars to be used by the DARE program.

I am very grateful to the mayor, city manager, and all the council members for their continued support. I would also like to thank Chief Haney and his officers for the

help and support they have given. Local civic groups such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club and Kiwanis have all stated that they are interested in helping the DARE program. With this much community support, the DARE project cannot fail.

RICHARD SPEARS
Castro County Sheriff's Dept.

Letters Policy

The News welcomes your letters to the editor. They are the forum of a free society.

Please try to limit your letter to 500 words, and to one subject. A longer letter may be printed if the News staff considers its total content to be of sufficient interest, but its publication also may be delayed until space is available.

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Last Puzzle Solution

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — On Thanksgiving eve, Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush said he will move swiftly on tort reform, boost trade with Mexico and oppose California-style measures to stop illegal immigration.

In an interview with the *Journal of Commerce*, Bush said he opposed measures like California's Proposition 187 that would deny public services to children of illegal aliens. Instead, he said he would support expanding border enforcement efforts like the one initiated in El Paso.

Describing himself as "a big proponent" of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Bush said

Letter

No surprise

Dear Editor:
In last week's column you noted that Aggies still get giddy when they beat the "premier" university.

I'm surprised, too, since 10 of the last 11 years have resulted in the "premier" university suffering defeat. Seems like it would be old hat to us by now!

Gig 'em!
DOUG WILHELM
Littleton, Colo.

Texas' economic and social future depends on having a strong partner in Mexico.

Bush said he is already addressing one of the troublesome issues in Texas-Mexico trade relations: Mexico's \$50-per-crossing limit on goods purchased in U.S. border cities.

"I have talked with our U.S. senators as well as retailers on the U.S. side on the need to make sure

trade is free and open, and that rules ought to be consistent on both sides of the border," Bush said.

He said he would discuss the matter with Mexican President-elect Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon when they meet before Bush is inaugurated on Jan. 17. Zedillo will be sworn in Dec. 1.

Tort reform, which was a key part of Bush's campaign, is high on his list of priorities. "It will be a front-burner item in this legislative session. I have got people in place," Bush said. "We're putting our strategy in place to make sure that the tort package is meaningful and strong."

Governor Discounts Rumors
Meanwhile, Gov. Ann Richards was busy last week poo-pooing rumors.

She said she would not consider accepting the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee and that she is not planning to run against Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm when his term expires in 1996.

While helping serve Thanksgiving dinner to about 6,000 homeless people in Austin's city coliseum, Richards also told reporters she had no plans to work for President Clinton's administration or embark on an acting career.

Richards, however, did say she has talked about job opportunities that relate "with how I might interface with business, and how I might do some things that would help me make a living."

And it seems she has no plans to seek greener pastures outside

Texas. "I love Austin and I love Texas. My heart is here," she said, adding, "I had a fabulous, fabulous four years. I really feel great about those four years. Whatever I do, it's going to be wonderful."

Mosbacher on Term Limits
Rob Mosbacher, a Houston Republican and party strongman who ran for lieutenant governor in 1990, warned GOP congressmen that they should not jettison the term-limits plank that many of them ran on in the midterm election.

Mosbacher, the founder of Texans for Term Limits, said voters could easily turn on officeholders who don't continue their support for term limits.

According to a report in the *Houston Chronicle*, Mosbacher's comments were in reaction to statements made by the new House majority leader, U.S. Rep. Dick Army, R-Lewisville.

On a national radio broadcast, Army said, "I think Americans will find their enthusiasm for term limits waning quite a bit (if the Republicans) can straighten out the House."

And although Army reaffirmed his support on term limits after making the statements, Mosbacher said, "People want the mess in Washington cleaned up, and that means more than replacing the arrogance of the Democrat insiders with the arrogance of Republican insiders."

Ratliff Eyes Textbook Bill
State Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, says he will introduce a bill in the upcoming legislative session that will allow local school boards to use state money to purchase school textbooks of their choice.

For the past 10 years, the state Board of Education has selected what books local school districts can purchase.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno has said he favors no state involvement in the selection of textbooks.

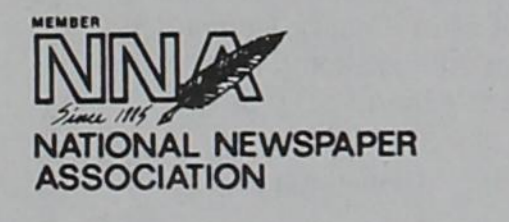
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9 small bills
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20 TX Bum Phillips book: "Ain't No Bum"
21 Beaumont TV station
22 "Lady Bird's" initials
24 this George was a leading scorer for the Houston Oilers
30 in Colorado Co. on 90
34 TX electric co. (abbr.)
35 TXism: "got as much ... a hibernating bear" (not busy)
36 TX Rex, film critic
37 TXism: "costs ... and a leg"
39 TX Montgomery doctored this group in Barcelona ('92)
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50 TXism: "took ... " (liked)
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54 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ... two"
55 TXism: "got ... for it" (knowledgeable)
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59 Duncanville BB girls' coaches ... and prayed before '91 ban
60 TXism: "spread like gossip church meeting"
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25 with TX towns
26 a fuss
27 TX pitcher Ryan
28 in Liberty Co. on 90
29 TXism: "smelly ... balls"
31 TXism: "... the lead out" (hurry)
32 TX Tommy ... Jones
33 Austin ... settlers to TX with land deals
38 sweater or socks
40 non-TX Edgar Allen
41 TXism: "got ... from the mare's mouth"
42 this TX George was "Our Gang's" Spanky
49 Cowboys' Williams
51 TXism: "tight as a cinch on ... horse"
52 ex-Ranger reliever Robb
57 El Paso colonist: Juan de ...
58 TXism: "don't ... over your head" (be careful)

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Thanksgiving in Hollywood, Calif., was a nice holiday spot and Aural Davis enjoyed a week there with her daughter, Dr. Keitha Scott, and son-in-law Bill Thiederman.

Aural arrived for a Saturday night dinner party for her at Keitha's with friends and acquaintances, then Sunday Keitha and Bill took her to a "Gospel Brunch" at the House of Blues. They heard a sermon in song at the new \$9 million, extravagantly decorated building on Sunset Blvd. The outside of the building is very unattractive, made of distressed corrugated iron, but the inside is beautifully but garishly decorated. It is owned by a follower of the Indian guru.

Monday was spent shopping in Beverly Hills and enjoying lunch at the Zodiac Room at Neiman-Marcus.

Tuesday night they went to the Music Center for Performing Arts and saw the world premiere production of *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. The show celebrates the works of songwriters Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller. They wrote songs that Elvis Presley sang (*Hound Dog* and *Jailhouse Rock*) and also wrote for many other famous singers. They have been a songwriting team for over 40 years. The performance was certainly a toe-tapping experience.

Wednesday was spent shopping at antique stores at the Farmers Market, a fabulous place to find almost anything. They ate lunch there at a neat little outdoor spot.

Thanksgiving, Keitha and Bill had about 30 people over for dinner and Aural's grandson, Keir, of Tucson, Ariz., came and brought two of his friends (a very interesting Frenchman and a Bostonian). There were five people from San Diego so the conversation was interesting and varied.

Aural's last day in California was spent at Griffith Park where the famous Griffith observatory is located. Aural and her children spent most of the time in the Western Heritage Museum that was promoted by Gene Autry. It provides a world-class showcase for the rich history of the west. Many artifacts, art and other materials document its great history from the beginning to now. It shows old

movies of the west, and I mean old: Thomas Edison's movie of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show is there.

To finish the week they ate Saturday evening at El Chola, a Mexican restaurant that is one of Aural's favorites.

The weather was very pretty while she was there, and trees at Keitha's and the neighbors' had ripe persimmons, grapefruit and lemons. They had persimmon pudding made from fruit of a neighbor's tree for Thanksgiving. It's really delicious.

Benny and Vee Gollehon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen, and her sister, Sandra, in Mesa, Ariz. While they were in that area, Benny and David Burkett walked in the bottom of the Grand Canyon. It took one day to go down and one day to come out. They took their back packs and camped out one night. They reported a fun experience.

James, Suzzie, Amy and Zane Hubble enjoyed attending Tera Keller's wedding to Shane Glover in Portales, N.M. The bride was stunning in a family heirloom, hand-crocheted wedding dress. Her father, David Keller, formerly of Dimmitt, performed the ceremony and preached the wedding sermon. The Glovers will live in Portales, where they are attending Eastern New Mexico University.

The community Thanksgiving service on Nov. 20 at First United Methodist Church was well attended. Marie Winders was the pianist, Deanne Clark was the organist and Charles Axtell led the singing. Rev. Claude Hendricks read *Thankful Hearts*, a Thanksgiving reading.

The evening prayer was offered by the Rev. Ed Freeman, and the offertory prayer by the Rev. Ron Redding. Special music was performed by a choir made up of members from all of the city's churches, and the message was by the Rev. Paul Kenley. The Methodist women served cookies and punch in the fellowship hall

following the service.

Joe and Gladys Benson entertained company for Thanksgiving. Their granddaughter, Jennifer Royal, came in from Lubbock where she is attending Texas Tech, and her mother, Susan Royal of Amarillo, was also there. Wes and Helen Brown of Hereford came on Thanksgiving day. Helen and Gladys are sisters and the Browns are former Dimmitt residents.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen went to Levelland to celebrate their Thanksgiving. They visited with Dr. Seth and Marjorie Murphy and their son, Truett. David and Melody Bellinghausen and children Jordan and Canaan of Ovilla and Mr. and Mrs. George Botello and children were there as well. They celebrated Jordan's, Canaan's and Truett's birthdays.

I entertained some of my family for Thanksgiving. David and Sue Vaughan and Kristin of Dallas, Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo, Dale and Lauren Feavell and Caleb of Houston and Troy and Lynna Cloer of Tulia were here. Bill and Calcb celebrated their birthdays in Amarillo on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. Bill had to share a Barney birthday cake with Calcb, who is one year old.

Edith Graef enjoyed a big Thanksgiving day at her home with 55 guests from the ages of three weeks old to 85 years old. They were there from Clovis, N.M., and Amarillo, Littlefield, Hale Center, Olton and college kids from Stephenville. Besides the infant and college kids there were toddler and teenagers and some in between. Edith reported the little ones looked like little ducks waddling along. The older ones enjoyed playing games and visiting.

Olta Gollehon flew to Dallas to have Thanksgiving with her daughter and husband, Kathy and

Johnny Poer. They watched all the Christmas shoppers—there was a traffic jam at 6 a.m. on Friday morning as the stores were opening. Olta, Kathy and Johnny went to Barnes and Noble Bookstore and enjoyed browsing and drinking coffee in the bookstore's snack bar. Olta visited with her brother and his son by phone.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard recently took Dan's 89-year-old aunt, Jewel Heard, home to Red Springs. Mrs. Heard had spent some time in Dimmitt and Littlefield. From there they went to Newcastle and Graham, where they hunted deer and turkey with an uncle and cousin. Dan got a turkey and Oma Dee watched as Thelma Clark killed two deer in 45 minutes. None of the men got a deer that day.

From there the Heards went to Possum Kingdom and fished, then went to Rusk to visit Walter and Pam White, who recently moved there from Booker. Walter is the minister of the Church of Christ there.

While there they met friends of Alan Steinle and Herb and Matlock Howell. They also met and visited with another Mrs. Dan Heard. She is an 87-year-old widow, but kin down the line.

From Rusk they went back to Possum Kingdom and caught some nice fish, then to Olney to an estate auction of Dan's aunt who passed away in Sept.

On Nov. 20 they went to Ruidoso, where they spent five days trout fishing at Bonita Lake with Dan's sister and husband, the Kenneth Dixons. They caught something over 100 trout.

Thanksgiving Day they had lunch with the Dixons and their son and his wife, Charles and Brenda Dixon of Utah. They came home Nov. 22 and stopped in Clovis to see their new great niece, born that morning

to Larry and Jeannett Perkins of Tucumcari, N.M.

Bishop Alfred Norris of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church visited Hart last Wednesday, where they celebrated harvest. Mackey Norris, the Bishop's wife, accompanied him and a good crowd enjoyed a harvest meal, worship and reception.

Bill and Deanne Clark had Deanne's mother, Elva Forrester, and aunt, Myrtle Owens, of Roswell, N.M., visiting in their home over the weekend. Margaret Sigmund of Lubbock joined them and visited with friends V.C. and Dorothy Hopson and another friend from Hereford, Temple Hill. They played bridge and went out to eat. Dr. Michel Wohlgemuth and his wife, Arlene, and their daughters,

Cristen and Sarah, were visiting in Dimmitt over the holidays. Michel is an optometrist in Burleson and his wife, Arlene Reid, formerly of Dimmitt, has just been elected a Republican state representative from Johnson County and will begin to serve in January.

Kristi Sheffy was home visiting her parents and grandmother this weekend.

Jack and Clara Patton's son, Ronald of California, was here.

B.M. Nelson's grandson, Rex Burnham of Houston, was in church with his grandfather on Sunday.

Jean Bradford, Dale Whitehead and Paige were visiting the Methodists Sunday.

Richard Stahl's mother, Chara Beniah of Lake Ridge, Colo., spent some time here with her family.

The Bill Clarks drove to San Antonio to see Deanne's father, Allen Haggard, over Thanksgiving.

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Congratulations to Tony and Mary Gerber, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Saturday with a family dinner at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. During the afternoon an open house was enjoyed by many friends and relatives. Everyone then attended evening mass in Holy Family Church. The celebration was hosted by their children.

ily, Imogene (Huseman) Drenup and Joe, Tommy Wethington and family, Julius Birkenfeld and Kathy, Kenny Schulte and Cince, Darryl Ball and family, all of Nazareth. Those not able to come were Janice (Dobmeier) Johnson of Nazareth, Dannelle Crowley of Canyon Lake, Molly (Lupton) Maddox of Dallas, Betty (Book) Sofia of Goodman, Okla., Yvonne (Schumacher) Wilcox of Mineral Wells, Lou Ann Witkowski of De Moines, Iowa, Arlene (Pohlmeier) Williams of Amarillo, Susie (Conrad) Bacon of Amarillo, Shirley (Brockman) Melcher of Austin, Irene (Venhaus) Huseman of Dumas and Lester Schulte of Dimmitt.

Edna Schilling of Dimmitt and Jerry Dirks of Canyon were honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday evening at the home of Sylvia Hoelting in Nazareth.

Meta Stork was transferred to Lubbock Methodist Hospital Friday evening after being treated at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She is suffering from heart problems.

Virgil Pohlmeier has started a series of 30 radiation treatments at the Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. He is doing well.

Prayers are asked for Lester Schulte, who is still a surgery patient at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

A bridal shower honoring Marla Ramaekers, bride-elect of Shawn Gales of Canyon, was held at the Nazareth Legion Hall Friday evening with a large number of couples enjoying the evening.

A bridal shower honoring Amy Chadwick, bride-elect of Craig Huseman, was held at the home of Lenora Braddock. Out-of-town guests were Sydney Martin of Texico, N.M., Andrea and Jodi Chadwick and a sister-in-law, Wendy Warren.

Edwin and Juanita Schacher celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner party hosted by their children at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. Their wedding vows were renewed by Deacon Al Maurer. Children hosting the event were Janice Allison, Wanda Huseman, Joyce Kleman, Darryl Schacher, Dean Schacher and Kyle Schacher.

Naz museum group plans steak dinner

The Nazareth Museum Association is planning a steak dinner on Dec. 10 and proceeds will be used for restoration of an old school building donated to the association for use as a museum facility.

The meal will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall and will feature steak, baked potato and all the trimmings. Cost will be \$7 per plate.

Tulia group plans holiday home tour

Tulia's Progressive Study Club will host a holiday home tour Sunday with three Tulia homes featured among the stops.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased from any club member, or will be available at each home on the tour. Cost per ticket is \$4.

Homes featured include the new country home of Don and Glenna Crook, located 18 miles northeast of Tulia on FM 146; the Foster Town House, home of Nora Foster, 38 Travis Road; and the home of Sam and Jackie Murff at 206 Comanche Trail.

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People



Cody Annen and Terri Beth Teaschner

4-H'ers honored at district banquet

Cody Annen and Terri Beth Teaschner were recognized Nov. 21 at the 37th annual district Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock.

The two were named Castro County's 4-H Gold Star winners in October and were honored as such at the November district banquet.

This year's audience was welcomed by Billy Harbin, general manager of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative. Kurt Hess of Borden County, a member of the South Plains District 4-H Council, responded. Cade Shepard of Hale County, district council president, was master of ceremonies. Jody LeBlanc of Hockley County gave the invocation. Dinner music was by pianist Nicki Riggs of the Mitchell County 4-H. Sarah Hamm of Terry County, council secretary, introduced special guests.

Awards were presented by Dr. Kathy Volanty and Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district directors. Recipients were introduced by Karmen Pohlmeier of Nazareth, who serves as first vice president of the district council; and Julie Hancock of Yoakum County, who is the district council's second vice president.

Joining 4-H'ers at the event, which was held at Lubbock's Koko Palace, were the youths' parents, government officials, Extension Service faculty, educators and other community leaders.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, the highest award presented to a 4-H'er at the county level, the youngsters heard Dr. Paul Vaughn, professor and head of the Dept. of Agricultural Education and Communications at Texas Tech University, who cautioned them about their use of three particular "four-letter" words.

Vaughn told the Gold Star winners that the way they use three particular "four-letter" words can determine their success or failure in life.

"The first two are 'fair' and 'free,'" he said. He urged the youths to think about what those words mean and how they can be used.

"The US Constitution guarantees freedom to all," Vaughn said. "That's what has allowed this nation to rise to the greatness it has achieved. But the constitution doesn't say anything about the word 'fair.'"

He noted that too many people today say they aren't being treated fairly; that their constitutional rights are being violated. He cited the experiences of a list of people who weren't treated fairly by their peers or society, but rose above that to succeed in life: merchant F.W. Woolworth, author Zane Grey, composer and pianist George Gershwin, scientists Albert Einstein and Thomas A. Edison and industrialist Charles Goodyear.

