



Happy Thanksgiving

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By Don Nelson

Dimmitt's First Lady, Darlene Collins, is a teacher.

Since you're never too old to learn, I've asked her to teach us a lesson by retelling a story she told to Verbie and me years ago.

In her own words:

"Several years ago Wayne and I visited our son, Joe, and his wife, Laura, while he was stationed at the Marine base at Camp Lejeune. We had the opportunity to see the restorations that have been made at Williamsburg, Va.

"The original House of Burgesses was open, and was a very impressive place.

"The House of Burgesses is where the governing body of the Colony of Virginia met to determine the direction that the colony would move.

"I had ventured off on my own, and as I went into the building it was lit only by the sunlight coming in through the windows. The dark

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Santa's mailbag ready for filling

Santa's mailbag is empty, and he's counting on Castro County kids to fill it up soon.

Santa letters are now being accepted by the News for our Dec. 22 Christmas issue. Letters must be submitted to the News no later than Dec. 9. Most area teachers will use the letters for writing assignments, but letters may also be sent directly to the News at PO Box 67 or to 108 W. Bedford.

All letters will be forwarded to Santa, and will be published Dec. 22.

Dec. 9 is also the deadline for persons to make donations to Community Christmas Cards in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Weather

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Thursday	58	31	
Friday	57	20	
Saturday	61	21	.04
Sunday	58	29	
Monday	60	24	
Tuesday	58	24	

November Moisture78
1994 Moisture 19.86

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

Thanksgiving 1994



Gregg and Lynn Sides always enjoyed the mountains and lakes, but his work didn't allow much time for it. So when they built their new farm home in the Bethel community two years ago, they also built a 1.3-acre lake of their own just behind the back yard, and molded a hill with the scooped-out soil. The lake (complete with an island in the middle) attracts lots of waterfowl this time of year, and during the summer the family

enjoys paddle-boating, jet-skiing, scuba-diving and fishing for bass, crappie, catfish and bluegill perch. Here, atop the family hill, Sides holds his 1-year-old son, Clayton, while helping daughter Kate, 5, and son Ben, 3, spot a flight of cranes nearby. They're thankful to be living in a land where a young family can build their own dream.

Photo by Don Nelson

Matthews hires Robertson for investigation

Former County Commissioner Jeff Robertson is still working for the county, serving as an investigator for County District Attorney Jerry Matthews on a case that should extend through the year.

Robertson was maintained as a county employee so he may be eligible for retirement. Robertson was 45 days short of retirement when his replacement, Bay Baldrige, was sworn in after winning the special commissioner's election on Nov. 8. Baldrige took office on Nov. 15.

"Jeff has 9 years, 10 months and 45 days of service to the county," Matthews said Monday. "Whether you agree or disagree with everything he has done, I can't see someone lose what they have been working on over 45 days."

Robertson is working on an active case in the DA's office that involves a county family. Robertson was interviewing workers with Child Protective Services on Monday, Matthews said. The DA said the case would probably not be

wrapped up by Dec. 31, when Robertson's work is supposed to end.

Matthews said Robertson is being paid out of the DA's office hot check fund. The fund holds money paid by hot check writers who have cases filed against them by Matthews.

"His pay is very minimal. We're talking like \$100 a week," Matthews said. Robertson had been making \$14,000 a year as a county commissioner. The county pays 8% of an employee's salary toward

their retirement. Employees may match part or all of that amount. The county recently changed retirement rules so that employees are "vested" after eight years instead of 10 under the current rules. The eight-year rule doesn't take effect until Jan. 1.

"I tried to get the change in office put off until Jan. 1 so that Jeff could be eligible for retirement," Matthews said Monday. "I don't feel someone should lose their retirement over 45 days. I guarantee

you if something like that happened in the private sector, they would sue.

"He's qualified to get his retirement, he's just lacking 45 days. There needs to be some kind of decency in government, even county government. If people are going to give me heat over this, that's okay, because I can sleep at night. The criminals of Castro County are paying for this. I would just like to treat people in a decent manner like I would hope to be treated."

Cleavinger, Griffitt named top firemen

Dimmitt Fire Chief Randy Griffitt and Assistant Chief Tommy Cleavinger have been named co-winners of the 1994 'Fireman of the Year' award.

The two were recognized at the Dimmitt Fire Dept.'s annual banquet on Nov. 15.

Dimmitt City Councilman Don Sheffy and County Judge Polly Simpson presented the awards to Cleavinger and Griffitt.

Griffitt has been a member of the Dimmitt Fire Dept. for almost 20 years and Cleavinger has volunteered for 19. Both are instructors at the Canyon Fire School and are emergency medical technicians. Griffitt has been fire chief for 11 years and Cleavinger has been his assistant for eight years.

The winners were selected from their contribution to the department—the number of fires they helped with during the year, other projects they worked on, etc.

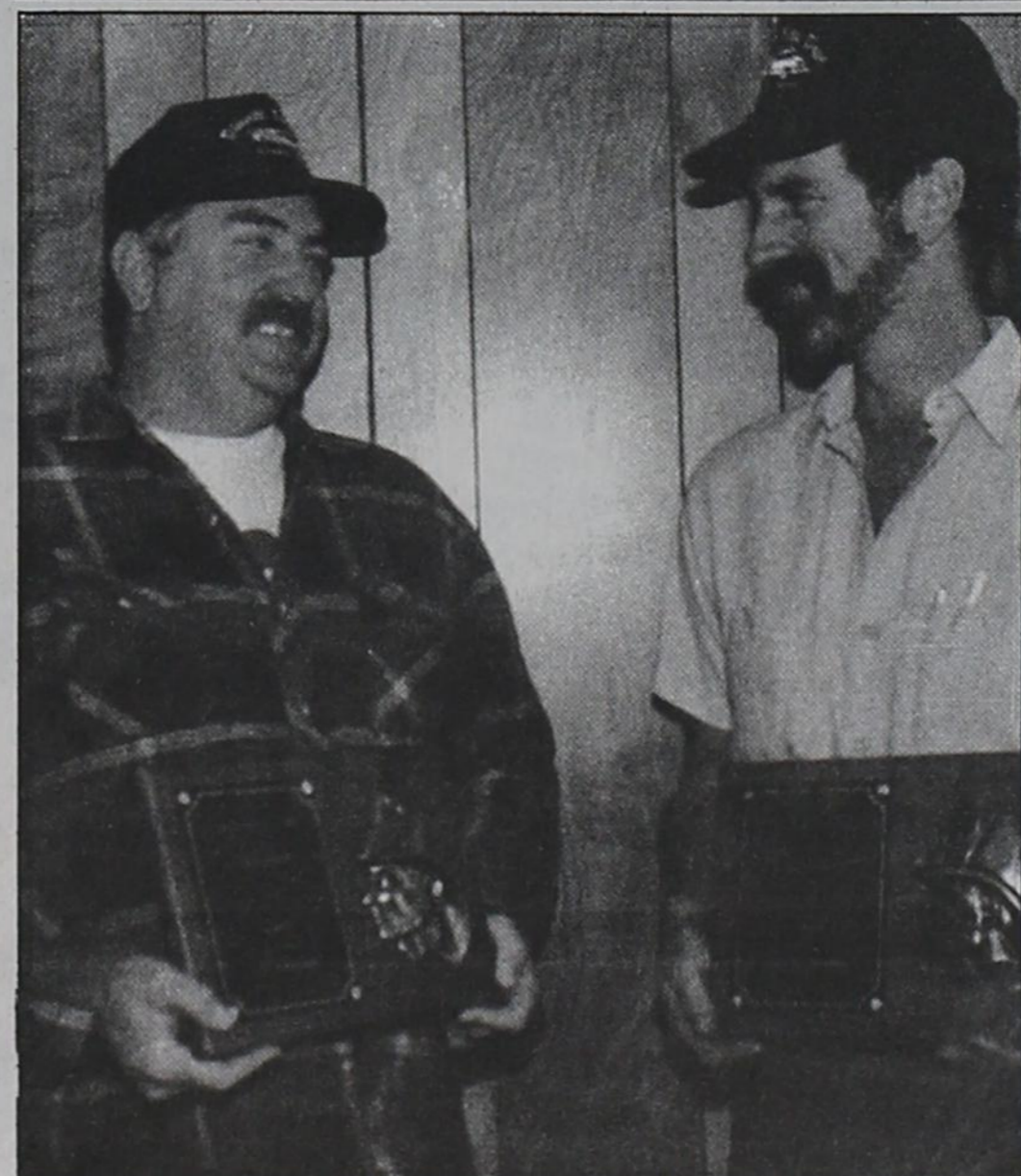
In addition to the 'Firemen of the Year' awards, service awards were presented to several firemen including Randall Small, 25 years; Lynn West, 20 years; Niel Christian, 15 years; and John Kovacs, 10 years.

The banquet was well attended by several local dignitaries, including city and county officials and several special guests.

Many retired firemen and their families attended, including one from Big Spring, who traveled to Dimmitt just for the banquet.

In addition to the top award winners, firemen also recognized employers who allowed their workers time off from their jobs to serve as volunteer firemen. Also recognized was County Judge Polly Simpson for her support through her years in office. Firemen also thanked city and county officials for their continued support.

The dinner was catered by the Methodist Men.



1994 FIREMEN OF THE YEAR
... Randy Griffitt (left) and Tommy Cleavinger

Photo by Anne Acker

Hospital will observe week

Home health care is getting a big push this week at Plains Memorial Hospital during the next week as they join World Home Care Week, Nov. 27-Dec. 3.

PMH's home health service offers skilled nursing care and assistance from home health aides throughout the county. It is part of a medical care plan providing needed health care and supportive services to a sick or disabled person at home. It can be a great alternative to hospital or nursing home care. Service is provided only with orders from a doctor.

Patti Kern, RN, is the director of the PMH program. Staff nurses are Shelly Rice, RN; Cindy Rohrbach, RN, and Bonnie Cobb, LVN. Nurses aides are Santos Mireles and Mary Braddock. Among the six women, they have over 40 years experience in home health care.

Physical therapy is available, with the initial consultation provided by a home health agency nurse. It is provided by a contracted company.

The skilled nursing care includes

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Obituaries

Nell Baumann

Nell Baumann, 67, of Perryton, died Sunday.

Services were scheduled Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Perryton with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be held in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc.

Mrs. Baumann was born in Dimmitt and moved to the Perryton area in 1927 from Canyon. She married Bruce Baumann in 1948 at Canyon. She taught in the Perryton schools in 1949-50. She retired from the dry cleaning business in 1980, and she and her husband had owned a drapery sales business.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School and served on many committees. She was a member and treasurer of Ochiltree County Senior Citizens Association and belonged to the Golden Spread Antique Machinery Association.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Sherron Brown of Anson and Cynthia Symons of Winnsboro, La.; two sons, Danny Baumann of Sallisaw, Okla., and David Baumann of Lubbock; two brothers, R.M. Lathem of Fort Pierre, Okla., and W.G. Lathem of Bee Branch, Ariz.; and 12 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Ochiltree County Senior Citizens Association.

and Juan A. Granado of Dimmitt; four daughters, Juanita Cox and Martina Bradford, both of Momence, Yolanda Villegas of Pearsall and Maria Luz Salzar of San Diego; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Flora Grace Jouett

Flora Grace Jouett, 65, of Dimmitt, died Nov. 16 in San Angelo.

Services were Saturday in Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with Roy Barringer officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Jouett was born June 7, 1929 in Denton County. She married Milfred E. Jouett on July 12, 1950 in Denton. He died Aug. 30, 1981. She moved to Dimmitt from San Angelo in 1984. She was a beautician, a member of the First Christian Church and the VFW Auxiliary in Dimmitt.

Survivors include three daughters, Diana Schumacher and Elizabeth Roberts of San Angelo and Wanda Jouett of Elfrida, Ariz.; two sons, Greg Jouett of Germany and Zack Jouett of San Angelo; two sisters, Joyce Hazlewood of Lewisville and Frances Akers of Fort Worth; two brothers, Billy Frank Stine of Plano and Spencer Stine of Sherman; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Zack Jouett, Greg Jouett, William Fowler, Preston Harrison, Johnny Service and Stan Menges.

Rosa Lee Thames

Rosa Lee Eleanor Thames, 68, of Hereford died Friday.