"All were treated unfairly, but they took the opportunities guaranteed by their freedom to become successful," Vaughn said.

"The third (four-letter) word is 'fail.' The victors in life aren't those who go undefeated. The victors are those who won't quit," Vaughn said.

"You have the attributes you need to succeed. The opportunities (to succeed) are free. Don't sit back and complain that things aren't fair, because that's the surest way to fail."

The event has been sponsored by 11 area electric cooperatives including Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

In the 37 years in which the banquet has been held, 1,447 winners have been honored with the Gold Star Award in the presence of more than 13,200 guests.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Dec. 1-9.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of *hamburger on a roll, corn dog on a stick or Chinese plate; Ranch Style Beans, hamburger salad or *potato wedges; *tossed salad with dressing, *applesauce blushing or fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, sausage and pepperoni pizza, salad plate with sandwich or fajitas; green beans, baked potato, French fries; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; combread, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *southern fried chicken, lasagna with ground beef or taco salad; *potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or green beans with cheese sauce; tossed salad with dressing, pasta salad or *chilled, canned fruit; garlic French bread, *hot rolls; tortilla chips; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of *barbecued beef on a roll, cheese enchiladas or chicken nuggets; *corn, refried beans or baked potato half; tossed salad with dressing, *fruited gelatin or fruit wedges; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

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

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

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

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas (elementary), sack lunch or burritos, flour tortillas, pinto beans, salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with meat, nachos, burritos, sack lunch or taco salad, peaches, cookie and milk.

MONDAY: Turkey nuggets (elementary) or turkey steak, green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Ravioli with meat (elementary), meat loaf, lasagna or pizza burger; corn, salad, bread, pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, fried okra, hot rolls, blueberry muffins and milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dogs (elementary), Frito pie, French fries with chili and cheese or burrito; pinto beans, pickles, crackers, Rice Krispie bars and milk.

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

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, cauliflower, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Roast, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, Jell-O and milk.

MONDAY: Chili, carrots, celery, peanut butter, crackers, cinnamon rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, pickles, lettuce, onions, dessert and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY: Lasagna, corn, rolls, pears and milk.

ROW holds membership meal, meeting

The Castro County Republican Women listened to an update on the Texas Federation of Republican Women, heard from a state Republican executive committee member and more during their annual membership luncheon which was held in October.

Thirty-one members and guests gathered for the event at the home of Brenda Seely. Enchiladas and all the trimmings were furnished by Peggy Webb, Carolyn Sides and Darla Stewart.

Guests wore red, white and blue name tags and were introduced by their host member.

Ruth Schiermeier of Lubbock spoke to the group on the goals and purposes of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, which has about 10,000 members. She said the group is an educational, supportive and volunteer organization formed for the promotion of Republican ideals and candidates.

Bonnie Maynard of Amarillo, a state Republican executive committee member from the 31st Congressional District, spoke about the structure of the Republican party from the chairman down to precinct chairmen.

Legislative postcards were distributed with information about Goals 2000, which is an educational program under consideration by the State Board of Education, and another with words of encouragement and caution to newly-elected Republican officeholders.

Vice Chairman Marguerite Cole conducted the business meeting and election of officers.

Ballew inducted into Alpha Chi

Sharla S. Ballew, a junior accounting major from Dimmitt, was one of 100 students inducted into Alpha Chi National College Honor Society recently.

She was invited to join the Zeta Chapter at WTAMU. Membership is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher with a ranking in the top 10% of their class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship.

Bradley honored at Nov. 19 shower

A bridal shower honoring Sharon Bradley, bride-elect of Paul Axtell, was held Nov. 19 in the home of Kay Rogers.

Cinnamon Bradley and Holly Axtell served sweet breads, turtle and cranberry cheesecake, hot fruit punch and coffee to guests.

Hostesses presented Bradley with a money tree.

Special out-of-town guests were Terri Carson of Stanton, Cassi Bradley and Omata Scott of Amarillo, Jeri Bradley of Lubbock, Leigh Ann Bradley of Hobbs, Mattie Axtell and Mary Jones of Earth, Mary Nell King of Seminole and Jenelle Jordan of Tulia.

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CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ERS participating at the District 2 4-H Food Show in Levelland recently were (kneeling, from left) Jaci Bishop, Kimberly Brockman and Aaron Hart; and (standing, from left) Daniel Dotson, Rachel Wall, Susan Kern, Jennifer Wilhelm and Brandi Rice. *Courtesy Photo*

Two finish second at district food show

Aaron Hart and Rachel Wall claimed second-place honors at the District 2 4-H Food show in Levelland on Nov. 19. Wall prepared a dessert in the Junior II division and Hart entered a bread in the Junior II division.

Baca honored at Nov. 19 shower

Michelle Berend Baca, bride of Brant Baca, was honored with a wedding shower in the home of Betty Touchstone on Nov. 19. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Touchstone; the bride, Jan Baca, the groom's mother; and Nadine Berend, the bride's mother.

The serving table was covered with an ecru Battenburg lace cloth with silver and crystal appointments and a large silk floral arrangement. Fruit tarts, finger sandwiches, scones with cream filling, coffee and almond tea were served.

A number of hostesses assisted Mrs. Touchstone and presented the couple with an outdoor charcoal grill.

Special guests included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Gerber of Amarillo. Out-of-town guests were Marian Yosten, aunt of the bride, and Annette Albracht, friend of the bride, both of Hereford.

Choirs planning concerts, selling holiday poinsettias

Two Dimmitt school choirs are planning Christmas concerts this month, and are selling Christmas poinsettias for a fundraiser.

Second graders will perform Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium.

The high school choir will perform Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. Door prizes will be given away.

The DHS choir is selling poinsettias for \$10.50 each for the six inch plants. The plants come in red, white, pink, marble and jingle bease. They may be ordered by calling 647-2503.

Hanging baskets are also available in the same colors for \$17.50.

The two were among several county 4-H'ers competing in the district show. Each county 4-H'er participating received a blue ribbon for his or her dish.

Competing in the Junior I division were Jaci Bishop, Breads; Kimberly Brockman, Main Dish; Susan Kern, Fruits and Vegetables; and Jennifer Wilhelm, Desserts.

Junior II 4-H'ers competing were Wall and Hart; Jessica Kern, Main Dish; and Daniel Dotson, Fruits and Vegetables.

The only Senior 4-H'er preparing a contest entry was Brandi Rice, who made a Main Dish.

First Baptist's youth choir plans Christmas musical

The Children's Choir from the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will present a Christmas musical, *Arch the Angel*, Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church.

The public is invited to attend the performance.

Hereford home tour set Sunday

Hereford's 25th Holiday Home Tour will be held Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by La Madre Mia Study Club, the project will benefit community activities and charities. Admission is \$5 per person, and tickets are available at the featured homes Sunday. A door prize will also be awarded to a lucky ticket holder.

Homes on the tour include Pat and Don Graham, 128 Liveoak; Glenda and Keith Hansen, 111 Rio Vista Dr.; Karen and John Sherrod, 140 Redwood; and Linda and Rosendo Gonzalez, 2100 Plains Ave.

The homes are new or redecorated and will feature special holiday themes throughout.

Cancer screening scheduled

A breast cancer screening clinic will be conducted in Dimmitt on Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt. It is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital.

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

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

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Presbyterian Church

There is a special meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery, today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

"The Refiner Is My Father" is the title of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon on Sunday at 11 a.m.

"Claiming and Practicing Self-Esteem," Mark 7:24-30, is the subject of the mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Harry Riggs will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 13:1-17 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

Kenley to perform solo in concert

Nikki Kenley will perform a solo, *Lauda per la Nativita del Signore* as part of the Hardin-Simmons University School of Music's Christmas concert Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Kenley, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, is a mezzo soprano and will perform along with several other choir members.

The program is free and open to the public. There is no admission charge. The concert choir, chorale and orchestra will be directed by Dr. Loyd Hawthorne.

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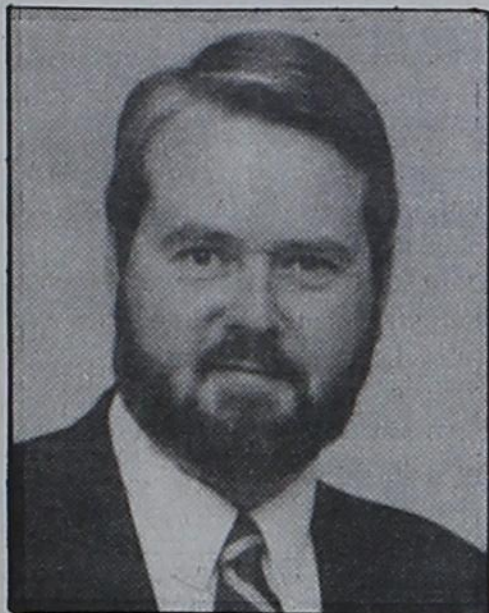
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The 80-20 rule

It was somewhere in the early part of my sales career that I first heard about the 80-20 sales rule. This rule theorizes that if you are a typical salesperson for an average company, 80% of your sales will come from 20% of your customers.

I don't recall whether I heard about the rule in a sales seminar or read it in a book. I do remember going over my sales records to see if the rule was true for my company and customers. As I recall, my numbers were in the ballpark and certainly close enough to validate the 80-20 rule in my mind.

Over the years, I've discovered that the 80-20 sales rule is accurate for many businesses. I've observed it in many different industries and various sizes of businesses. I've worked with several clients who were amazed when it proved true for their firm.

For me, the awareness of this rule changed the way I thought about and

reacted to my best customers. I raised the level of care I gave the 20% who created the bulk of my business. I worked hard to see that they received our best efforts. Above all else I wanted to ensure that this small but powerful group of customers was satisfied completely. I still think it is good business practice today.

Other 80-20 thoughts

Recently one of my clients observed that 80% of his problems came from 20% of his customers. He complained that this small group of customers was hard to please. "They are whiners," he said. "They demand added service, additional care and constant attention. I often wonder if they're worth the trouble."

Consider your own situation. Could it be that the 80-20 rule also applies to other areas in your business as well? What about profits? If the 80-20 rule is accurate for your sales, is it also true of

your profits? Check it out. You may find that the 20% of customers who generate most of your sales demand special price concessions and other considerations that actually lower your profits significantly.

Is it possible that 80% of the important work accomplished by your company is done by 20% of your work force? Wouldn't you like to know which 20% and why they are more productive?

Is it conceivable that 20% of your advertising and promotion produces 80% of the results? If so, why is this promotion so effective and how can we improve the other 80%?

Can you trace 80% of your costs to only 20% of your expense items? Do you have a method of tracking this to see if it is true? What would you do differently if it was?

Are 80% of your slow accounts receivable traceable to 20% of your credit accounts? How can you improve your collection efforts?

Finally, would 80% of our success be attributable to only 20% of our efforts? How can we reduce or eliminate the non-productive effort?

Prove the theory

I don't know if the 80-20 rule applies to other areas of your business operation. I'll leave it to you to prove or disprove this theory.

However, I am certain of this: When you discover new ways to evaluate and analyze your business you often find methods to improve it. The reason we started writing this column nearly five years ago was to help business owners and managers improve their operations. Perhaps you will create some new opportunities if you start thinking about how the 80-20 rules might apply to your business.

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

Five CEUs available from pesticide training Wednesday

Private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators licensed through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture will have a chance to gain five continuing education units (CEUs) at a pesticide workshop in Dimmitt Wednesday.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Castro County Farm Bureau office at 304 N. Broadway. Those planning to attend are asked to call Farm Bureau by Monday to reserve a seat, because space is limited to 15.

Cost to attend the workshop is \$5 per person.

The satellite broadcast is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Texas Farm Bureau.

To renew a license or certificate, most applicators must obtain 15

CEUs by the end of 1995. This course will count toward CEU requirements for all licensees and "grandfathered" private certificate holders.

\$75 Dimmitt Dollars given away Monday

Roy Tijerina, Jesse Campos and Jan Glenn each won \$25 Dimmitt Dollars in the Chamber's first weekly drawing Monday.

The Chamber of Commerce will give away three \$25 Dimmitt Dollar prizes on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12, then will culminate the holiday event by awarding two \$100 Dimmitt Dollar awards on Dec. 19.

The money issued is a special Dimmitt Dollar print, and can be redeemed only at participating merchants in Dimmitt.

Anyone may register for the giveaway at the following locations: Castro County News, Dimmitt Consumers, Dimmitt Office Supply, Pancake House, Headhunters, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., IGA Foodliner, Troy's Sweet Shop, Thriftway, Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic and Supply, Alco, C.R. Anthony Co., Dairy Queen, El Sombrero, Hays Company, Henderson's TV and Appliance, First Bank of Muleshoe/Dimmitt Branch, Kittrell Electronics, Lockhart Pharmacy, Pizza Hut, Red X Travel Center, Seale Florist, Merle Norman, Sheffy's Western Wear, Tots and Teens, Village Shop, Fabric House, First United Bank and Mr. Burger.

Social Security

The concept of retirement is undergoing a radical change. A person approaching age 65 today has a life expectancy of 85. At the turn of the century, the average life expectancy was 47. Healthier lifestyles and medical advances are making it possible for older people to continue to be productive far longer.

One result is that retirement planning is becoming more important than ever if for no other reason than you have to plan for a longer period of time. It is becoming increasingly clear that the basis for a successful retirement is most often found in the level of planning that goes into the retirement decision. This means that the young worker needs to understand the role that Social Security, the company pension and his own private initiatives should play in providing for retirement.

Since the Social Security program was launched in 1935, social planners have viewed retirement income as a three legged stool consisting of Social Security as one leg, private pensions as another, and savings and investments, including insurance, as a third. Social Security provides the anchor leg, the source of income guaranteed by government to everyone who works and pays Social Security taxes. The worker is supposed to use the other two to build up a level of income consistent with his or her lifestyle.

Most experts agree that people need about 80% of their pre-retirement earnings to maintain their lifestyle in retirement. Social Security replaces about 42% of the income of workers with average lifetime earnings.

In the face of concerns about the future of Social Security, some

people are suggesting that we rely more on private means and less on government programs. However, the record shows that left to their own devices, few people plan adequately for their retirement. Statistics show that Social Security is the only source of income for 14% of elderly beneficiaries and constitutes 90% or more of the income for another 26%.

The National Academy of Social Insurance notes that "thinking about planning for retirement, knowing what one should do to save for retirement, and actually taking the steps to adequately save are three very different things. (Only) a little more than half of all people surveyed indicated that they were actively saving for retirement."

Also, fewer than 59% of all employees participate in an employer-sponsored pension plan.

Today financial planners are telling people to diversify their retirement investments and start retirement planning early. These are essentially the same messages Social Security has been telling workers over the years. While Social Security guarantees one leg, you will need to actively and aggressively pursue the other two if you are going to maintain your standard of living in retirement.

Today it's more important than ever for you to pay heed to this message if you hope to enjoy the benefits of a longer, healthier and more productive life.

Farm Service elections have been postponed

This year's election for positions on the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee, have been postponed to accommodate changes brought about by last month's reorganization of the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

The election was originally scheduled for December, but has been moved back to next fall.

According to Frank Wise, acting chairman of the Castro County FSA Committee, the change in the election schedule is nationwide and is authorized under regulations issued by USDA. Current members of ASC committees, now known as acting FSA committees, will continue in their posts until the new election is held next fall.

The law which reorganized USDA created a new agency, the Farm Service Agency, which encompasses all of the commodity support and basic conservation programs of the former Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, all of the risk management programs of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. (FCIC) and the farm lending activities of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

Wise said the new committee system, when fully implemented, will exercise increased responsibilities in its enlarged role.

"Rescheduling the elections on a nationwide basis avoids confusion which could occur from hastily drawn rules and regulations," Wise said. "It will create efficiencies by using funds which would have been

spent on this year's election process to be used in training committees."

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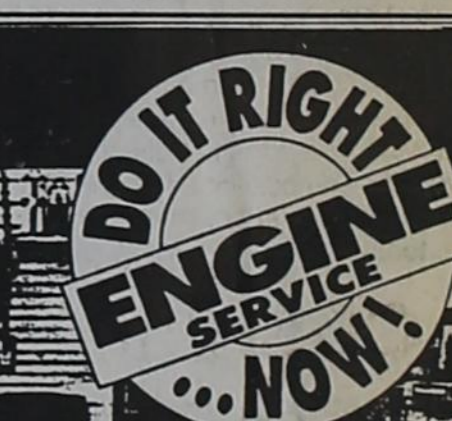
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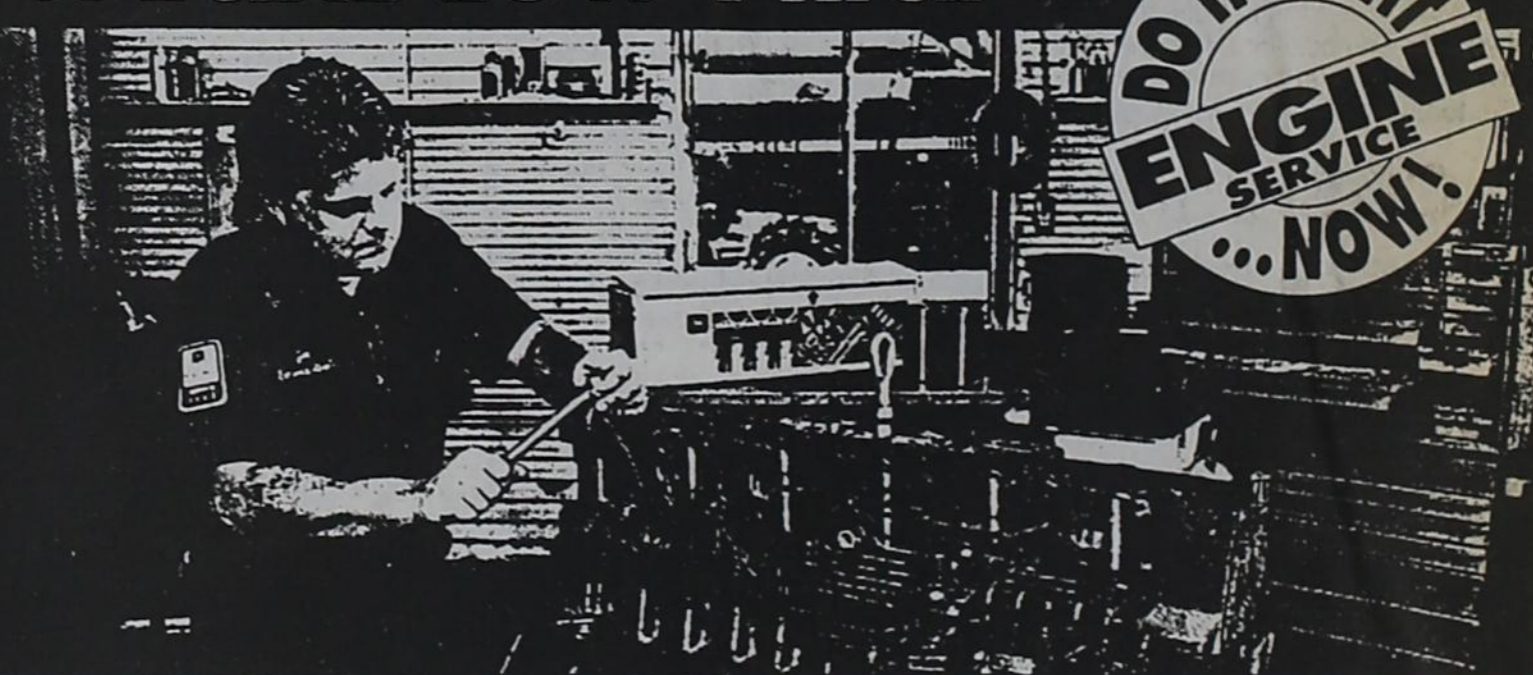
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County hears requests from fire departments

Castro County Commissioners heard requests from Randy Griffith and Tommy Cleavinger of the Dimmitt Fire Dept., and Kevin Riley of the Sunnyside Fire Dept., but took no action in either matter during their regular meeting Monday.

Griffith and Cleavinger explained to commissioners that their department's tractor tanker is having mechanical problems which could be costly to fix.

The truck is a 1973 model and the department has owned it for about 11 years.

Cleavinger said he had talked with a company in Amarillo about purchasing a used tractor rig to replace the current one, but he didn't think the truck would be worth more than \$2,500 to \$3,500. The cost of a new, used truck would be about \$19,750, he said.

"We don't have any money budgeted for that this year," Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos told Cleavinger. "We've already got a tight budget because of this redistricting, and I don't know that we can find the money. We're not against you getting one, it's just finding the money to pay for it that'll be the problem."

Cleavinger said he understood that, but he's worried that some-

thing may go wrong with the truck and then it could cost as much as \$5,000 to repair a truck that's only worth an estimated \$2,500.

Griffith added that the department has about \$2,500 set aside that it can contribute toward the purchase of a truck.

Commissioners took no action.

Riley also spoke to commissioners about the county helping the Sunnyside Fire Dept. with repairs to one of its buildings, but County Judge Polly Simpson told Riley the county could not help with any repairs to a building which it does not own.

Simpson suggested that the Sunnyside Fire Dept. hold fundraisers in an attempt to raise money to perform the needed repairs to its building, which include installation of a new roof.

The Sunnyside Fire Dept. has recently reorganized and the disbanded Sunnyside Lions Club donated its meeting facilities to the department. But the building has a flat roof which is leaking and has damaged most of the ceiling tiles. Riley said the department wants to replace the present roof with a tin roof which peaks in the middle.

"We can't give you any money,

but if you decide to start on it, I've got a portable welder and a couple of good welders who can probably help if you catch us when we're not busy," said Guggemos.

The county does subsidize the department with an annual donation, and the department has used those funds to purchase equipment such as air packs and bunker gear, and has performed needed maintenance on its truck.

"We're trying to stretch our money as far as we can," Riley said.

He also told commissioners his department is on a waiting list for a fire truck from the US Forest Service, and he expects to receive one soon.

Commissioners agreed to pay \$338.93 overtime in the sheriff's office with \$192.44 in the communications division, \$50.30 in the jail division and \$96.19 to deputies.

The overtime was a result of vacations and illnesses and covers the period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 22, according to County Treasurer Oleta Raper.

After paying the \$338.93, the sheriff's department budget has a balance of \$2,516.08 in its overtime fund.

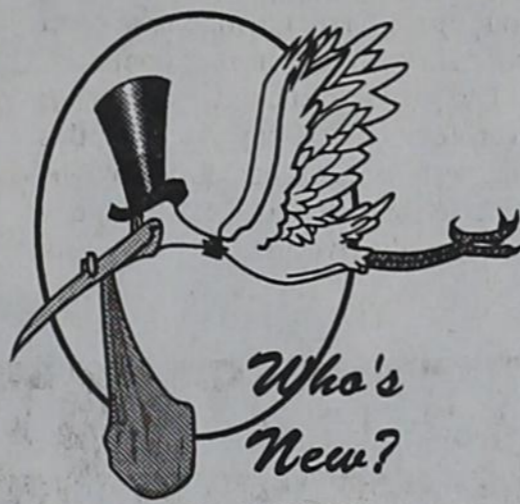
In other action, commissioners appointed Lois Wales to serve on the Central Plains Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board, filling the vacancy which will be left by Simpson. They also approved bonds for John Alldredge, Marshall Young, W.A. Baldrige and Oleta Raper, newly-elected officials.

Smothermon earns honor

Deputy Michael Smothermon of the Indio, Calif., Sheriff's Dept. received honors from the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California Highway Patrol recently.

Smothermon, son of Delbert and Jackie Smothermon, was honored for recovering 14 vehicles and made six arrests between August 1993 and July 1994.

Smothermon earned the 10851 Award. It recognizes peace officers who make significant contributions to the recovery of stolen vehicles and the return of suspects to justice.



OUT OF TOWN

Michael and Norma Smothermon of Indio, Calif., are the parents of a boy, Thomas Samuel, born Oct. 27 in Palm Springs. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

His paternal grandparents are Delbert and Jackie Smothermon of the Easter Community. He has many aunts and uncles.



LANEY

Laney honored by High Ground

Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney (D—Hale Center) was recognized for his efforts in creating a pro-business environment in this area from the High Ground of Texas.

Laney, who is Castro County's representative in the House, received the award from communities that make up the economic development coalition during the group's annual meeting and seminar in Lubbock on Nov. 17. Dimmitt is one of 25 cities in the group.

Laney has served as Speaker for almost two years.

"Since he was elected, Laney has worked to change the House rules, creating a more open legislative environment," said Phil Roth of SPS. "The new environment has allowed for the passage of laws which support economic development and job creation."

At the meeting, Rod Ellis of Lubbock was elected president of the group. Other 1995 officers are Mike Carr of Hereford, vice president; Grady Elder of Plainview, treasurer; and Myron McCarty of Perryton, secretary. New directors are Elder, Marty Mangum of Littlefield, Dave Marr of Muleshoe and Lori Vincent of Stratford.

Rick Osburn, outgoing president, said 10,000 new jobs have been created in the region in the past year.

"The High Ground of Texas in essence markets the state of Texas," said Osburn.

SPS provides administrative support for the coalition.

Wrights exhibit top barrows at 'No Name' prospect show

Matthew Wright drove his barrow to the Grand Championship while Wesley Wright exhibited the Reserve Grand Champ at a No Name Pig Prospect Show Sunday.

Several Castro County youths exhibited barrows in the show. Showmanship winners were:

Senior Division: 1. Coby Schacher, 2. Matthew Kern.
Junior Division: 1. Aaron Kern, 2. Sharla Kenworthy.

1st & 2nd Year Division: 1. Jessica Kern, 2. Ross Schulte.

Awards for breed and reserve breed were presented in each category and here are the complete results:

Berkshire: Coby Schacher, breed champion; Jessica Kern, reserve breed champion.

Chester: Evan Huseman, breed champion; Sharla Kenworthy, reserve breed champion.

Duroc: Colby McDaniel, breed and reserve breed champions.

Hampshire: Matthew Wright, breed champion; Wesley Wright, reserve breed champion.

Poland: Kyla Schacher, breed champion; Tyler Ehly, reserve breed champion.

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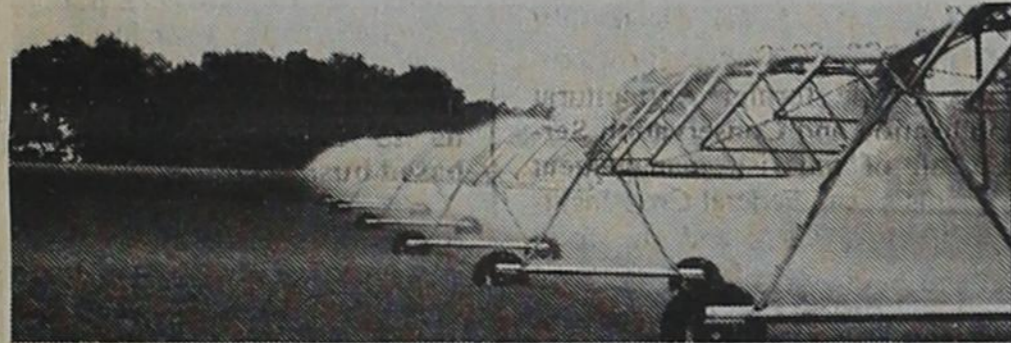
We would like to extend our appreciation to you by having our annual Holiday Luncheon in our offices on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Storm-delay date: Friday, Dec. 9)

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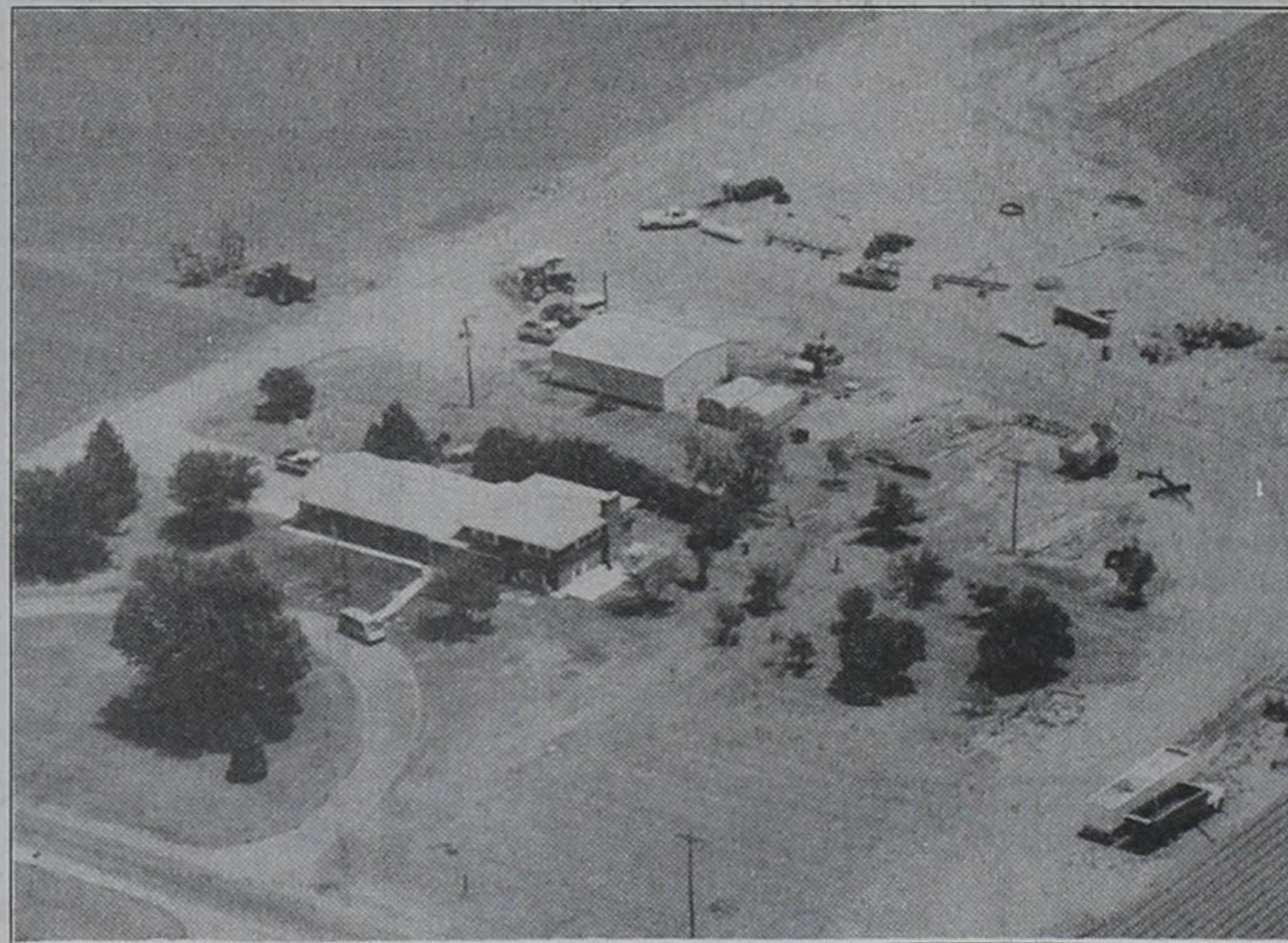


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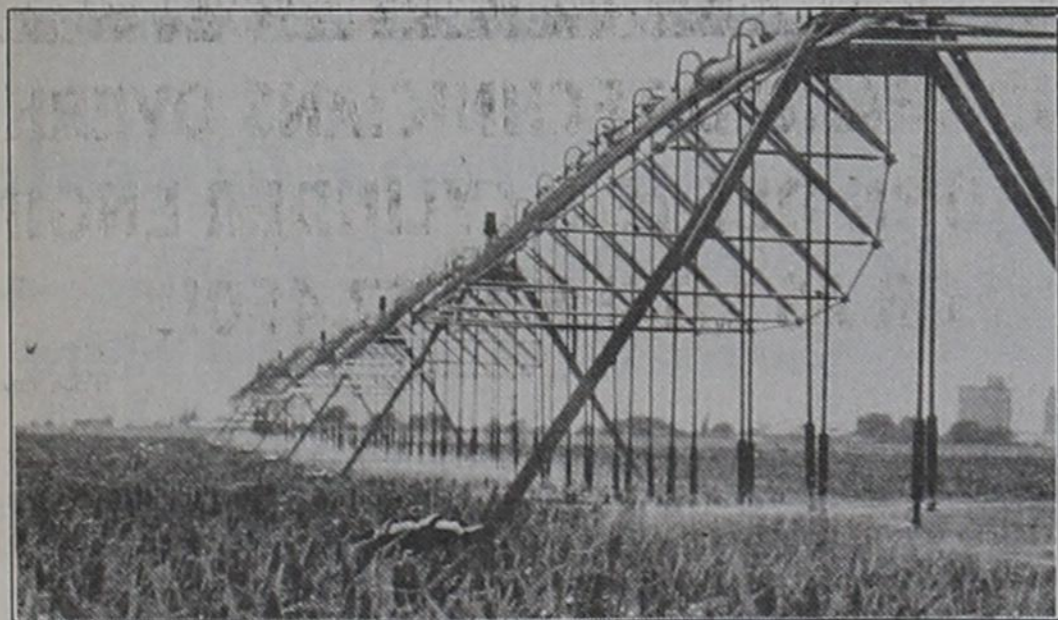
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Sports



Bobbies finish sixth, Hart seventh in Queens Classic

Dimmitt withstood a furious Hart rally in the last minute Friday, but fell to Slaton in Saturday's consolation championship game in the 19th annual Plainview Queens Classic.

Hart, meanwhile, defeated Class 5A Plainview on Saturday to claim seventh place in the elite tournament.

The Castro County squads lost their first round games Thanksgiving Day: Randall clipped the Lady 'Horns, 47-41; Amarillo rallied in the second half to plunge the Bobbies into the loser's bracket, 66-44.

Friday's game was close for a quarter as the Bobbies took leads of as much as four points three times, but Hart came back to trail by just three, 13-10, at quarter's end.

That's when Kim Thomas entered the Zone, scoring 14 points, driving to the basket at will and, when she did make a mistake corrected it with a flourish. She ended the game with 26 points to lead all scorers.

While Thomas was doing her thing, Hart's star, Shea Bennett, got

into foul trouble. Bennett picked up two fouls in the second quarter while trying to slow down Thomas. She picked up another in the third quarter, then fouled out midway through the fourth period.

With Thomas leading the way, the Bobbies extended their lead to 11 at halftime, 37-26.

Hart, thanks to a boost from Bennett's return and the shooting of Jodi Card and Kim Grossman, cut into Dimmitt's lead. They sliced into the margin with Bennett's work on the inside and the shooting touch of Card and Grossman.

Card hadn't shown much on Thursday against Randall, scoring just two points. Grossman, though, was coming off a longer layoff. She blew out a knee last December and is just now getting back into form. Her shooting eye was keen, then, and looked keen again in the third period Friday. She nailed four three-pointers to boost Hart into the lead, 50-49, with 7:41 to play in the game.

Both teams went into the doldrums, with the Bobbies scoring

just two free throws in the next three minutes, but Hart was shut out, too. When Bennett fouled out three minutes later, Dimmitt led 52-51.

The Bobbies took advantage of Bennett's absence to put the game away—barely. With a boost by Randa Wood, who scored seven points in three minutes, the Bobbies had a 64-51 lead with 1:07 to play.

That's when Hart all of a sudden awakened. The Hart girls made their next four shots and forced three Dimmitt turnovers to make it a 64-61 game with 27 seconds left to play. Dimmitt called timeout to set up some kind of offense, but threw the ball away again.

Hart took three shots at the basket in the next 20 seconds, but missed all three before Dimmitt finally got a rebound, scored, then stole the ball and added another free throw at the end of the game.