Services were Monday in First Presbyterian Church in Hereford with the Rev. Don Shepherd, pastor, officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thames was born in Sinnamonahoning, Pa. She moved to Hereford from Le Roy, N.Y., in 1942. She married Carroll Truett Thames in 1946 in Hereford. She had lived in Plainview, Littlefield and Kingsville before returning to Hereford in 1962. She worked at First National Bank from 1966 to 1979 and at Hereford Senior Citizens from 1980 to 1991. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Le Roy.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Gary Lee Thames of Taylor, Mich.; two daughters, Linda Gail Williams of Hereford and Cathy Lynn Thames of Dimmitt; her mother, Catharine Enfield of Hereford; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Senior Citizens, Crown of Texas Hospice or a favorite charity.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police are investigating a report that someone pointed a gun at a Dimmitt man on Thursday at a residence in west Dimmitt.

The 20-year-old man said someone pointed a firearm at him at a house in the 1000 block of W. Stinson about 11 p.m. Thursday.

Other reports include:
-Two incidents of criminal mischief at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

-Family violence assault in the 200 block of NE Fifth on Friday.

-One juvenile assaulted another Friday in the 100 block of NE Second.

-Two bicycles were taken from a house in the 200 block of NW 12th on Saturday.

-Driving while intoxicated, public intoxication and disorderly conduct in the 100 block of W. Jones on Saturday.

-Driving while intoxicated in the 300 block of W. Halsell on Saturday.

-A street light in the 100 block of NW 11th shot out with a BB gun.

-Criminal mischief Sunday at Dimmitt High School.

-Public intoxication Sunday in the 300 block of NW 10th.

-Driving while intoxicated in the 200 block of SE Fourth on Sunday.

Thank you for reading The Castro County News!

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Bautista Dominguez

Bautista "El Tio" Dominguez, 65, of Dimmitt, died Nov. 16.

Services were Thursday in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Dominguez was born Dec. 23, 1928 in Stanton. He married Francis Castaneda on May 30, 1993 in Dimmitt. He was a Catholic. He was an elevator operator.

He was preceded in death by a son, Arturo Lara, in 1978.

Survivors include his wife; seven sons, Juan Lara, Daniel Lara, Francisco Lara, Victor Lara, Carlos Lara, Gerardo Lara and Anselmo Lara, all of Uvalde; four daughters, Sanjuana Moreno, Luz Gutierrez, Mary Bustos and Eudulia Veles, all of Uvalde; three brothers, Luiz Jaime of Midland and Tomas Jaime and Jesus Jaime, both of Mexico; five sisters, Elena Vallez, Maria Ibarra, Grabiela Vallez and Aurelia Lopes, all of Mexico, and Isidra Reyna of Stanton; 39 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Aurelia H. Enriquez

Aurelia H. Enriquez, 92, of Brownsville, died Nov. 15.

Services were Saturday at St. Luke Catholic Church with burial at Villa Nueva Cemetery by Trevino Funeral Home.

Mrs. Enriquez was born in San Fernando, Tamps., Mexico. She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan; a daughter, Juanita E. Paz; a son, Raul H. Enriquez; a brother; three sisters; and two grandsons.

Survivors include two sons, Rafael H. Enriquez of Dimmitt and Reyes H. Enriquez of Brownsville; two sisters, Josefina Delgado of San Pedro and Manuela Hinojosa of Pharr; 35 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Juan Granado

Services for Juan Granado, 80, of Momence, Ill. were held Saturday, Nov. 12 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Momence with Rev. Philip Deder and the Rev. Anthony Taschetta officiating.

Burial followed in the church's cemetery.

Rosary was recited Friday, Nov. 11.

Mr. Granado died on Nov. 10 at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Ill.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1914, in Pearsall to Antonio and Concepcion Granado. He married Marcella Arredondo on Nov. 6, 1939, in San Diego. He had been employed by Van Drunen Farms in Momence. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Momence.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild, a great-grandchild and a brother.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lupe Granado of Momence



*C*ome, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of Harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.

—Henry Alford (1810-1871)

We join our voices with yours in appreciation of the bounty we enjoy, and add our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the kindness and support you've given us through the year. We will be closed Thursday so our employees may enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. May your Thanksgiving be a joyous one!

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Agriculture recognized during National Farm-City Week

Agriculture is one of the most important industries in Texas and the United States and many businesses, financial institutions and individuals are involved in providing supplies, credit and services to farmers and ranchers.

To recognize this contribution that agriculture makes to the United States and its interdependence with urban communities, National Farm-City Week is being celebrated Nov. 18-24. The Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Agricultural Extension Service are taking part in activities in Texas.

"With an increasing demand for food and fiber worldwide, and because of the importance of agricultural exports to this nation's trade balance, agriculture is destined to play an even greater role in the future," said J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent.

Cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings and agriculturally-related activities in Texas totaled \$14.1 billion in 1993, up from \$12.6 billion in 1992. Texas remains in second place behind California in farm receipts.

"A large area of productive soils and excellent export and transportation facilities favor farming and

ranching operations in Texas," said Ragland.

Texas ranks first in sales of cattle, calves, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and cotton. It also is first in the value of real estate, the number of farms and ranches and the amount of farm and ranch land.

Agriculture ranks second only to the petroleum industry in the production of raw materials.

"It is an extremely important industry," he said. "In many regions of the state, it is a mainstay of the economy and agriculture supplies the food and fiber that nurtures major metropolitan areas."

Farm assets in Texas, which include land, buildings, livestock, machinery, crops and livestock on hand, and financial assets, are estimated at \$74 billion. The average farm size now is 703 acres. In 1950, (the earliest year for which figures are available), the average farm size was only 435 acres.

Commercial farms with sales of more than \$100,000 account for 9% of the 185,000 farms in Texas, but generate about 80% of the total sales.

"That's not to discount the contribution of small farms," Ragland said. "Small farms are important, and provide residents in a rural area with the opportunity to grow crops and raise livestock."

Today, the average United States consumer spends about 11% of their income on food, compared with 17.5% in 1960 (the earliest year for which these figures are available).

"The efficiency of food production and a competitive food industry provides consumers with quality food at a reasonable cost," Ragland added.



STATE DELEGATES—Pat Bagley (left) and Mary Emma Matthews, both of Dimmitt, attended the national Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) convention in Montgomery, Ala., on Nov. 9-12. Bagley is president of the Dimmitt chapter of WIFE and Matthews serves as the Texas president of the organization. *Courtesy Photo*

Sheppard re-elected as national WIFE president

Mary Ann Sheppard of Shorter, Ala., was re-elected as national president of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) during the organization's annual meeting in Alabama Nov. 9-12.

Other 1995 officers elected are Jenifer Felzien of Colorado, first vice president; Sheila Massey of New Mexico, second vice president; Marlene Kouba of North Dakota, recording secretary; and Nancy Spiegel of Kansas, treasurer. Area directors include Phyllis Howatt of North Dakota, Luella Stevens of Nebraska and Chris Peel of Alabama.

"Although there are fewer farmers, those remaining continue to provide a plentiful supply of safe, affordable food for the United States and the world," said Sheppard. "WIFE supports the continuation of the 1990 Farm Bill with minor changes. We support increasing the loan and target prices to reflect the cost of production plus a profit."

Top priorities chosen by the WIFE delegation for the coming year are the 1995 Farm Bill and private property rights.

Congressman Terry Everett, US Representative from the Alabama Second Congressional District, gave the keynote address following the presentation of colors by the Alabama National Guard.

ASCS programs for 1995 were explained to the convention delegates by Daniel Robinson from the Alabama State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Bill Moody of Stewards of Family Farms, Ranches and Forests, addressed delegates with the challenge, "Dare to defend your private property rights."

Washington lobbyist Richard Fifield of the Alabama Farmers Federation presented an outlook on the 1995 Farm Bill. He encouraged WIFE members to educate newly-

elected legislators in congress with the concept of the "real agriculture story."

Risk management and the crop insurance issue were the topics of Theresa Wallace of Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

Dr. John Wheat, associate professor of behavioral and community medicine, conducted a workshop on rural health. Dr. Wheat initiated the Rural Health Scholars Program at the University of Alabama.

WIFE delegates and husbands took a tour of several agricultural businesses in Alabama.

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Farm show set in Amarillo Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Many Castro County residents will be involved in one of the largest ag-related activities in the Southwest next week at the 10th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Over 825 booths will be set up to display goods and services that can benefit the ag industry.

Several local dealers will be at this year's show to display their products to the over 30,000 people who are expected to attend. Farmers and ranchers come from throughout the region to view tractors, combines, tillage equipment, livestock supplies, seed and irrigation equipment, and much more.

The exposition is almost 30% larger this year with an expansion of a 20,000-sq. ft. climate-controlled, temporary outdoor pavilion which will accommodate nearly 100 new exhibits. Admission to the three-day event is free.

Several major agricultural meetings, including the Texas Wheat Producers Association, American Ostrich Association, Texas Corn Producers Board, the Panhandle Farm Management Symposium, the Greater West Texas Angus Association, the West Texas A&M Animal Waste Management Program and the Texas Emu Association will hold meetings during the three days.

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People



THEN AND NOW—Toney and Mary Gerber will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Saturday with an open house at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. Friends and relatives of the couple are in-

vited to attend. The picture on the left is the couple's wedding photo and the one on the right was taken recently.

Courtesy Photos

Gerbers to celebrate 65th anniversary

Toney and Mary Gerber of Nazareth will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a mass at Holy Family Church in Nazareth and an open house reception at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center on Saturday. The open house will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and friends and relatives are invited to attend. The mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. The Gerbers have eight children, 29 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. The reception will be hosted by the couple's children, including Francis Gerber, Vincent Gerber, and Regina Hoelting, all of Nazareth; Edmund Gerber of

Ruidoso, N.M.; Jerome Gerber of Carlsbad, N.M.; Norbert Gerber of Woodward, Okla.; and Dennis Gerber of Childress. Toney Gerber married the former Mary Schmucker on Nov. 26, 1929, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth. The couple still lives in the same two-story farm home they've lived in all their married life. It's located two miles south and 1-1/4 miles west of Nazareth. Both grew up in Nazareth. She was born on Sept. 13, 1910, in Nazareth and he was born June 25, 1905, in Okarche, Okla.

Couple establishes home in Lubbock after wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Mendoza Jr. will be home in Lubbock after Dec. 17.

The couple exchanged wedding vows Nov. 5 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Johnny Robertson officiating.

The bride is the former Jamie Alexis Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Baker of Dimmitt and the granddaughter of Juanita Bruegel of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Baker of Birmingham, Ala. Parents of the groom are Francisco and Lucia Mendoza of Dimmitt.

The windows of the church were decorated with ivory candles, ivory tulle bows and English ivy. The pews were adorned with ivory tulle bows. The altar was decorated with tulle puffs, ivory bows and ivory magnolias. The Communion table held an arrangement of red roses, calla lilies and gladiolas. Schifelera trees and three tiers of candelabras flanked the altar.

Pianist was Dwight Joiner, longtime friend of the bride. Rebecca Galaviz of Fort Worth sang *Ave Maria* and *In This Room*.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a candlelight silk dress fashioned with a scalloped sweetheart neckline and hand-beaded bodice with leg-of-mutton sleeves. A bow accented the back waistline. The skirt flowed into a cathedral-length train and the hemline was finished with scalloped lace and beads.

She wore a headpiece of candlelight silk rosettes and tulle which swept to a cathedral length. She carried a bouquet of red roses, calla lilies, stephanotis and English ivy.

For "something old," she wore her father's wedding band. "Something new" were a gold bracelet which was a gift from the groom's mother, and her wedding gown. She "borrowed" a sixpence minted in the year of her birth and carried a handkerchief belonging to her sister. She also wore a traditional "blue" garter.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Tori Baker. She wore a hunter green taffeta dress with a velvet bodice and scalloped neckline. The dress was made with a keyhole back and elbow-length sleeves. She carried an arm bouquet of red roses, calla lilies and stephanotis.

Best man was Enrique Garza of Fort Worth, longtime friend of the groom.

The groom and best man wore black tuxedos accented with hunter green cummerbunds, and boutonnières of red roses and stephanotis.

Ring bearer was Monica Dozal of Dimmitt, niece of the groom.

Megan Green of Lubbock was the flower girl.

Justin Reeves of Lubbock lighted candles.

Ushers were Chad Killingsworth and Jon Bruegel, both of Lubbock, and Mark Bruegel of Dimmitt.

The flower girl and ring bearer wore hunter green taffeta pinafore dresses accented with ivory



MRS. FRANCISCO MENDOZA JR. ... nee Jamie Alexis Baker

pantaloons. They wore halos of silk ivory roses and babies' breath.

A reception honoring the newlyweds was held in the church's fellowship hall. The entry into the reception area was decorated with lattice work and greenery.