Thanksgiving was a turkey for both county teams, with the Lady 'Horns unable to overcome a slow start in both halves against the Class 4A Raiders on Thursday morning.

Randall led by as many as eight points early in the game, and by 10 at the end of the first period, 16-6.

Hart came storming back in the second quarter, and took the lead with three minutes to play in the first half. Baskets by Card and Bennett gave Hart a 20-19 advantage, but Randall led at intermission, 22-21.

The Hart girls ended up with about a 10-minute break without scoring, as Randall outscored the Lady 'Horns by 10 points again in the third quarter to lead 38-27 at the end of three.

Hart had a three-point play early in the fourth to cut it to 38-30, but threw the ball away three straight times as Randall went up by 41-30.

The Lady 'Horns never really solved Randall's full-court press as the Raiders led by as much as 12,

46-34, with 1:30 to play in the game. Hart could have made it closer, but the Lady 'Horns couldn't buy a free throw late in the fourth. For the game, Hart was 9 for 17 from the line, and six of the misses were on one-and-one chances.

Hart had to commit a passel of fouls in the late going (they had just three team fouls in the second half with three minutes to play) to try to stop the clock and put Randall at the line—with a chance to miss. The Raiders finally got to the one-and-one with 1:30 to go, and missed three free throws in the last 90 seconds to give Hart a chance to make it close. Traci Knox scored with 16 seconds to play to make it a five-point game, but Randall hit a free throw on an intentional foul 10 seconds later to ice the game.

Bennett led Hart with 19 points and seven rebounds, while Brandi Key was also in double figures with 11 points.

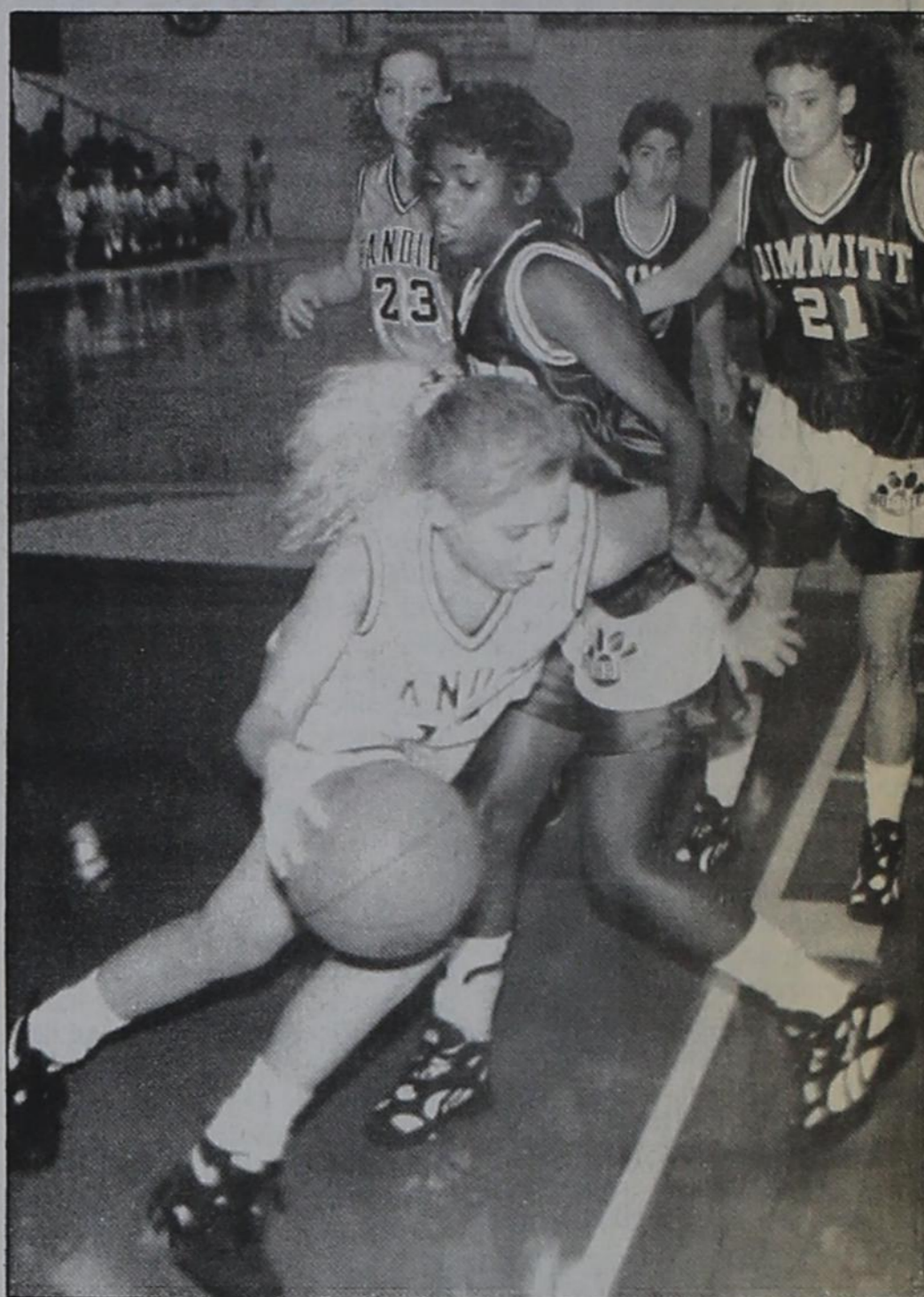
Thursday evening, the turkey didn't settle well in the Bobbies' stomachs as they made just two of 20 field goals in the second half to fall to Amarillo.

The Sandies, two-time defending state 5A champions, got two of their starters off the state title volleyball team just in time to corral the Bobbies.

Dimmitt stayed with the Sandies for a half before the doldrums struck. Carrie Bradley hit both field goals for the Bobbies in the second half: a three-footer with 7:47 to play, and a 15-footer with 1:41 left. Her first basket made it an eight-point game (Amarillo leading 43-35); her second left the score at 62-44.

Amarillo led by as many as seven points in the second quarter before the Bobbies cut into the lead. Kara Josselet nailed a 25-foot three-pointer with 2:45 left in the half to make it 21-20, and Bradley made

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AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AN ELBOW FOR AN ELBOW—Amarillo High's Jill Duckworth trades pushes with Dimmitt's Kim Thomas while trying to take the ball down the floor after a rebound Thursday at the Plainview Queens Classic. Looking on are Amarillo's Kim Bagwell (23) and Dimmitt's Carrie Bradley (21) and Tiffany Wilcox (44). At the time, Amarillo led by just two, 30-28, early in the third quarter. The Sandies went on to win the game, 66-44.

Photo by John Brooks



OUTTA MY WAY!—Dimmitt's Randa Wood (10) looks for someone to pass the ball to while Amarillo's Niki Head (11) applies the pressure during Thursday's first-round game in the Plainview Queens Classic. The Sandies, two-time defending Class AAAAA state champions, won the game, 66-44. Dimmitt finished sixth in the tournament, while Amarillo High was fourth.

Photo by John Brooks

A DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Dimmitt Middle School library. Cost is \$25. To register call 247-8028.



SWIFTETTES! Team members pictured are (back row) Carie Wethington, Courtney Hoelting, Melinda Schmucker, Jill Ramaekers, Robin Schulte, Johnny Hampton; and (bottom row) Amy Pohlmeier, K' Lynn Gerber, Kelley Boyd, Misti Ball and Denia Durbin.

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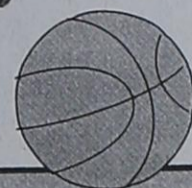
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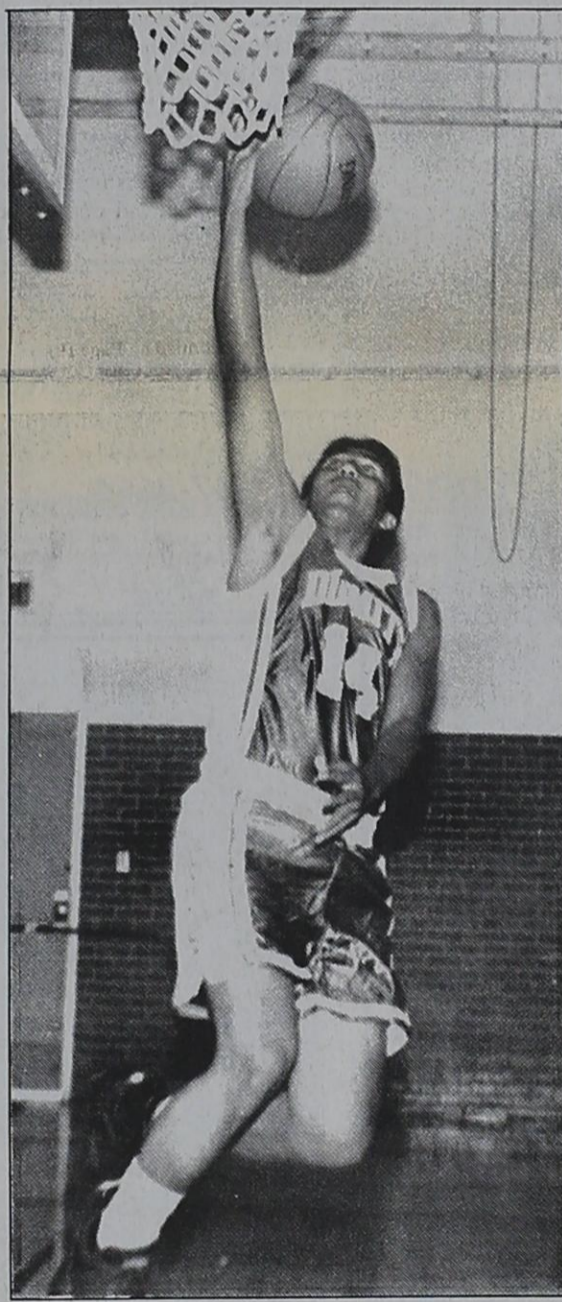
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TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Hereford, There



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County teams dispatch Bulldogs, Fillies



POWER MOVE—Dimmitt's Justin Newman moves inside a Borger defender for two points in the second quarter of their non-district game Nov. 22 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Newman had 20 points to help lead the Bobcats to a 95-56 win over the Class AAAA Bulldogs.

Photo by John Brooks

Borger brought everything but its shooting eye to town Nov. 22 as Dimmitt teams swept four from the Bulldogs.

The wins were the first this year for the Bobbies and Bobcats, and came at the expense of their third-consecutive Class 4A opponents.

Dimmitt's girls held Borger to one point for much of the first half en route to a 50-30 win over the Bulldogs, who went to the Class 4A state tourney last winter.

The Bobcats held Borger at bay all night, bounced back from a poor third quarter and won going away, 95-56.

Dimmitt's girls had it easy all night against the Bulldogs (0-2), who had just one point in the first quarter. Borger scored its first bucket with 2:20 to go in the half, by Holly Forester, but Dimmitt led 27-7 at halftime.

Sally Hamilton, who fired from long range all night, hit back-to-back three pointers in the third quarter to cut Dimmitt's lead to 14 at 31-17, but the Bobbies scored the last four points of the period to post a 35-17 lead at the end of three.

Dimmitt had balanced scoring all night, but more importantly outthusted the Borger girls all evening. Dimmitt used a tenacious full-court press that Borger couldn't handle, coughing up the ball 23 times. Dimmitt took good care of the ball most of the night, save for a rugged four-minute stretch in the third period. A timeout and gut check by Coach Richard Wood got the girls back on track, and Borger never threatened again.

Wood was able to rotate all nine players on the team throughout the game, and everyone scored with plenty of playing time. Kim Thomas led Dimmitt with 16, while Tiffany Wilcox added 10.

The boys' game was almost a carbon copy of the girls, with Borger unable to overcome a rough night from the floor while Dimmitt shot well for the first time all year.

The Bobcats had shot only 32% against Randall and 33% at Levelland in two losses to open the year, but shot over 50% from the floor to whip the Bulldogs.

Bobcats fall at Randall High

Dimmitt had a cold first half Saturday at Randall High School, and was unable to overcome it all the way as the Bobcats fell for the second time in two weeks to the Raiders, 73-51.

Randall also won the freshman contest in overtime, 57-62, and the JV game, 83-68.

In the varsity affair, Randall used a big first half from David Whitelee to mount a 23-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 38-18 halftime lead.

Dimmitt methodically chipped away in the third quarter, playing with a fire not seen in the first half as the Bobcats once got within 10 but had to settle for a 13-point deficit at quarter's end, 54-41.

Dimmitt finally got the deficit under double digits midway through the fourth and closed to within eight, 59-51, on a nicely-lobbed basket by Chad Ellis with 3:55 to play. Dimmitt didn't score in the last 3:55, though, and the Raiders went on the cruise to the 22-point win.

Justin Newman led Dimmitt with 21 points, while Joey Martinez added 17.

In the freshman game, the Bobcats were led by four players in double figures: Zac Matthews with 17, Casey Smith with 16, and D.J. Flecks and Charley Sanders with 10 apiece.

In the JV game, four players were in double figures, including Albert Ewing with 18, Kalem Thomas with 17, Conrado Saucedo with 12 and Brad Beck with 11.

Trap shoot is scheduled

A trap shoot will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Tule Creek Shooting Range, located two miles east of Tulia on FM 1318, then two miles north and a mile east.

The event is being sponsored by the Swisher County 4-H Exchange Trip and cash and prizes will be awarded to top marksmen. Light refreshments will be available.

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Dimmitt scored the first nine points of the game and led by 21 at the end of the first period, 27-6. The Bobcats showed signs of great athletic ability and hard work with some of their moves on the Bulldogs. Justin Newman gave the Bobcats a 16-4 lead with 3:38 left in the first when he gave a Borger defender a feint to the right, then slid to the left past his man and laid the ball in the hole.

Later in the quarter, with seven seconds left, Brandon Smith faked out two men and moved smoothly to the hole with a layup. He was fouled by a third, and made the free throw to give the Bobcats their 21-point cushion at quarter's end.

Newman and Chad Ellis kept Borger baffled inside all night and led Dimmitt with 20 and 14 points apiece, respectively. Joe Larra had 11 points from the outside.

Dimmitt's JV teams also won to make it a four-for-four sweep.

The JV boys won their first game of the season, 72-58. Kalem Thomas had 29 and Jason Nino 15 for the Bobcats.

In the JV girls game, Jacy Buckley had four three pointers to lead the Bobbies to a 42-37 victory.

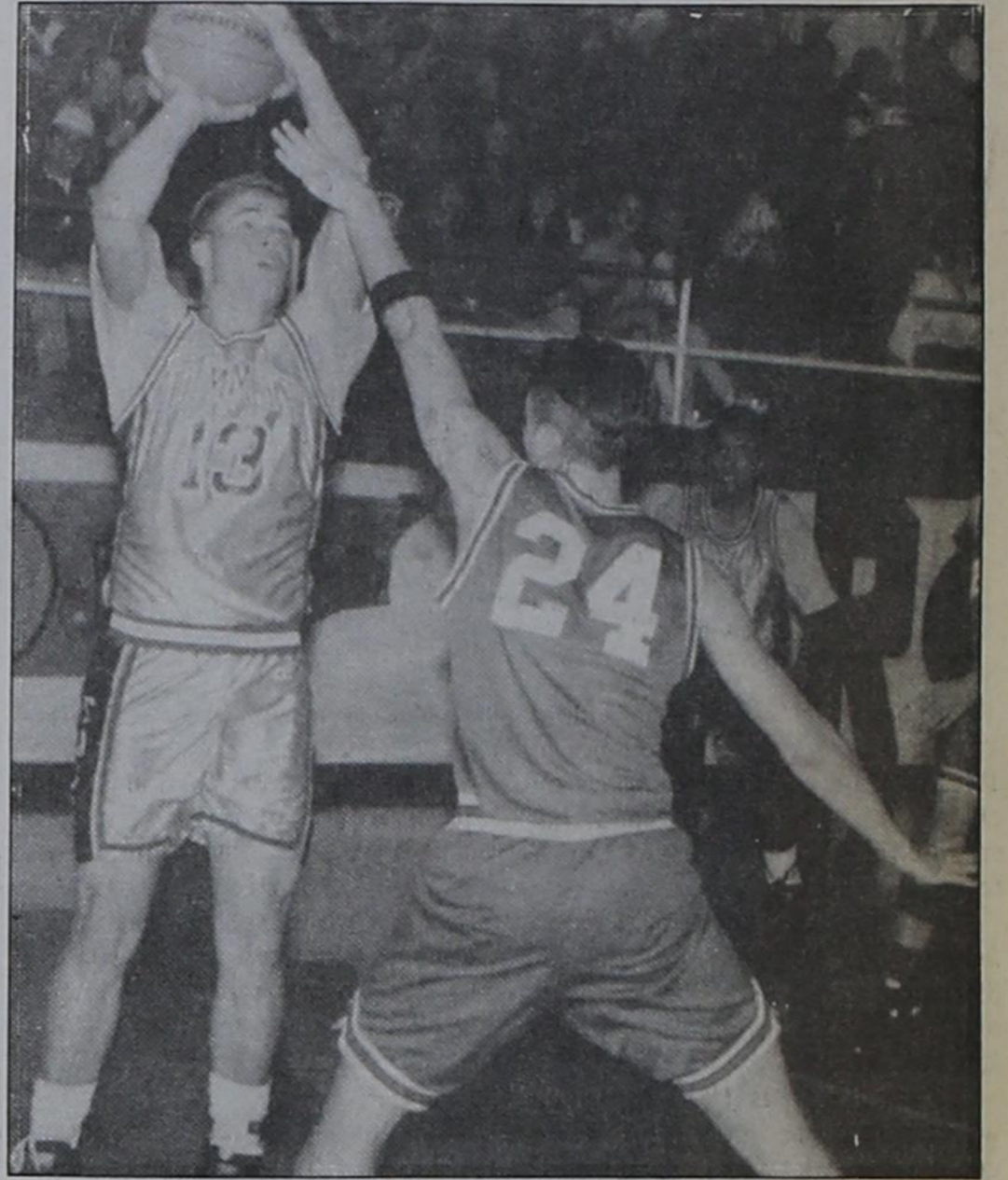
In Shallowater, the Nazareth Swiftettes rebounded from a tough loss at Tulia to hand the Fillies a 47-33 loss on Nov. 22.