The bride's table was decorated with crystal, brass, tulle, greenery and candles. It held the bride's four-tiered staggered Italian cream cake which was decorated with calla lilies and white roses. Ivory tulle and greenery was entwined with the flowers. Mock champagne was served to guests.

The groom's table was decorated with brass appointments and guests were served hot spiced tea and hors d'oeuvres.

The children's table was accented with ivory tulle, crystal and Dream-sicle Angels. Angel cookies were served.

Serving at the bride's and groom's tables were Whitney Bruegel of Amarillo, Michelle Hardee of College Station, Sharla Jackson of Plainview and Lorraine Mendoza of Dimmitt.

For her traveling attire, the bride wore a navy linen jumper with an ivory silk blouse.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She will graduate in December from Texas Wesleyan University with a bachelor of science degree in social science. She will attend graduate school at Texas Tech University next fall.

The groom graduated from Springlake-Earth High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology from Texas Tech University. He is employed by High Tech at Texas Tech and will begin his graduate work in computer science in the spring.

Prior to the wedding, the bride was honored with a lingerie shower and luncheon at the Hereford Country Club. It was hosted by her sister and 23 guests attended.

The groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner at K-Bob's where the couple was toasted with a bottle of wine from the bride's maternal grandfather's village in Germany.

Breast cancer screening to be offered here Dec. 19

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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The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40.

Wedding shower fetes Mendoza

Jamie Baker Mendoza, bride of Frank Mendoza, was honored with a wedding shower in the home of Jan Baca in Dimmitt.

The serving table was covered with a mauve cloth and ecru lace overlay with crystal and silver appointments. The centerpiece was of mauve roses.

Guests were served miniature muffins, fall fruits with apple dip, sausage balls and cheese with coffee and almond tea.

The 42 hostesses presented Jamie with a breakfast table and chairs.

Out-of-town guests included Heidi Cox of Fort Worth, Stacy Stahl, Deena Richards of Canyon and Janet Brigrance of Hereford and Becky Schroeder of Muleshoe.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Nov. 24 to Dec. 2.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No School!

MONDAY: Choices of *chicken fried steak, Italian spaghetti or fruit and cheese plate; *mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or chilled, canned fruit; crackers, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, banana or orange; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of toasted cheese sandwich with a bowl of chili, hard taco or barbecue on a bun; *potato wedges, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; *hot wheat rolls, combread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *oven-fried chicken, cheese enchiladas or salad plate; refried beans, haystack finger salad or curly q's; *tossed salad with dressing, broccoli and cauliflower salad or gelatin with fruit; *flour tortilla or chips, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; or *milk, punch or tea.

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.

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

HART

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No School!

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, variety of cobble and milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or ham and cheese sandwich, tomatoes, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchilada casserole (elementary), enchiladas or burritos, salad, corn, pudding and milk.

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.

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

NAZARETH

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No School!

MONDAY: Soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, green beans, fruit salad and milk.

TUESDAY: Baked potatoes, chili, cheese, broccoli, pineapple, bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Tater tot casserole, tossed salad, sopapillas, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, cauliflower, pears and milk.

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

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HERE HE COMES!—Santa Claus is greeted by happy children as he is escorted by Dimmitt firefighter Chas Humphrey as he prepares to meet a big crowd Thursday at the gazebo in Centennial Plaza in Dimmitt. A large crowd joined in caroling, visiting with Santa and shopping for specials at the annual Santa's Open House at stores throughout Dimmitt. The evening was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by John Brooks

RES recognizes top third graders

Second six weeks awards were presented recently to third graders at Richardson Elementary School. Students receiving an award were on the honor roll or were dubbed as good citizens, hard workers or top spellers by their teachers. Here is a list of the award winners:

AXTELL'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Shayla Kenworthy, Matthew Sanders, Kami Sanders and Alicia Heard.
Best Citizens: Matthew Sanders, Samuel Cavazos and Veronica Agüero.
Hardest Workers: Vanessa Gonzales, Kami Sanders, Matthew Sanders, Joel Puente, Cavazos, Eva Paiz, Eric Ward and Adrianna Arcos.
Top Spellers: Matthew Sanders, Kami Sanders and Shayla Kenworthy.

KOCH'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Erica Abrego and Shantell Self.
Best Citizen: Shae Odom.
Hardest Workers: Jared Griffitt and Sarah Silva.
Top Spellers: Abrego, Larry Adams, Jimmy Armstrong, Michelle Barrera and Self.

NUTT'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Nancy Paz and Susie Limas.
Best Citizen: Delia Arredondo.
Hardest Workers: Osiel Rodriguez and Maria Reyes.
Top Spellers: Lizbeth Gonzales, Arredondo, Angel Melendez and Nancy Paz.

MERRITT'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Christy Morgan and

Tyler Myatt.
Best Citizen: Morgan.
Hardest Workers: Morgan, Brenda Ramirez, Marcela Salinas, Nicky Gauna, Jorge Martinez and Myatt.
Top Spellers: Cynthia Barrera, Deidre Perez, Ramirez, Gauna, Rey Medrano and Myatt.

BAIN'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Christina Campos, Heather Hargrove, Angelica Lara, Kris Lindsey and Katy Louder.
Best Citizens: Angela Gomez, Adam Wright, Lara, Campos and Adam Saucedo.
Hardest Workers: Lindsey, Lara and Campos.
Top Spellers: Lara and Campos.

GLIDEWELL'S ROOM
Honor Roll: Sheena Ehly, Todd Jansa, Amy Laurent, Justina Navarro, Daniel Rodriguez and Lori Sifuentes.
Best Citizens: Sifuentes, Maggie Lopez, Laurent, Jansa and Ehly.
Hardest Workers: Jake Wright and Mark Goode.
Top Spellers: Ehly, Wright, Daniel Corrales, Lopez and Goode.

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Presbyterian Church
 New elders to serve on the Session elected at the congregational meeting on Sunday were Joan Craig and Steven Hoggard. Sal DiCuffa was elected to the board of trustees. Sunday is Advent Sunday. Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. "The Righteous Branch Brings Hope" will be the theme of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's advent sermon at the Sunday morning service, which will begin at 11. The "hanging of the greens" will follow the Sunday morning worship service.

"Restoring God's Community of Men and Women is in Sharing Power" from Mark 2:25-34, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

There will be a special meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery next Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. at Westminster Church in Lubbock.