Nazareth led by just two, 13-11, at the end of the first quarter, but left the Fillies in the dust by outscoring them by 10, 14-4 in the second period for a 27-15 halftime lead.

Shallowater closed to within six points in the third period, but Nazareth rallied to lead by nine, 34-25, after three.

Melinda Schmucker led the Swiftettes with 13 points.

The JV Swiftettes fell to the JV Fillies in overtime, 50-46.



ELLIS POUNDS IT HOME—Dimmitt's Chad Ellis (13) fires home a basket during the second quarter in the Nov. 22 game against Borger at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Ellis's 14 points boosted Dimmitt to a 95-56 win over the Bulldogs.

Photo by John Brooks

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Queens Classic...

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both ends of a one-and-one with 2:05 left to give Dimmitt the lead, 22-21. The Bobbies led by as much as four, 28-24, on a three-pointer by Amy Ethridge with 26 seconds left, and led by 28-26 at the break.

It was all downhill in the second half, as the Bobbies went colder than ice in the second half.

Saturday, Hart opened a 22-8 lead by the end of the first quarter, then hung on to defeat the Bulldogs, 49-46.

The Lady 'Horns used a full-court press to force seven Plainview turnovers in the first period. Hart led 9-2 when the game was just two minutes old.

Bennett led Hart's attack with 12 points in the first eight minutes. She ended up with 26 points for the game.

Hart extended its lead in the second quarter on a basket by Knox and a free throw by Bennett to go up 25-8. Hart had its biggest lead of the game with 4:38 to play in the first half when Bennett stole a Plainview pass and drove in for an easy layup, giving Hart a 28-10 lead.

The rest of the game, Plainview outscored Hart 36-19. Plainview started closing the gap in the last half of the second quarter and was behind by 13 at the break, 32-19. The Bulldogs stormed back in the third, solving Hart's press and closing within four, 40-36.

Plainview got within a point, 44-43, on a basket by Laura Bass with 3:46 to play. The Bulldogs couldn't cash in on two Hart turnovers that would have put Plainview in the lead.

Card hit the front end of a one-and-one with 8.7 seconds to play to give Hart a 49-46 advantage. Plainview rebounded the missed second shot, but a three-point try with two seconds left hit the backboard, rattled the rim and

ricocheted into the corner as the horn sounded.

Bennett led all scorers with 24 points. Melissa Douglass was high for Plainview with 13.

Dimmitt coach Richard Wood was frustrated at mid-afternoon Saturday after he saw his Bobbies seem to give up midway through the second half in a 65-36 loss.

Dimmitt made just 14 of 47 field goals (29.8%) and the Bobbies were just 1-for-10 from behind the three-point line, while Slaton shot 45% (21-for-47) for the game from the field.

Slaton also killed the Bobbies on the boards, outrebounding the Dimmitt girls 45-18. Wood was especially irritated that Latoya Whaley, a 5-foot tall guard, had seven rebounds. That was two more than anyone from Dimmitt.

Phylesha Whaley, eight inches taller, and Rosielita Smith dominated the floor throughout the game and led all scorers with 23 and 20 points and 10 and 11 rebounds apiece, respectively. Dimmitt had just 12 turnovers (two fewer than Slaton), but the Tigers' advantage on the boards spelled the difference.

The Bobbies trailed 17-6 at the end of the first quarter, but came back strong in the second to make a game of it for awhile.

Dolores Dimas hit three straight shots and Kim Thomas hit a three (Dimmitt's only one of the game) to slice the margin to four, 21-17, with three minutes to go in the first half. The teams traded baskets until Slaton had a flurry in the last 25 seconds, a 5-0 run that gave the Tigers a nine-point halftime cushion, 30-21.

In the third quarter, Slaton started pulling away, with the Bobbies never closer than 10 after an Ethridge basket with 3:28 to go in the third made it 39-29. Dimmitt hit just one more basket in the quarter (by Thomas with 23 seconds left), then one in the fourth quarter by Randa Wood with six seconds to play in the game.

Thomas led Dimmitt with 11 points. Dimas was the only other Dimmitt player with more than two baskets in the contest.

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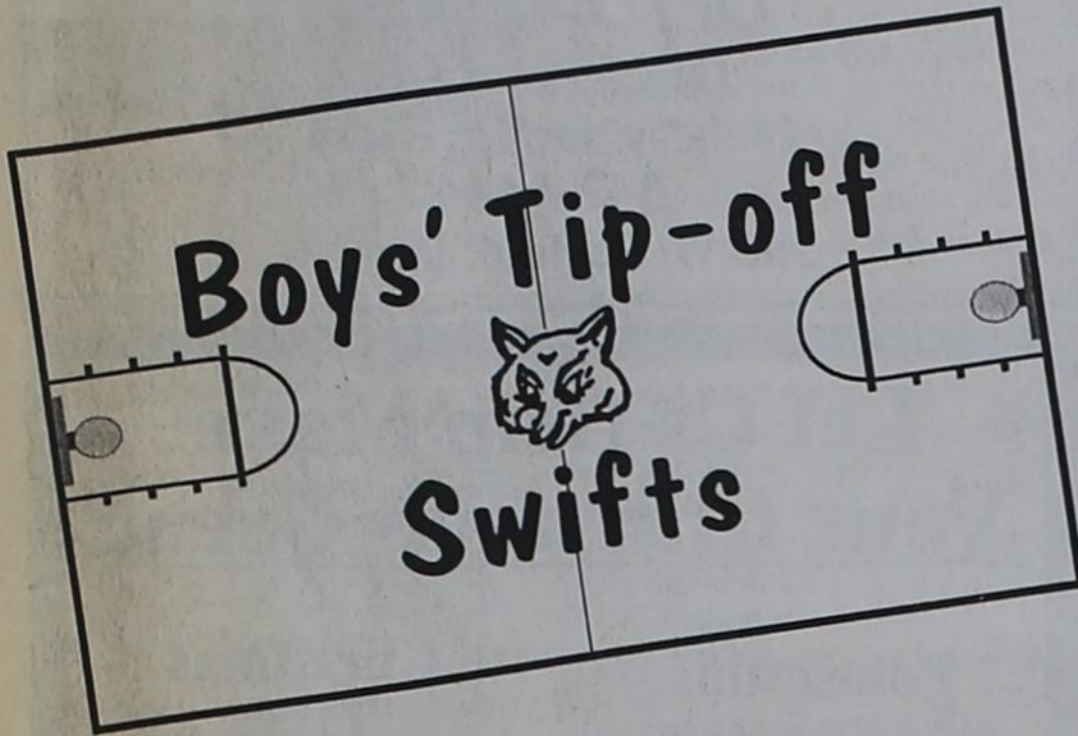
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Swifts want another shot at state crown



The Nazareth Swifts came within a basket of being state champions in 1994 and this year's team hopes to clear that final hurdle and be crowned as the best Class A boys' team in the state.

Graduation claimed two exceptional guards, but Coach Mark Makeever welcomes back three other starters and a letterman from last year's team.

He compares his 1994-95 squad with an unfinished puzzle—"we've got all the pieces, but we haven't determined where they fit, yet," Makeever said. "We are mixing in five or six junior varsity guys with our veterans. I think the talent is there, it's just a matter of putting the players in the right places and in the right roles. Hopefully by January we'll have everything ironed out."

The roster features five seniors, and Makeever describes them as being "good kids and leaders. The comradery on this team is greater than we've ever had," he said. "The guys all like each other and get along on and off the court. That should carry us a long way."

The Swifts' three returning starters averaged a combined 35 points

last year, and each was an all-district selection.

Among that trio is Gaylon Schilling, a 6-2 junior post, who was named to the all-state tournament team last year. He averaged 10 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Colby Pohlmeier, a 6-3 senior post and another returning starter, was named second-team all-region and he averaged 11 points and six caroms.

The third veteran is Scott Brockman, a 6-3 senior wing who tossed in 14 points and nabbed five rebounds last year. He was the Swifts' second-leading scorer and made 79 three-pointers. Makeever hopes to work him inside some this season as well.

The lone letterman returning is Alston Farris, a 5-10 senior guard, and he will start outside along with newcomer Robby Schmucker, a 5-9 junior who will start at point.

Farris likes to penetrate and draws a lot of fouls when he does, Makeever said. He also is a good passer.

He said Schmucker does a good job of taking care of the ball, and added that he had a lot of good practice during the past couple of years, working against guards like Adrian Farris and all-stater Nick Johnson.

Rounding out the Swifts' roster are 6-0 senior post Jaret Schulte, 6-0 senior post Bryan Charanza, 5-10 junior guard Casey Hoelting, 6-3 sophomore post Coby Schacher and 6-3 sophomore wing Nathan Hoelting.

"We're going to try and get the ball inside to the post first. Our size is a definite advantage. Gaylon and Colby can do some good things in there. They're not only good scorers, but good passers."

Outside shooting will be a plus with Brockman at the wing. Makeever said Schmucker can hit from outside and Schilling and Pohlmeier also are capable of stepping out and hitting longer shots.

"Gaylon has a nice 15-foot jump shot and he does a good job taking people to the basket," Makeever said.

He also thinks the team will be tough defensively, even though the players aren't very quick.

"We're long-armed and we've been working hard at it. The guards play good position defense and we'll rely on that a lot. We'll play mostly man-to-man and maybe some match-up zone."

Makeever doesn't foresee the Swifts pressing many teams because of the lack of team speed and quickness.

The bench has a lot of size with Schacher and Hoelting both at 6-3, and Makeever expects them to play a big role in the success of this year's team.



THE 1994-95 NAZARETH SWIFTS are seeking a return trip to the Class A state tournament in Austin and feel like they have a good shot at earning tickets. Pictured are (back row, from left) Coach Mark Makeever, Bryan Charanza, Gaylon Schilling, Colby Pohlmeier, Coby

Schacher, Nathan Hoelting, Scott Brockman and Assistant Coach Joey Waldo; and (front row, from left) Cory Makeever, Alston Farris, Casey Hoelting, Robby Schmucker and Jaret Schulte. Photo by Anne Acker

On junior varsity last year Schacher averaged about 16 points and hauled down eight rebounds per game.

"Coby is a real physical player. I expect him to go in and take some pressure off of Gaylon and Colby. He can wear people out."

He said Hoelting is a "scrapper." Makeever says Schulte is a "perfect role player who is fundamentally sound."

The Swifts got a late start on basketball season because of their play-off success in football, and the team

didn't play its first game until Tuesday night, but Makeever said Naz will gain game experience in a hurry over the next two weeks.

"We're going to be playing a lot of games in a short amount of time," Makeever said.

After their Tuesday season opener, the Swifts will play today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday in the Friona Classic, then will take on Abernathy Tuesday and will round out their second week of action in the Abernathy Tournament beginning next Thursday. In that tourney

they have a possibility of playing four games in three days.

The Swifts also will take on traditionally tough Dimmitt and Lovelland, then will play in the Caprock ABC Holiday Classic in Lubbock.

By the time district rolls around, the Swifts will have plenty of tough games under their belts.

The Swifts are in a new district this year, and are one of the favorites along with Sudan, the team which Nazareth beat in the regional finals a year ago.

Kress, Farwell, Bovina and Happy round out the Swifts' district.

"District will hold a lot bigger games for us this year," Makeever said. "I think Sudan and Naz are probably favored, but Kress and Farwell are coming along. Bovina and Happy are down this year."

After district, Makeever said there are a lot of tough Class A teams the Swifts will have to beat before earning a return trip to state. Among those are Vega, Plains, Anton and Meadow.

Spring, WT win at world

Kim Spring of Dimmitt was on West Texas A&M University's first place horse judging team at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Contest Nov. 16 in Oklahoma City.

The team members competed against 83 others from 21 teams. They placed first by virtue of first-place finishes in the performance category, a second-place finish in the halter category and a third-place finish in reasons.

Spring is one of eight team members. She is a junior animal science major.

Earlier this fall, the team won the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Contest in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 18. That event is considered the national championship. According to Dr. John Pipkin, director of WTAMU's equine industry program and the team's coach, the national championship and world championship are the two biggest contests of the year.

"This is WTAMU's first year of competition, which makes the accomplishment more significant," Pipkin said. "Many universities have competed for years and have not won what this team has. These successes are crowning achievements of a year of work."

The team's final competition of the year is the National Reining Horse Association contest in Oklahoma City on Friday.



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PLAYING HER TRUMP CARD—Hart's Jodi Card (22) drives past Randall's Tracy Simms during their first round game Thursday at the Plainview Queens Classic. Card and the Lady 'Horns mounted a late rally, but Randall held on for a 47-41 win. Randall won the tournament, and Simms was the Classic's MVP. *Photo by John Brooks*

Nazareth dominates all-District 2-A team

Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling was named offensive Most Valuable Player on the District 2-A all-district team announced this week. Nazareth placed six players on the first team offense, including Schilling, and five on the first team defense. Four more made the second-team defense, while lineman Alston Farris made the second team on offense. Schilling, a junior, quarterbacked the Swifts to an 8-3 record as Nazareth made the area round of the playoffs. Joining Schilling on the first team from Nazareth were offensive linemen Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte, tight end Scott Brockman, wide receiver Colby Pohlmeier and running back Coby Schacher. Schacher is a sophomore; the others are seniors. Earning honorable mention on offense were linemen Adam Johnson and Ron Backus, both seniors. Johnson made the first team on defense as a lineman, and Schacher made the first team defense at end as did Schulte. Brockman and Pohlmeier were named to the first team in the defensive backfield. Named to the second team were Backus, in the line; Charanza and Farris at end; and kicker Cody Annen. Earning honorable mention on defense were Schilling, at linebacker, and Quentin Dobmeier, at defensive back.



ONTIVEROS ON THE MOVE—Dimmitt's Fernando Ontiveros moves past a Randall defender on his way to the basket on Saturday's game at Randall High School. The Bobcats had a strong second half but couldn't overcome a slow start and fell to the Raiders, 73-51. *Photo by John Brooks*

County teams hit road for area's tournaments

County teams will be hitting the road this weekend, with all six varsity teams involved in five tournaments today (Thursday) through Saturday.

The Dimmitt and Hart girls are in the Levelland Invitational; the Dimmitt boys are in the Plainview Lions' Pioneer Classic; the Nazareth girls are in the Canyon Classic; the Nazareth boys are in the Friona Classic; and the Hart boys are in the Southland Tournament.

The Levelland bracket has the Bobbies facing El Paso Eastwood at 6:30 p.m. today. They will take on either Randall or Denver city on Friday. The winner's bracket game is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, while the losers play Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Eastwood reached the regional round of the Class AAAAAA playoffs last year and has two starters back.

In the other half of the bracket, Hart meets Odessa at 5 p.m. today. They will face either Levelland or El Paso Socorro on Friday; the winner's bracket game is at 8 p.m., while the losers play at 5 p.m.

Odessa has three starters back from a strong AAAAA club last year.

Saturday's games will be at 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Bobcats open high school play in the Plainview tournament against Class AAAA Estacado at 2 p.m. today. The Matadors have just two players back from last year's team but return a strong bunch from last year's JV squad.

The Bobcats will face either Pampa or Lockney on Friday; it's at 2 p.m. in the consolation bracket or 5 p.m. in the winner's half. Games on Saturday are at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Also today, Coach Kevin Cleveland's Wayland Baptist University Pioneers will face Howard Payne at 6:30 p.m. After that game, two more Dimmitt exes will coach their high school teams, when Plainview (coached by John Smith) will face Abernathy (led by Jerry Schaeffer) at 8:30 p.m.

Canyon and Andrews are also in the tournament, as are college teams from LeTourneau and Concordia Lutheran.

The Swiftettes will face Class AA Spearman at 5:30 p.m. today at Canyon High School in the upper bracket of the always-tough Canyon Classic. They will play either Tascosa or Muleshoe Friday at 4 p.m. (consolation) or 7 p.m. (winner's).

The other half of the bracket has El Paso Riverside meeting Canyon at 7 p.m. today, and Happy facing Clovis at 8:30 p.m.

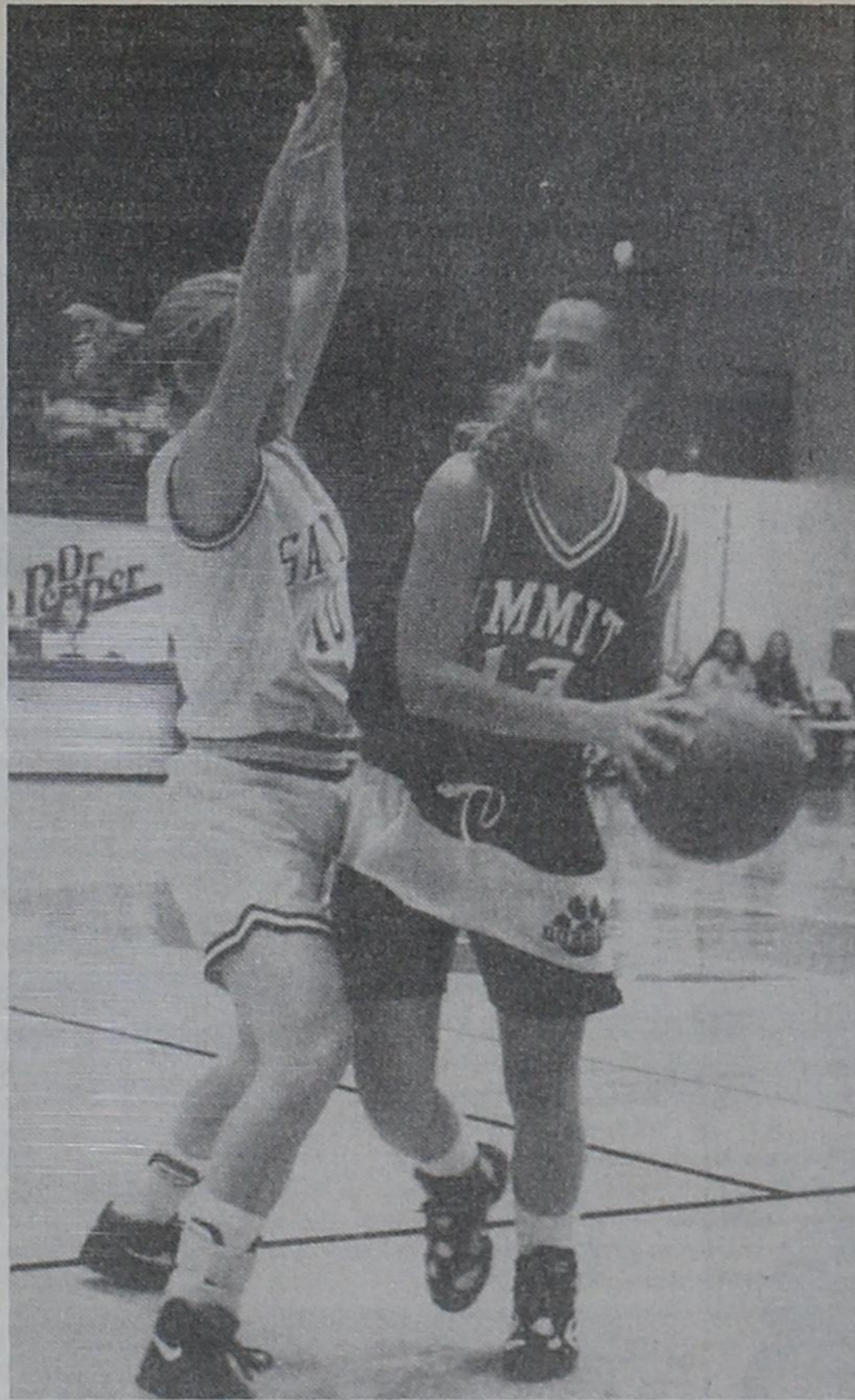
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The Swifts are just now beginning their season after a couple playoff games, and will get three good tests in the round-robin affair at Friona.

The Swifts will meet Class AAA River Road, also just getting into basketball, at 5:30 p.m. today. Friday, they will face Farwell at 5:30 p.m., and will meet Friona at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Hart boys are in the nine-team boys division of the Southland Tournament, and will face the winner of the Cotton Center-Southland game today at 9 p.m.

If the Longhorns win, they will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday. If they lose, they will play at 9 p.m. Friday. Saturday's games are at 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



NEED A LITTLE HELP OUT HERE—Dimmitt's Kara Josselet (13) waits for a teammate to move into position while Amarillo High's Autumn Ward puts on the pressure during their first round game Thanksgiving evening at the Plainview Queens Classic. The Bobbies led the Sandies, two-time defending Class AAAAA state champions, by 28-26 at halftime, but the Sandies went on to win. *Photo by John Brooks*

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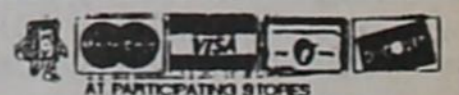
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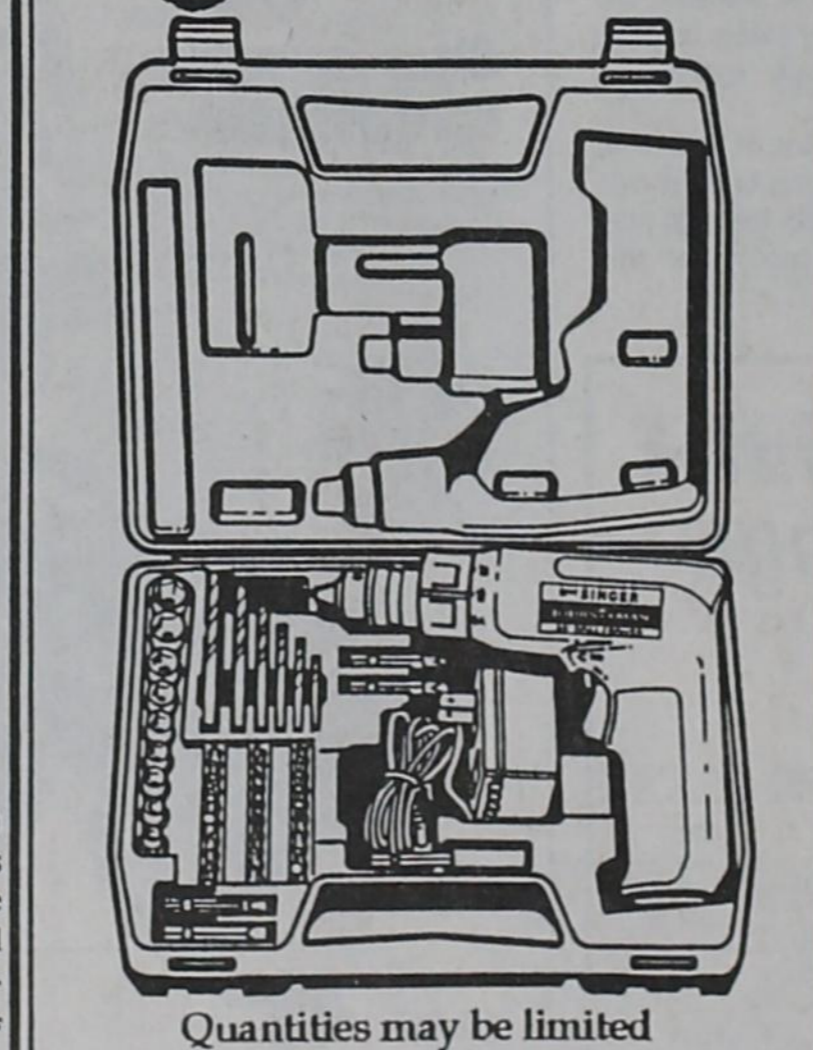
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Tuesday
Bobcats 95, Borger 56
 B— 6 22 17 11— 56
 D— 27 22 24 22— 95
 D—Justin Newman 20, Chad Ellis 14, Joe Larra 11.
JV Bobcats 72, Borger 58
 D—Kalem Thomas 28, Jason Nino 15.
Bobbles 50, Borger 30
 B— 1 8 10 13— 30
 D— 9 18 8 15— 50
 D—Kim Thomas 16, Tiffany Wilcox 10.
JV Bobbles 42, Borger 37
Swiftettes 47, Shallowater 33
 N— 13 14 7 13— 47
 S— 11 4 10 8— 33
 N—Melinda Schmucker 13, Misti Ball 9.
Shallowater 50, JV Swiftettes 46 (OT)
Longhorns 76, Adrian 49
 A— 8 14 8 19— 49
 H— 17 20 16 23— 76
 H—J.R. Lee 31, Dusty Ortiz 12.
Lady Horns 106, Adrian 24
 A— 1 7 6 10— 24
 H— 26 31 30 19— 106
 H—Shea Bennett 34, Gayla Reyna 11.

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Thursday
Randall 47, Lady Horns 41
 R— 16 6 16 9— 47
 H— 6 15 6 14— 41
 H—Traci Knox 2-1-5; Jodi Card 1-0-2; Shea Bennett 8-3-19; Kim Grossman 0-0-0; Brandi Key 4-3-11; Sheila Aalbers 0-0-0; Sandra Lopez 0-2-2; Trinetta Finch 1-0-2; Bonnie Reyna 0-0-0. TOTAL: 16-9-41. FG: 16/31, .533. FT: 9/17, .529. Rebounds: Randall 21, Hart 24. Turnovers: Randall 12, Hart 21.
Amarillo High 66, Bobbles 44
 D— 8 20 5 11— 44
 A— 11 15 17 23— 66
 D—Kim Thomas 1-4-6; Tiffany Wilcox 0-0-0; Kara Josselet 2-2-7; Carrie Bradley 4-4-12; Amy Ethridge 1-9-12; Randa Wood 0-1-1; Dolores Dimas 1-4-6; Amber Langford 0-0-0. Total: 9-24-44. FG: 9/36, .25%. FT: 24/44, .55%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 34, Amarillo 47. Turnovers: Dimmitt 24, Amarillo 23.

Friday
Bobbles 68, Lady Horns 64
 H— 10 16 19 19— 64
 D— 13 24 11 20— 68
 H—Shea Bennett 4-7-15; Jodi Card 5-2-13; Traci Knox 0-3-3; Kim Grossman 4-2-12; Brandi Key 5-5-16; Sheila Aalbers 0-0-0; Sandra Lopez 2-1-5; Trinetta Finch 0-0-0. Total: 20-20-64.
 D—Kim Thomas 10-2-22; Kara Josselet 4-6-16; Carrie Bradley 4-0-8; Amy Ethridge 2-1-5; Randa Wood 3-1-7; Dolores Dimas 1-0-2; Tiffany Wilcox 3-2-8. Total: 27-12-68.
 FG: Hart 20/43, 47%; Dimmitt 27/52, 52%. 3-point FG: Hart 4/9, 44%; Dimmitt 2/8, 25%. Rebounds: Hart 23, Dimmitt 36. Turnovers: Hart 20, Dimmitt 22.

Saturday
Seventh Place
Lady Horns 49, Plainview 46
 H— 22 10 8 9— 49
 P— 6 11 17 10— 46
 H—Shea Bennett 8-8-24; Jodi Card 3-3-9; Traci Knox 2-0-4; Kim Grossman 0-0-0; Brandi Key 3-2-8; Sheila Aalbers 1-0-2; Sandra Lopez 0-0-0; Gayla Reyna 0-0-0; Trinetta Finch 1-0-2. Totals: 18-13-49. FG: Hart 18/45, 40%; Plainview 18/49, 37%. 3-point FG: Hart 0/3; Plainview 1/7, 14%. FT: Hart 13/16, 81%; Plainview 9/13, 70%. Rebounds: Hart 35, Plainview 26. Turnovers: Hart 22, Plainview 20. Total fouls: Hart 13, Plainview 14. Fouled out: None.
Consolation
Slaton 65, Dimmitt 36
 D— 6 15 10 5— 36
 S— 17 13 19 16— 65
 D—Kim Thomas 5-0-11; Tiffany Wilcox 0-0-0; Kara Josselet 0-2-2; Carrie Bradley 2-0-4; Amy Ethridge 2-1-5; Randa Wood 2-0-4; Jennifer Vick 0-1-1; Dolores Dimas 3-3-9; Amber Langford 0-0-0. Totals: 14-7-36. FG: Dimmitt 14/47, 30%; Slaton 21/47, 45%. 3-point FG: Dimmitt 1/10, 10%; Slaton 2/6, 33%. FT: Dimmitt 7/13, 54%; Slaton 21/27, 78%. Rebounds: Dimmitt 18, Slaton 45. Turnovers: Dimmitt 12, Slaton 14.

Saturday
Swiftettes 57, Meadow 46
 M— 7 14 13 12— 46
 N— 10 18 15 14— 57
 N—Melinda Schmucker 10.
Randall 67, 9th Bobcats 62 (OT)
 D—Zac Matthews 17, Casey Smith 16, Charley Sanders 10, D.J. Fleeks 10.
Randall 83, JV Bobcats 68
 D—Albert Ewing 18, Kalem Thomas 17, Conrado Saucedo 12, Brad Beck 11.
Randall 73, Bobcats 51
 D— 10 8 23 10— 51
 R— 23 15 16 19— 73
 D—Justin Newman 21, Joey Martinez 17.

Monday
Seventh Bobbles 23, Friona 21
Eighth Bobbles 41, Friona 17
Friona 33, Seventh Bobcats 31
Eighth Bobcats 48, Friona 22
Tuesday
Swiftettes 45, Lady Horns 36
 N— 13 6 14 12— 45
 H— 13 10 6 7— 36
 N—Melinda Schmucker 19, Kelley Boyd 10. H—Shea Bennett 11, Traci Knox 9.
JV Lady Horns 32, JV Swiftettes 23
Swifts 67, Longhorns 48
 N— 8 22 16 21— 67
 H— 12 6 9 21— 48
 N—Coby Schacher 16, Scott Brockman 15. H—J.R. Lee 10, Dusty Ortiz 10.
JV Longhorns 51, JV Swifts 47
Abernathy 48, Bobbles 47
 A— 9 13 15 11— 48
 D— 8 14 10 15— 47
 D—Tiffany Wilcox 11, Kim Thomas 10, Amy Ethridge 10.
JV Bobbles 42, Abernathy 31
Bobcats 65, Abernathy 36
 A— 6 6 24 10— 36
 D— 12 23 18 12— 65
 D—Chad Ellis 12, Joe Larra 11, Justin Newman 10.
JV Bobcats 81, Abernathy 48
 D—Jason Nino 19, Kalem Thomas 13, Joey Flores 10.

Swiftettes edge Hart, 45-36

The Nazareth Swiftettes turned a four-point halftime deficit into a four-point third-quarter lead, then held onto the ball and hit a few free throws down the stretch to post a 45-36 victory over Hart Tuesday night.

Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth led all scorers with 19 points while teammate Kelley Boyd tossed in 10. For Hart, leading scorer was Shea Bennett with 11. Traci Knox had 9.

Both teams were plagued by turnovers throughout the game. The Swiftettes gave the ball up 18 times while Hart lost it 15 times.

After battling to a 13-13 tie in the first quarter, Hart outscored Nazareth 10-6 in the second stanza for a 23-19 halftime advantage. Nazareth went on top for the first time since the first quarter when Schmucker hit back-to-back baskets midway through the third quarter and Nazareth never looked back.

The lead see-sawed in the first quarter, with Nazareth holding a lead four times and Hart claiming it three times. Bennett knotted the score at 13 when she hit a free throw with 23 seconds left.

Sandra Lopez came off of the Hart bench in the second quarter and scored two quick baskets and her four points, along with a short jumper by Knox, gave Hart a 19-15 lead with 5:27 left in the first half. Jodi Card sank a pair of charity tosses to give Hart a six-point lead with 4:48 left. The Lady Horns extended it to eight-points on a transition basket by Knox with 2:18 and Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton called a time out.

Nazareth managed to shut out the Lady Horns for the rest of the stanza and used a pair of free throws by Amy Pohlmeier and an offensive rebound and put-back by

Boyd with 32 seconds left to cut the Hart lead to four.

Nazareth struck first in the second half when Jill Ramackers picked up a basket, but Bennett answered with two of her own seconds later.

Then Schmucker went on a rampage. The junior hit a three-pointer with 5:28 left to cut Hart's lead to a point. Two free throws by Bennett kept Hart on top for another minute before Schmucker put her team up for good. She nailed a bucket with 3:43 left, then sank her second trey after a turnover by Knox to give the Swiftettes a 29-27 lead.

That's when Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox called for a time out.

The Lady Horns returned to the floor and Bennett tied the game at 29 with 2:47 left, but that was the last bucket Hart would see in the quarter.

Schmucker scored on a penetration and Boyd nabbed another offensive rebound and turned it into two points to give the Swiftettes a four-point lead.

Knox picked up an easy basket with 6:27 left in the game and it was a two-point contest—until Carie Wethington swished a three-pointer with 5:15 left for a 36-31 Nazareth lead.

That was when Hart began experiencing problems holding onto the ball. The Swiftettes recorded three steals over the next two minutes, but couldn't convert those Hart mistakes into points. Nazareth missed three free throws and two field goals during that span.

Boyd broke the stalemate with 2:53 left when she added another two points to her total.

The Swiftettes hit 7-of-11 free throws in the final 1:22 to seal the win.



CONCENTRATION! Nazareth's Amy Pohlmeier (34) eyes the basket and puts up a shot over the arms of Hart's Shea Bennett (00) during action Tuesday night in Hart. Hart held the lead at

half-time, but Nazareth rebounded with a strong second half—especially the fourth quarter—and claimed a 45-36 victory. The Swiftettes improved to 4-1 while Hart fell to 3-4. Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Swifts overcome slow start to beat Longhorns, 67-48

It took almost the entire first half for the Nazareth Swifts to get on track, but once they did, Hart was outmatched and Nazareth cruised to a 67-48 win in its first game of the 1994-95 season.

Nazareth fell behind by as many as six points in the first quarter, and three minutes had expired in the game before the Swifts scored their first basket of the season.

Nazareth gained its first lead with 7:26 left in the first half and cruised from that point on.

The Swifts were rusty, having worked out just a few days before Tuesday night's game at Hart, but as the game progressed, so did Nazareth.

J.R. Lee and Dusty Ortiz tossed in 10 apiece for the Longhorns, who fell to 1-2 on the season. The Swifts were paced by Coby Schacher, who came in off the

bench to lead all scorers with 16 points. Scott Brockman added 15 and Colby Pohlmeier finished with 14.

Nazareth missed its first five shots and didn't get on the board until Brockman scored with five minutes left. The Swifts missed their next three shots and finally picked up another basket when Schacher laid one in with 2:07 left.

Hart jumped to a 10-4 lead on a basket by Jeremy Card.

A pair of free throws by Pohlmeier and a strong two by Schacher made it 10-8, Hart, and the Longhorns went up 12-8 at the end of the stanza when John Welps scored at the buzzer.

Brockman sparked a 7-0 run in the second stanza which gave the Swifts the lead for good. The senior hit a three pointer and three of four

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FOUL! Nazareth's Jaret Schulte is fouled as he's attempting to shoot during action Tuesday night in Hart. Schulte missed the basket, but made the ensuing free throws. Hart defenders rushing in for rebound position are Joe Longoria (12) and Mano Valderaz (14). Also pictured is Nazareth's Scott Brockman (30). The Swifts' offense was a mere trickle in the first quarter, and Nazareth was behind in its first game of the season, but the Swifts bounced back to claim a 67-48 win. Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

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"Oh, normal Americans don't have second thoughts? Okay, let's

Obituaries

Edna Goolsby

Edna Katherine Goolsby, 74, of Dimmitt, died at 6:55 a.m. last Thursday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. No memorial services have been planned. The body was cremated. Mrs. Goolsby was born March 18, 1920, in Idalou. She lived in Lubbock before moving to Dimmitt in 1954. She married Arless Goolsby on Nov. 13, 1938, in Crosbyton. She was a housewife and a Baptist. Survivors include her husband; a son, Darless Goolsby of Odessa; and two sisters, Mrs. Doris McCummins of Hobbs, N.M. and Mary Alice Green of Springdale, Ark.