Ministerial Alliance
 Ron Redding will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a

study of Hebrews 12:1-29 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lee Street Baptist Church.

Holy Family Church
 Holy Family Church in Nazareth is planning a Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec. 18, and Monday, Dec. 19. Both performances are slated to begin at 8 p.m.

Practices will begin on Friday at 6:30 p.m. for those portraying Mary and Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Zachary, Simeon, Elizabeth and the Child Jesus.

Rodriguez finishes sergeant's courses
 Army Staff Sgt. Richard Rodriguez of Dimmitt has completed a nine-week drill sergeant course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

Rodriguez is the son of Enrique and Felipa Rodriguez of Dimmitt. He is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

The course is designed to provide students with the information and training techniques that drill sergeants will be required to teach initial entry trainees. Included in the curriculum are drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, weapons training, and instruction on leadership and counseling applicable to the initial trainee environment.



Out of Town
 John and Kelli Smith of Plainview are the parents of a baby girl, Kynzee Blair Smith, who was born at 6:28 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Kynzee weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Robert and Norma Smith of Dimmitt and Dewey and Pat Hukill of Olton.

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 Genesis 27:41-45

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Sports



Blocked PAT ends Swifts' playoff run

By SCOTT BROCKMAN
The Nazareth Swifts experienced the thrill of an exciting, last-minute victory and the agony of a last-minute defeat within a week, and the latter shattered the team's hopes of advancing to regional for the first time in school history.

It was just last week when the Nazareth Swifts celebrated a huge come-from-behind bi-district win with their fans while their opponents, the Shamrock Irish and their fans stood 10 yards away, mourning their team's demise despite holding a 28-point lead in the first half.

The Swifts found out how those Shamrock players and fans must have felt this week.

The Swifts and their fans stood by in stunned silence as Kress players and fans celebrated a 14-13 area win at Younger Field in Tulia Friday night.

Nazareth scored with 33 seconds left to pull within a point of the Kangaroos, 14-13, and still had a shot at an extra point or two-point conversion. The Swifts were ahead in the first tie-breaker, penetrations, 3-2. The extra point would virtually seal a Swift win with such a short time left.

Since the Swifts were ahead on penetrations, Nazareth Coach Rick Price decided to go for the PAT kick. Holder Scott Brockman bobbled the ball and when he went to put it on the tee, the tee flipped over. Brockman put the ball on the opposite side, and kicker Cody Annen got off what looked like a good kick straight up the middle. But it wasn't meant to be.

Kress' Robert Noriega and Cody Barrett broke through the Swift line and got a partial block on the kick, altering the ball's progress just enough that the kick was short.

That play gave Kress the area championship and the right to advance to regional against the defending state champion Sudan Hornets this week.

"It just wasn't meant to be," said Price. "We played hard and never gave up. We should have stopped them before the half and a couple of penalties hurt us in the third quarter. There are a lot of ifs about this game, though."

Nazareth ended its season with an 8-3 mark as bi-district champions for the first time since 1984.

Nazareth won the statistics battle everywhere but where it counted—the scoreboard.

The Swifts had the Kangaroos beat on first downs, 15-8; and in total offensive yards, 241-191. Nazareth had fewer yards in penalties and had a better punt average.

Nazareth started off slow, just like it did against Shamrock, and this time the Swifts couldn't recover. Kress gained most of its yards in the first half behind the running of Toby Tomsu, who scored both Kangaroo touchdowns in the second quarter and finished the game with 117 yards rushing. Kress finished with 191 yards, with 163 of those yards coming on the ground.

The Nazareth defense stymied Tomsu and the Kangaroo offense in the second half, though. Nazareth had four players with eight tackles including Jaret Schulte, Ron Backus, Jon Johnson and Coby Schacher.

The Nazareth offense had a big second-half advantage in time of possession, but only managed to score six points. Kress only ran nine offensive plays in the half.

Jon Johnson led the 188-yard ground attack by gaining 122 yards on 18 carries. Gaylon Schilling threw for 53 yards on a 6-of-10 performance.

The Swifts won the toss and deferred the opening kickoff to Kress. Neither team could move the ball and the first quarter ended in a stalemate after several punts.

Kress started its first scoring drive late in the opening stanza, and capped it off on the first play of the second quarter when Tomsu broke free and was off to the races for a 56-yard touchdown. Danny Moya booted the extra point for a 7-0 Kress lead.

The Swifts answered that touchdown with one of their own a short time later.



ALMOST! Nazareth's Colby Pohlmeier reaches out for a pass from quarterback Gaylon Schilling, but can't hold onto the ball and it falls incomplete during third-quarter action Friday in Tulia. The pass was the Swifts' last shot at a first down on a fourth-and-23 play from the Kress 32-yard line in third-quarter action of the Class A Area playoff.

Johnson found daylight and raced 45 yards to Kress' 10-yard line before he was dragged down from behind by Kress defenders. Annen's extra point was good to tie the score at 7 with 4:33 left in the first half.

Kress then started its next and last scoring drive, traveling 59 yards in 12 plays to score with 22 seconds left in the first half.

Tomsu was a workhorse on the drive, gaining yard after yard

around the left side until he eventually found paydirt from 13 yards out. Moya's kick was good to make it 14-7 at halftime.

The second half belonged to the Swifts. They used almost eight minutes off the clock on their opening drive, but two holding calls pushed the Swifts back from inside Kress' 20 to near midfield. The Swifts couldn't dig their way out of the hole and Kress took over.

Three plays later Nazareth had the ball back, but couldn't do any-

thing with it. Kress was halted by Nazareth's defense again and the Swifts had new life in the fourth quarter.

Just when Nazareth had another good drive going, a holding penalty moved the ball back and the Swifts were faced with a third-and-20. Schilling's pass to Johnson was tipped, but Johnson managed to catch the ball and hang on to get the first down.

New life! Nazareth methodically marched

down the field, eating up most of the time in the fourth quarter until the ball was on the 1-yard line and the Swifts were staring at an ugly fourth-down. Johnson took the handoff and fought his way across the goal line for the score to bring the Swifts within a point. Nazareth's celebration was dampened a second later with the partially-blocked extra point which ended the Swifts' season.