Ike Marnell

Ike Marnell, 76, of Hereford, died Nov. 22. Services were Friday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Msgr. Orville Blum, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Cemetery by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. He was born May 23, 1918 in Clovis, N.M. He married Blanche Stengel on Jan. 18, 1954 in Hereford. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and was a farmer. Survivors include his wife; a son, Gerald, of Hereford; a brother, F.A. "Speck" Marnell of Hereford; two sisters, Mary Lentz of Wichita Falls and Ellen McFadden of California; and three granddaughters. The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony's School endowment fund.



Lucia Mendoza

Services for Lucia Tapia Mendoza, 54, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Darryl Birkenfeld, pastor of San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt. A vigil service was held Monday in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home. Mrs. Mendoza died at 3:38 p.m. Sunday in Plainview after a brief illness. Born in Donley on May 6, 1940, she had lived in Sunnyside since 1982. She married Frank Mendoza in 1960 in Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Margarita Mendoza, in 1976. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Frank Mendoza Jr. of Lubbock and Ignacio Mendoza of Dimmitt; two daughters, Elidia Dozal and Angie Mendoza, both of Dimmitt; four sisters, Angie Hernandez of Hereford, Aurora Mendoza of Guanahuato, Mexico and Susie Chavez and Florentina Gonzales, both of Wolforth; two brothers, Lupe Tapia of Hereford and Baldomero Tapia of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

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"No, honest, Newt, I want to cooperate. Now, first—how about prayer in public schools?"

"Okay. The moment of silence in public schools."

"Yeah, but do you really think it needs to be a constitutional amendment? You know, the Bill of Rights has never been amended before."

"Okay, think about it. Now, we need to address the structure of it. Shouldn't the Muslim and Hindu kids be permitted to—"

"Well, okay. So what about provisions for kneeling mats?"

"You know — kneeling mats. Shouldn't the Muslim and Hindu kids be permitted to—"

"Oh, yes, Newt — sometimes normal Americans DO kneel."

"Okay. General wording—right. No specifics — right. Then how about just delegating it to local school boards and community standards?"

"Yeah, I see your point. We don't have enough courts already."

"Okay. Now, about term limits. How about two terms for senators and four for representatives?"

"Yeah—starting with the current term."

"But Newt, isn't that what—Newt? NEWT! Calm down a minute, willya? Now look—that would still keep you in until 2002. You'd get the max in retirement, and—"

"How's that again, Newt?"

"Let's see if I've got this

More about

Brown Bag Project...

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anything they might have fixed at home. "We also ask that any toys that are donated be in very good condition. We would ask that any toys that are donated be good enough that they would want to give them to their own children or grandchildren." A new twist to the Brown Bag Project this year is that local civic and service groups and clubs, Sunday School classes and businesses "adopt" a family for the project this year. Families and groups may be matched up by contacting any local minister or calling First United Methodist Church, 647-4106. "If they want to just call that church office and leave the name of a contact person, we'll give them a choice of several families they can

straight. President Gramm's two terms won't end until 2004, and you want to step up from Speaker to—"

"So. Five terms minimum limit in the House, right? Hey, Newt—what if it's President Dole instead of President Gramm?"

"Newt! NEWT! Get hold of yourself! Just because Bob called you the Gingrich that stole Christmas—"

"Whattaya mean, Bob Dole is a 'doctrinaire Eisenhower?' Ike wasn't—"

"Oh, well—I don't want to get into the L&C rap with you. Look—what I'm calling you about is, I just want to let you know that you'll have my full cooperation."

"Well, yes, I DO have a choice. I could veto. But I'm not going to. In fact, I've notified Bob Dole that I'll sign everything in the Contract that passes both houses."

"Yep, everything. The capital gains tax cut, welfare cuts, more prisons, more tanks and guns, tax credits for children, the balanced budget amendment, regulatory relief, tort reform, term limits — everything."

"Of COURSE I'm serious, Newt."

"Well, who knows what the Senate Republicans will do? It isn't their contract. And you know, Dole and Gramm will be off campaigning most of the time, and—"

"Gad."

"No, no — I said GAD, not GATT. Don't be so touchy over one word."

"No, Newt—I said one word, not one world. Why in the world—"

"Okay, okay! I won't say 'world,' either. Heck, I wasn't even thinking about the Bleep Trade Organization. Besides, it was Bush who came up with the 'New Bleep Order.'"

"Forget it, Newt—just forget it. Let's get back to the subject. I just wanted to let you know that I'm going to ask all the Democrats in the House and Senate to cool it, keep a low profile, and cooperate. And I'll announce to the American people that we don't want any more gridlock, and that I'll abide by the majority will of Congress. So—"

"Newt? NEWT!"

"But who knows for sure what the Contract will cost? Sure, we said a trillion, but maybe it won't be any more than what the savings and loan—"

"Just look at it this way, Newt—it'll be 'Morning in America' again, but with government orphanages."

"No, no, I'm not trying an end run. You've said yourself that it will lower the deficit and balance the budget. Shoot, that's what I've been working for, too."

"The heck I can't. I can cooperate if I want to."

"Yes, but you're in charge over there now, Newt. You're the leader. You're responsible. And you made a contract."

"No, believe me, Newt—I feel your pain. But it's your party. Your guys will just have to work it out among yourselves."

"Newt? NEWT!"

"Well, let's just wait and—"

"Oh, until about '96."

"Newt? NEWT!"

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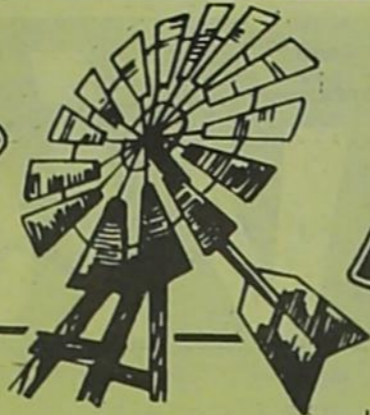
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Canyon area women win horse honors

CANYON — After a year of preparation and anticipation, Terri Pollreisz of south Amarillo and Julie Rowan of Umbarger sat atop their horses, next to each other in the Quarter Horse World Championship Show Coliseum in Oklahoma City.

They were among the top 15 finalists in the Equitation Over Fences event. Both Terri and Julie had ridden a good solid round over the course of nine fences.

Pollreisz and her 10-year-old gelding, "Highjacker Journey" won sixth place honors and Rowan and her 20-year-old gelding "Chuck's Corky" won seventh place.

Pollreisz and Highjacker Journey have been to the World Championship Show four times.

In 1993, the pair placed fourth in amateur jumping. They are currently in a neck and neck race for the lead in the national quarter horse high point standings in amateur jumping.

Pollreisz and her husband, J.P., live north of Canyon. Terri owns and operates Country Graphics, a print shop, north of Canyon and J.P. works for SmithKline Beecham Animal Health as senior technical services veterinarian specializing in cattle.

They have two sons, Brandon, age 21, and Tony, age 4. Brandon is a student at WTAMU.

This was Julie's first trip to the World Championship event. She competed in two events and was chosen among the top 15 finalists in both events.

Besides placing seventh in the Equitation over Fences, Julie and Corky also made a spectacular round in amateur jumping where they finished in a tie for eleventh place.

Chuck's Corky was the oldest horse competing in jumpers. Fence heights were 4'0". Rowan had owned and ridden Corky for 18 years.

Rowan and her husband, Johnny, live near Canyon where Johnny owns and operates The Muffler House and Automotive Service. They have two daughters, Jordan, age 4, and Katie, age 1.

"I want to give special thanks to my family for giving me support and encouragement," says Rowan. "Gary Marble's expert instruction over the past few months helping me prepare for the World Show as invaluable. We couldn't have done it without him."

Soil moisture survey begins within High Plains H₂O district

LUBBOCK — Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the USDA-Soil Conservation Service) are now in the field collecting data for the 1995 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

"This survey is conducted each year to determine general soil moisture availability and deficit trends prior to planting," says Ken Carver, Water District Assistant Manager.

"The preplant soil moisture survey results help local agricultural producers determine the amount of water they need to apply to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity without over-irrigating or under-irrigating."

Historical data shows there is a better opportunity to produce above-average crop yields when the plant root zone of the soil is at or near field capacity prior to planting.

"Most of the 15-county Water District service area is experiencing very dry soil conditions as a result of below-average precipitation during the past two years. Unless significant precipitation is received during the winter and early spring, producers will likely have to apply heavy irrigations to bring the soil profile to field capacity prior to planting," says Carver.

Three teams are now collecting data for the 1995 pre-plant soil moisture survey in the northern counties of the High Plains Water District.



Fun with 'Trooper Bud'

Courtesy Photo

Two youngsters enjoy talking with an electronic robot recently at a K-Mart store in Plainview. Dressed in an authentic highway patrol uniform, the robot is used by the Texas Department of Public Safety to teach children respect for the law and basic safety concepts.

Quitaque annual event is Saturday

Town to hold 'Country Christmas'

QUITAQUE — The community of Quitaque is getting ready for its sixth annual Caprock Country Christmas scheduled to be held Saturday.

The event is held at several locations throughout the community. It consists of: Coffee & Cinnamon rolls served at

the Senior Citizens Center (Main Street), an Arts & Crafts Show (Main Street), Bake Sale (West Texas Utilities), Book Sale (Caprock Public Library), Lunch (Community Center), Horse & Buggy Rides (Community Center), Cow Pattie Bingo (1st & Jones), Santa (Craft

Show), plus much more.

Most of the businesses in town will be having open house with refreshments and door prizes. The community puts a lot of effort into this event to make it enjoyable for all who come to visit.

Safety is special concern for kids

Special risks faced for children living on family farms, ranches

AUSTIN—Growing up in a farm or ranch can be a rewarding experience, but it also carries risks not normally associated with childhood.

Eighteen percent of Texas farm and ranch fatalities in 1993, the latest year figures are available, involved children 16 years and younger, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

Heavy machinery, while essential to agricultural production, presents special dangers to children who live and play around it. "One study found three out of

four fatal accidents were caused by tractors or other farm machinery," Perry said.

Potential hazards also include pesticides, electricity, fire, ponds, silos and manure storage pits.

Perry said farmers and ranchers should set aside time with their children to discuss and demonstrate these and other risks. He gave the following suggestions to prevent accidents:

- Never allow a child on a tractor as an extra rider.
- Set aside a special outdoor play area away from farm equipment, stock ponds, chemicals and livestock.
- Assign work chores on the basis of a child's age and maturity. Instilled early with the work ethic, farm children often take on responsibilities beyond their years that may jeopardize their safety.
- Store pesticides and other toxic chemicals in their original containers under lock and key. Store fertilizer and treated seed securely.
- Ensure that young people who drive tractors or operate other farm machinery are adequately trained. The State Association of Young Farmers of Texas offers driving safety courses in some communities.

"Above all, be a positive role model," Perry said. "Children imitate what they see. Farmers and ranchers who observe safety precautions are likely to have children who also observe them."

A family tradition: Man makes cane molasses using old fashioned method

PARK HILLS, Mo. (AP) — It's a taste of autumn.

Sorghum molasses, made from scratch the way great-grandma used to cook it is well worth the wait and the work, especially in cool autumn days.

One might say it "runs thick" in the Jess Skaggs family, going back at least four or five generations.

For the first time in 23 years, the family's homemade recipe was dusted off and put to practical use in time for a family reunion held at the end of September.

A smoke as sweet as cotton candy swirled from the top of the evaporator pans. Patient skimmers stirred the bubbling green juice toward a hand-carved spigot at the far end. Clay oven walls kept flames that sizzled and popped the seasoned wood. Nearby, a mare named Sugar clip-clopped slow revolutions around the antique press.

Bill Skaggs kept a watchful eye over the process. "... A lot of the younger folks haven't seen it made. That's why we're doing this now — to pass on that information to the newer generations and, for those of

us who haven't done it in 20 years or so, to rehash old memories."

Planted in June, the seed cane was carefully tended so it would grow as straight and tall as stalks of corn.

In early September, once the field crop had ripened fully, the blades and tops were carefully stripped off. This chore done, the remaining stalks were cut and hauled into the mill.

"You have to start grinding it immediately," Skaggs said. "If the sorghum lays in the stalk it will turn sour. And the tops and blades will absorb too much juice if you don't strip down the cane."

The cane stalks were fed into the horse-harnessed press. For each hour Sugar plodded a trail in the dirt, 10 gallons of sorghum were squeezed into a canvas-lined barrel.

Thoroughly strained and pressed through a second layer of cotton, the naturally sweet concoction then was poured into the first of five evaporator bins

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The situation changed

Howdy, neighbors!

I read a fictional adventure about World War II.

A bomber squadron had taken a lot of groundfire while droppin' their bombs over an enemy stronghold.

On the way back to the base, one plane went down in the jungle. The crew was made up of an interestin' mix of personalities.

The captain, Blain Sherwood, went to Harvard. He's from a Yankee, eastern blue-blood family. Sherwood was erudite and sophisticated, as well as a highly-trained, intelligent and capable leader.

The co-captain, Malcolm Eugene Ferriweather, you guessed it, another blue-blood, went to Yale. He was also educated, competent, bright and a gifted leader.

These two ole boys had them a problem: not too many courses at Harvard on how to survive in the jungle. They hadn't done a lot of work at Yale on it either.

The remainder of the crew was a mix; some highly-educated and some not. They were a real hodge-podge, a real cross-section of America from all over.

Grady "Hoss" Tanner was the most unusual crew member. He stood out, not because of his education, obvious intelligence or leadership qualities but precisely for his apparent lack of them.

"Hoss" was rough around the edges. He came straight out of an Arkansas high school where he had specialized more in roamin' the hills and hollers that surrounded the Tanner home than he did on book learnin'. "There's not a pig trail in the Ozarks that I don't know by heart," he would boast.

Three days had passed since the crash. The first two mornings, the captain would say to the co-captain, "Ferriweather, you tell the men to find some food."

Ferriweather passed the command; the men hunted for food, returned to the

camp and announced they had found none. Ferriweather would dutifully report to Sherwood that no provisions were found.

This procedure was okay for the first two days. It was a chain of command that a graduate of Harvard might be comfortable with: "I'll tell you - you tell them - they'll report to you - you report to me."

There's logic, order and chain-of-command.



Illustrations by Chris Johnson

By the third day, the rations are gone; everyone is hungry, tired and a little scared - including Sherwood.

That morning, Captain Sherwood called the men together and made this terse announcement: "Heck men, let's all follow ole 'Hoss' and see if we can help him kill us a bear!"

What happened was that the situation changed. When the situation changed, the job description of leadership changed too.

Three point: 1) In a changing world, situations change and new leadership ideas are demanded; 2) Leadership must change with the situations; and 3) Daddy's brat just might not cut it!

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MOLASSES

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small wooden gate.

Over the course of the next four hours, the sorghum slowly boiled from a bright green juice into a darker, thicker

molasses, all the while flowing through each gate, from one end of the open-air cooker to the other.

"Depending on the

sugar content of the cane, it will probably cook off 10 to 15 gallons in juice for each gallon of molasses," Skaggs explained. "What we are

doing is ridding the sorghum of sugar and water."

To aid the process along, the Skaggs family "skimmers" toiled long

hours over the flat smoky cauldron, separating the good molasses from the bad liquid.

On the first of a four-day harvest, nearly 100

visitors stopped by to see the "sorghum makins" in progress. For many, the sight was slightly akin to returning to a simpler age.

Fair fishing available for winter-hardy anglers

AUSTIN — The following is the report of fishing activity around the state of Texas last week as reported by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; low; black bass fair; white bass good; crappie fair; catfish good.

BAYLOR: Fishing poor, very few fishermen out.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy; 6 feet low; 60 degrees; black bass poor; white bass fair to good; hybrid stripers fair; crappie fair to good; catfish fair.

GRANBURY: Water clear; normal level; 76 degrees; black bass poor; striped bass good to 16 pounds at warm water outlet on silver slabs; white bass spotty; crappie fair in 15 to 18 feet of water on minnows; catfish fair on cheesebait in 14 to 25 feet of water.

McCLELLAN: Water clear; 58 degrees; black bass poor; white bass and walleye good from 30 to 50 feet on minnows and big slabs.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 58 degrees, black bass fair; smallmouth fair; white bass and walleye good in 30 to 50 feet of water.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 8 feet low; black bass good to 10 pounds on plastic worms; crappie good off docks on minnows; catfish good on chicken liver.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear; normal

level; 64 degrees; black bass fair, a few bass are being caught on crank baits at 5 to 8 feet, plastic worms fished off of points are also producing; smallmouth poor to fair off rocky points and ridges on deep diving cranks and worms; crappie good in 10 to 20 feet around trees and brush on minnows and jigs; catfish poor to fair; walleye poor.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained to muddy; level 999.3; 64 degrees; black bass good on plastic worms and craws in newly flooded grass areas; striped bass good to fair on slabs and live bait; crappie fair in creek channels; catfish slow, but there are some consistent catches with rising water level.

PROCTOR: Fishing slow, few fishermen out.

SPENCE: Water clear; 30 feet low; 66 degrees; black bass on dark spinners and buzz baits; striped bass good from 5 to 8 pounds, birds working; white bass good on topwaters; crappie good at bridges on minnows; catfish slow.

THEO: Water low, few fishermen out.

TWIN BUTTES: Water extremely low, hard to fish, very few fishermen out.