Game at a Glance

	NAZ	KRS
First Downs	15	8
Rushes-Yards	44-188	33-163
Passing Yards	53	28
Total Offense	241	191
Passes Comp./Att.	6/10	2/5
Passes Int. By	0	0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Punts-Avg.	4-39	5-31.4
Penalties-Yds	3-30	6-31

Nazareth	0	7	0	6	—	13
Kress	0	14	0	0	—	14

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
KRESS: Toby Tomsu 56 run (Danny Moya kick)
NAZ: Coby Schacher 1 run (Cody Annen kick)
KRESS: Tomsu 11 run (Moya kick)
Fourth Quarter:
NAZ: Jon Johnson 1 run (kick failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—NAZ: Jon Johnson 18-122; Coby Schacher 14-44; Gaylon Schilling 12-22.
Passing—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 6 / 10 for 53 yards; KRESS: Durham 2/5 for 28 yards.
Receiving—NAZ: Jon Johnson 1-20, Colby Pohlmeier 2-14, Scott Brockman 2-13, Nathan Hoelling 1-6; KRESS: Josh Searcy 1-17, Vasquez 1-7.
Fumble Recoveries—None.
Interceptions—None.
Tackles—NAZ: Jaret Schulte, Ron Backus, Jon Johnson and Coby Schacher 8.

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Nov. 14

9th Bobcats 66, Tulia 46
D—Casey Smith 19, Stuart Sutton and Charley Sanders 10

Friday

Levelland 73, Bobcats 43
D— 8 12 19 4— 43
L— 20 18 12 23— 73

D—Justin Newman 13, Chad Ellis 7.

Levelland 73, JV Bobcats 46
D—Alvin Ewing 11, Jonathon Ivy 7.

Levelland 57, Bobbies 44
D— 3 8 20 13— 44
L— 14 12 11 20— 57

D—Kim Thomas 16, Amy Ethridge 10.

Levelland 41, JV Bobbies 22
Tulia 57, Swiftettes 53

N— 4 9 24 16— 53
T— 18 11 12 16— 57

N—Melinda Schmucker 20, Jill Ramaekers 10.

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A— 8 14 8 19— 49
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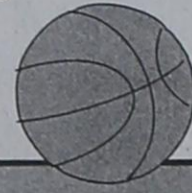
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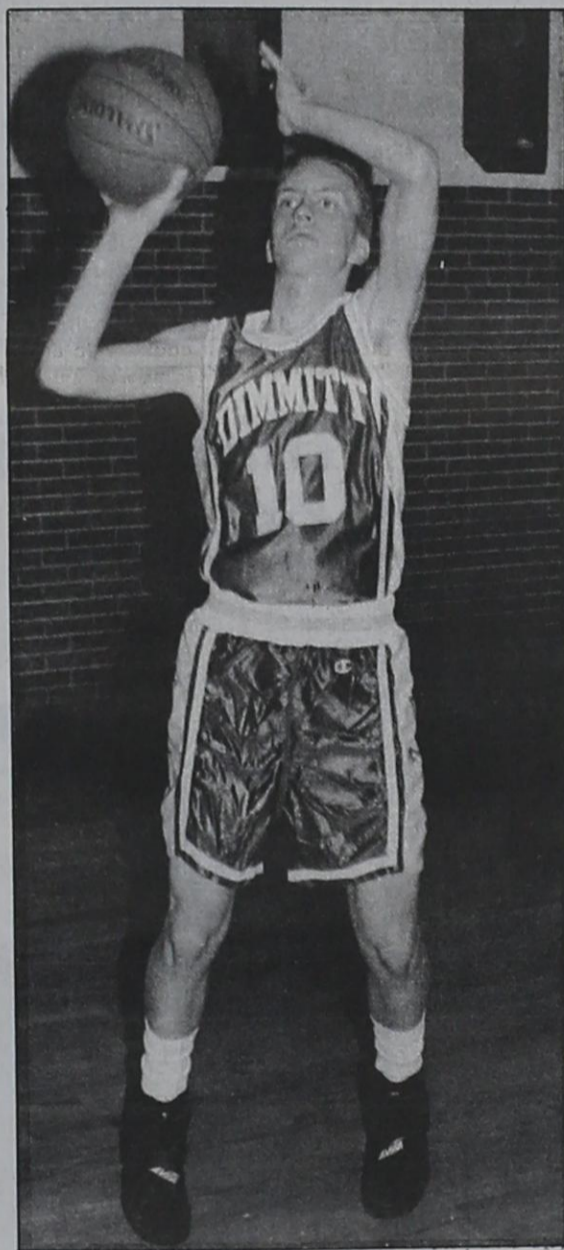
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- Jan. 13—*Muleshoe, There
- Jan. 17—*Friona, Here
- Jan. 20—*Shallowater, There
- Jan. 24—Andrews, TBA
- Jan. 27—*Floydada, There
- Jan. 31—*Littlefield, There
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1994 BOBCATS—Dimmitt will pin its playoff hopes this year on a team including (from left) Manuel Velasquez, Ramiro Gauna, Joe Larra, Derrick Thomas, Omar Rascon, Chad Ellis, Justin Newman, Dustan Buckley, Brandon Smith, Zach Bell, Joey Martinez, Jason Nino and manager Larry Garcia, assistant coach Cory Lynch, head coach Alan Steinle, assistant coach Gus Ortiz and manager Tracy Grand.

Photo by John Brooks

Six back from bi-district finalist

Bobcats have winning recipe

Dimmitt Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle still has the recipe for success with his 1994-95 Bobcats. He just hopes all the ingredients are eventually available to make his DHS boys into a state contender.

One key ingredient is missing: last year's District 2-AAA MVP Derrick Thomas. Thomas broke his wrist in the next-to-last football game of the year.

"The trainer told us this week that we could have him back playing by the Caprock Tournament," Steinle said. That's Dec. 29-31, and time enough for the rest of the Bobcats to get battle-tested-and-tough against the usual rugged schedule.

Even without Thomas, the recipe remains the same: take care of the basketball; take good shots; and play tough, in-your-face defense.

"We've been real pleased with everyone's attitude," Steinle said. "This is a good bunch of kids who respond to what we are trying to do. We have a group that plays well together. They don't have much height, but they overcome that by playing well together. They help each other, and they understand what we need to do to win."

Steinle's starters—at least for now—include post players Justin Newman and Chad Ellis (both 6-1 juniors), wings Joey Martinez (5-10 junior) and Fernando Ontiveros (6-0 senior) and 5-9 junior guard Joe Larra.