CENTRAL TEXAS:
BASTROP: Water clear; normal level; 74 degrees; black bass are good to 9 pounds on Bass Assassins and 4

inch black Ringworms; crappie fair at night at 20 feet on live minnows; catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; normal; black bass fair; white bass and hybrid stripers fair on jigging spoons; crappie good on minnows; catfish good on prepared baits.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 2 feet below spillway; 68 degrees; black bass slow; white bass good under lights; crappie good on minnows and jigs; catfish good to 5 pounds on shad and cut bait.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 70 degrees; striped bass good on live shad at about 30 to 48 feet; crappie good around docks; catfish good.

CANYON: Water clear; 67 degrees; black bass good on Rat-L-Traps in brush; white bass biting good upriver at 17 feet; stripers slow; crappie good in 10 to 17 feet; catfish slow.

COLORADO BEND: Water fairly clear; 8 feet low; black bass poor; stripers good white bass poor; crappie poor; catfish poor.

FAYETTE: Water clear; high; low 70s; black bass good on nickel spinner baits on grass, best areas have been secondary points over submerged grass; no report for crappie and catfish.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear to muddy; 72 degrees; black bass good to 7 pounds on lizards; crappie good below spillway on minnows; catfish

good, blue cats good to 60 pounds, yellow cats up to 18 pounds on cut bait, shad and shrimp.

GRANGER: Water murky; black bass good in creeks and in river; white bass good near dam; crappie good off of Fox Point; catfish good in river. LBJ: Water cloudy; normal level; fishing slow for most species.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; normal level; black bass slow; crappie fair; catfish good on shrimp and minnows.

SOMERVILLE: Lake flooded, most boat ramps closed, a few fishermen are braving the conditions and bringing in some crappie and catfish.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear; normal level; 74 degrees; black bass good; no report for white bass and crappie; catfish good on Mr. Whisker's Cheese Bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear; one a half feet low; 63 degrees; black bass good on spinners and cranks; white bass good; crappie good at night on minnows; catfish good on worms and minnows.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 15 feet low; black bass good on topwaters, crank baits and spinners, also on live minnows; striped bass good; crappie slow; catfish good.

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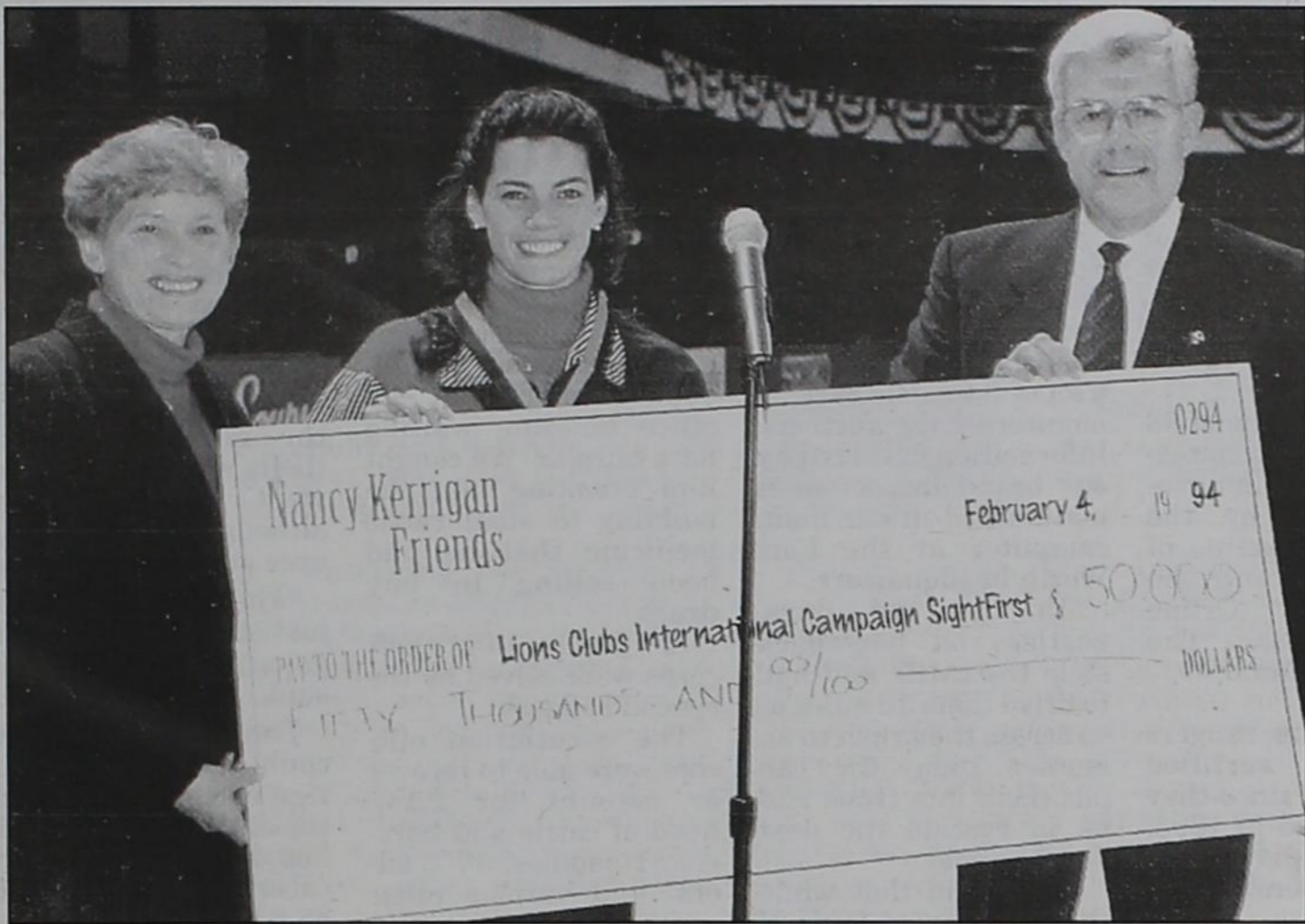
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Strong Thanksgiving sales bolster businesses

By DEBORAH ADAMSON
Los Angeles Daily News

LOS ANGELES — Sales were strong over the Thanksgiving weekend, bolstering retailers' hopes for the first substantial gains in holiday spending since 1990.

Los Angeles area retailers reported double-digit sales increases as shoppers left crowded malls with packages in hand.

"There was a bit of nervousness. You really didn't know what to expect," said Shawn Halimi, chief executive of the six-store L.A. Tronics chain based in Encino. "But this past weekend, consumers came out in full force and spent."

Sales are up by 15 percent," he said, and the cellular phone and consumer electronics chain is ordering more inventory to keep up with demand.

The holiday selling season, which begins the day after Thanksgiving and ends around Christmas, is the retailer's most important selling period, accounting for 40 percent of sales and about half of profits.

Across the nation last Friday, consumers spent 5.7 percent more on purchases paid by check than a year ago, reported TeleCheck Services Inc., a check acceptance firm in Houston that annually surveys 15,000 retailers.

In Los Angeles, shoppers spent above the national average, at 8.5 percent over a year ago. That compares with 12.5 percent in San Diego, 9.3 percent for the Bay Area and 9.5 percent for the state.

Specialty mall stores

had an overall sales gain of 9 percent on Nov. 25, according to a survey of 26 regional shopping centers in the country by the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group based in New York.

Jewelry sales ranked first, with a sales gain of 17 percent. Home furnishings followed with 16.6 percent and then cards and books by 12.2 percent.

For last Friday and Saturday, Visa U.S.A. in Foster City reported a 25 percent increase in credit card transactions to \$1.6 billion.

The increase in debt is not expected to dampen consumer spending next spring, said Richard Giss, partner in charge of retail at the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in Los Angeles. Consumers have learned to control their debt and likely will not overuse their credit cards, he said.

"It will be a value-driven holiday," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Consulting Group in Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Lancaster Factory Stores, which opened on Nov. 25, reached \$1 million in sales among its 38 factory-outlet stores in just three days. Developer Yehuda Netanel said about 55,000 people showed up for each of the three days.

At the Oxnard Factory Outlet, General Manager Jamie Barendrick said the number of cars parked at its lots doubled on Friday to 5,000 and increased by about 25 percent for the weekend.

"We anticipate that it will be our best

Christmas ever," said Barbara Teuscher, general manager of The Oaks shopping center in

the Los Angeles-area city of Thousand Oaks. "It was a great weekend, and everyone's looking

forward to a great season." Year-to-date sales are above 1993 by an estimated 30 percent.

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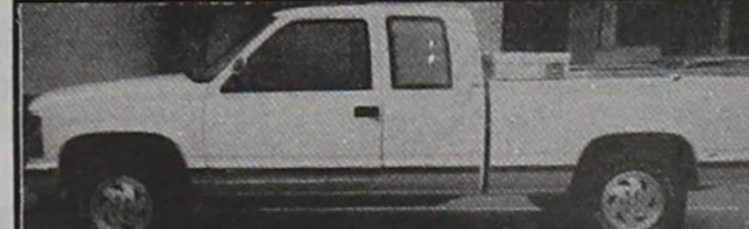
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Cattlemen say:

New law no deterrent to cattle rustling in Texas

By **RALPH WININGHAM**
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SAN ANTONIO — Many a captured cattle rustler in the Old West found justice was swift, coming at the end of a rope when pleas for mercy were answered by the phrase, "Hang 'em." No new trial, no appeal, no pardon.

Hangings are a thing of the past, but many ranchers throughout Texas and Oklahoma long for swift justice for rustlers.

It is difficult for these men and women to accept a change in the Texas penal code, effective

Sept. 1, that would rewrite the scene to have the rustler's sentence handed down with the order, "Probate 'em."

"The new law is not even a slap on the wrist for rustlers," said Steve Munday, a spokesman for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. "It is a green light for the decriminalization of that offense."

Under the new law, cattle thefts of \$1,500 to \$20,000 are designated as fourth-degree felonies, providing for mandatory probation if the offender did not use violence or a weapon

during the crime.

In the past, theft of livestock valued at \$1,500 was a third-degree felony carrying a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Robin Clark, one of 33 special rangers commissioned as law enforcement officers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Crime Bureau, says, "The crooks aren't dumb."

Although the rangers have been certified peace officers since they were organized in 1893, they are employees of the cattle raisers' association.

The size of each district covered by the special rangers, who have earned reputations similar to the Texas Rangers, Scotland Yard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is determined by the number of cattle, number of association members and square miles of each area.

Clark, 43, a former rancher at Uvalde, Texas, describes how rangers and ranchers attempt to keep tabs on livestock and ranch-related property thefts.

"Most of the thefts involve one or two head of cattle that they are stealing because they need money to buy drugs," said Clark, who covers nine South Texas

counties.

"It may not seem like much, but one or two head could be a big hit for a small-time rancher," Clark said. "We get a lot of the cattle back by monitoring the auctions. Information gathered by our brand inspectors is maintained in our main computer at the Fort Worth headquarters."

"In the old days, rustlers on horseback stole the cattle and had to drive them 10 miles or so across the brush to an auction. Today, they can put them in a truck and be in Florida the next day," he said.

Clark said that while the computer records of the 6 million head of cattle processed at 160 auction markets and terminals each year increase the chance of recovery, at least 30 percent of his cases remain unsolved.

"The tough ones are the cases where someone takes a calf, kills it and then eats it."

Clark is at home in his pickup, traveling to the far corners of his district, and on horseback, as he inspects cattle during roundups throughout the area.

Night patrols, stake-

outs and working closely with other law enforcement officers are all part of his job.

"Last January, I was on a stakeout with a deputy sheriff at an office building waiting for a burglar. We caught him breaking into the building to steal cattle medicine that he had been selling to buy drugs."

In 1993, 145 theft cases were solved by the special rangers.

The association officers were able to recover or account for 2,145 head of cattle and horses, 31 saddles, 17 trailers, and various other ranch property worth a total of about \$2.8 million. More than 476 years of prison time and probation sentences

were assessed against offenders. Restitution, fines, court costs and attorneys' fees topped \$865,000.

Clark said there has been a sharp increase in the number of cattle thefts since the new law went into effect, although he said no figures are available.

"The problems have just started, and they're going to get worse," he said.

The increase in cases could be an ominous sign in a state that leads the nation with 14.8 million head of cattle and calves valued at about \$8.8 billion.

"The cattle market is down right now, so it could be worse," Clark said.

Vegetable oil demand, export hopes lift grain

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City wheat futures and Chicago wheat, corn and soybean futures prices closed mostly higher Monday, reflecting rising worldwide demand for vegetable oil and expectations for more corn and wheat exports.

Forecasts for a cold week in U.S. livestock-producing areas also boosted the soybean and corn markets as dealers expected that the temperature drop would result in increased demand for feed.

Wheat futures rose on technical support and hopes for export business.

Following wheat's slide in recent sessions, traders said the market was due for a correction. Also, traders are hoping that Egypt soon will use its new allocation under the Export Enhancement Program to make a large purchase of subsidized U.S. wheat.

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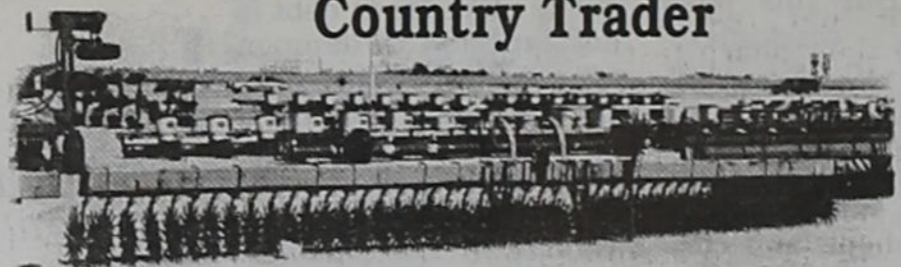
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Cotton rally of late proves somewhat unusual

The U.S. cotton market is highlighted by strong domestic and export demand, a bumper crop and prospects for a substantial increase in ending stocks next July. Besides, the world cotton crop is 10 million bales larger than last year and is projected to exceed consumption for the first time in two years.

Therefore, the market rally in October and the first half of November is unusual. Reasons for the rally are unclear. It may, in part, be uncertainty of general economic conditions and the possibility of larger than expected export sales. Also, large speculators have been on the buying side for several weeks.

The uncertainties concerning the harvest in China, their government policies affecting the farm price, textile mills and trade are regular news items. An important question is will they buy more than a million bales of 1994/95 U.S. cotton? As of November 10, China was committed to buy 614,500 bales from the U.S., with 301,900 bales already shipped. While the China cotton crop is much larger than last year, the Pakistan crop continues to deteriorate. Yet, major export nations are producing a 59 million bale crop, 6 million bales more than last year.

The U.S. crop continues to look large and has a good potential to be well above 19.0 million bales. It would take an 8 million bale export market to reach 19.0 million total use. That would be 800,000 bales



COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

over the November export projection of 7.2 million. At this time, the supply/demand reports have not indicated a surge in 1994/95 U.S. exports.

The cloudy market conditions suggest that growers need to pay careful attention to pricing cotton. With the 1994/95 cotton supplies increasing and the likelihood of a further increase in 1995/96 supplies worldwide, there is real danger of a substantial price drop somewhere down the road. In time, the adjustment in market forces could come in lower prices or possibly lower supplies that would support the higher prices.

The opportunity to start pricing 1995/96 crop cotton is available! Surprisingly, prices can already be "locked in" that are within 5 cents per pound of prices for the 1994/95 crop.

You control how and when you price your cotton. The key is to use the appropriate pricing tools to reduce downside risk exposure. The price strategy you select determines if you can benefit from possible price increases later on. A forward contract locks-in a price. Contracts may specify "gin-direct" or through a local warehouse. It is important to understand details of the contract and what your net price received will be after quality adjustments, delivery dates, and delivery charges.

For 1995/96 crop cotton be sure you have beneficial interest. The adjusted world price (AWP) may go below the 51.92 cent loan and trigger marketing loan deficiency payments next season.

A minimum price contract is a regular contract combined with a call option. This allows benefits from a price increase above cost of premium and commission of call option.

A put option protects against a price decrease. Option premiums for December 95 cotton in November were at a low cost of about 3.5 cents per pound for a strike price at-the-money. Also, a "synthetic put" could be used where a short December 95 position is combined with a call option. Sometimes the call premium is less than that for a put.

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

Campbell's soup takes big plunge into salsa

By GLENN COLLINS

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Mmm-mmm spicy! Campbell Soup Co., synonymous with the all-American kitchen for 125 years, said Monday it would join the nation's torrid salsa craze, acquiring Pace Foods Ltd. of San Antonio, the world's largest producer of Mexican sauces, for \$1.115 billion.

Salsas, those spicy mixtures of jalapeno peppers, tomatoes, onion and garlic, have overtaken ketchup in retail dollar sales, thanks to their high markup, analysts said, though Americans still consume more pounds of ketchup.

Mexican sauce sales have grown at an annual rate of 13 percent since 1988 to \$800 million in grocery store, club store and restaurant sales. Thanks to their sharp taste and low fat count, the fast-growing Mexican sauces have been appearing on everything from pizzas to bagels.

The price was high. Campbell, which pursued the privately held Pace for years, will have to borrow to buy the company, and the selling price is five times sales and more than 20 times operating earnings before income and taxes.

Moody's Investors Service placed Campbell's Aa2 rating for senior unsecured debt under review for a possible downgrade; Moody's cited not only the increase in debt but also "the strategic logic of this acquisition."

"It's a sensible enough deal from a strategic perspective, albeit an expensive one," said Les Pugh, an analyst with Salomon Brothers.

In the last decade, he said, "most major transactions in the industry have taken place at 11 to 12 times EBIT and at two times sales."

Campbell's stock closed at \$43.75 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, unchanged from Friday.

Despite the Pace sale price, some analysts applauded the synergies of the acquisition. "They are paying a premium for a business that has expe-

rienced very fast growth, and this is an excellent deal," said Terry Bivens, an analyst with Argus Research.

"Pace is a great fit with Campbell, and it will have the benefits of Campbell's superb distribution system."

Campbell said the acquisition was expected to dilute the company's per-share earnings by about 7 cents.

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