Steinle expects to use lots of his bench during the year, including guards Zach Bell, Jason Nino, Ramiro Gauna and Manuel Velasquez; wings Brandon Smith and Kalem Thomas; and post men Dustan Buckley and Omar Rascon. Bell and Buckley are seniors, while Rascon, Kalem Thomas, Smith and Nino are sophomores.

"None of these people off the bench have any varsity experience," Steinle said. "They were on the JV or freshmen teams last year, and as time goes on they will get more playing time and more experience."

I'm real pleased with the bench. They are going to come in and give our starters a break and not let our offense or defense fall off. They keep things going for us."

At one time last week Steinle had Larra and four sophomores on the floor. The Bobcats didn't miss a beat.

"Those kids have spent enough time in the gym, especially during the summers, that I'm not worried," Steinle said. "We see great things from all of our kids, and they get after it like our upper classmen. Their shooting will come in time, but they didn't shoot any worse against Randall than kids who were with us last year. We're not going to panic."

In the Randall game, the 'Cats shot just 32% officially and lost by 11. Steinle knows Dimmitt has to shoot better than that for the Bobcats to be successful. They certainly don't have the height to overcome some teams that may use size as an advantage.

"Height isn't really a strength with us, but think back, when has it been?" Steinle asked. "The 1983 team, with John David King and Jeff Watts, was the last time we had big, good kids. We've never really had huge kids but we are able to overcome that in other areas of the game. Lack of size isn't going to bother us, because we will battle with anyone all over the court."

Steinle said the team didn't panic after the opening-night loss to Randall, and will keep working to get better throughout the year.

"We're going to shoot better than 32%, and we aren't going to turn the ball over 19 times in every game," Steinle said. "The mistakes we made against Randall—not shooting the ball well, turnovers and some defensive mistakes—are things we can correct. Randall had a good team, and they're only getting one player off the football team. Levelland had a good team. We are in good shape, really; we just have to keep working. The kids know they can't slack off."

Dimmitt will face state powers including county rival Nazareth, Borger, Abernathy, Pampa and Clovis, N.M., plus tough tournament fields in Plainview, Seminole and the Caprock ABC Holiday Classic in the pre-district schedule.

"We've always had a tough schedule, and maybe if we had been able to foresee some things we might have done some things different this year, but I think it will pay dividends for us now and in the future," Steinle said.

The Bobcats begin play in the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic on Dec. 1 against Lubbock Estacado at 2 p.m. The field also includes Pampa, Lockney, Canyon, Andrews, Plainview and Abernathy. The Seminole tourney will include Greenwood, Denver City, Clint, Andrews, Seminole and JV teams from Lubbock High and Odessa High.

The Caprock Tournament will feature a variety of teams from

Class A to Class 5A in the 32-team field, and will be Dimmitt's last great test before beginning District 2-AAA play on Jan. 6 at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium against Floydada.

Steinle figures his squad, Littlefield and Shallowater will be fighting for two playoff slots.

"Littlefield went to the state finals last year, and Shallowater went to the state tournament in Class AA," Steinle said. "People say Littlefield only has one starter back (Joey Polk, who is also out with a broken arm), but they have another player, Davis, who didn't start but was their sixth man last year. He was all-state tournament and never started."

"Littlefield has four people back who got lots of playing time, and Shallowater has four people back who started at one time or another."

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'Horns are searching for success

Hart hasn't had a lot of basketball success in the past few years, but this year the Longhorns are planning to make the playoffs.

The Longhorns feel like they've got the right combination for a successful season and they're banking on returning starter and leading scorer J.R. Lee to help them achieve their goals.

Lee, a 6-2 junior forward/post, averaged 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists last year to lead the Longhorns.

"J.R. (Lee) is an exciting player. He rebounds well and makes some really different moves. He does a lot to pump up our team. I expect to see a lot of scoring from him," said Coach Jerry Card said.

Lee is going to be a main force in Hart's lineup again, along with returning starters John Welps, a 6-0 junior guard; and Jeremy Card, a 5-9 junior guard. Those are the only three lettermen Coach Card welcomes back this year.

The Longhorns started their season off right Friday by drilling Adrian, 76-49. Lee was Hart's leading scorer with a whopping 31-point performance.

Coach Card, who is in his second year as the Longhorns' coach, said the other two starting spots will probably be filled by Mano

Valderaz, a 6-2 junior who can "do it all," but will probably be the point guard, and Joe Longoria, a 5-9 senior guard.

Mano Valderaz "brings stability and leadership" to the team, Coach Card says. "He controls the tempo of the game, he shoots well, rebounds and plays good defense. He can also work as a forward or post."

Coach Card expects Welps to be a strong rebounder and will look to him for a lot of backside play, picking up easy offensive rebounds and baskets.

Rounding out Hart's roster are Erasmo Castillo, a 5-6 senior guard; Alan Valderaz, a 5-9 senior guard; Brandon Irons, a 6-0 freshman forward; Sergio Martinez, a 5-9 sophomore guard; and Dusty Ortiz, a 6-4 sophomore post.

"Ortiz will see quite a bit of playing time along with Irons and Alan Valderaz," Coach Card said. "Castillo will work some at the point.

"We're going to work on an inside-outside game and we'll try and work the ball into Lee as much as possible. Hopefully that will open up our outside game."

Coach Card said he does have some good outside shooters this year, especially with Alan Valderaz, Irons and Card.

"We were young last year, but mentally, I think we're ahead. The guys have a better knowledge of basketball this year."

Coach Card said his team's biggest weakness is a lack of control—"they tend to go down the court faster than they are able to."

Defensively Hart will run a man-to-man and Coach Card plans to press quite a bit—"mostly a zone, but some man (presses)."

"I feel like if you can't play a man defense, you can't play any defense, so that's what we'll be concentrating on this year," he said. He has been pleased with Hart's defense so far, and expects it to improve as the year progresses.

Hart has a "big" advantage on defense when Ortiz is in the game, too. Ortiz is 6-4 and weighs about 230 pounds, and according to Coach Card, "he can clog up the middle. He's strong and has long arms. He's tough in the middle."

Coach Card also is pleased with Ortiz' offensive performance. With his size he gives the guards a "big target to work the ball into" and he is a strong rebounder. Coach Card said for a player his size, Ortiz also runs the court well.

Against Adrian Friday, Ortiz finished with 12 points, second only to Lee's 31.

The one thing Coach Card worries about is his team's ability to turn the ball over.

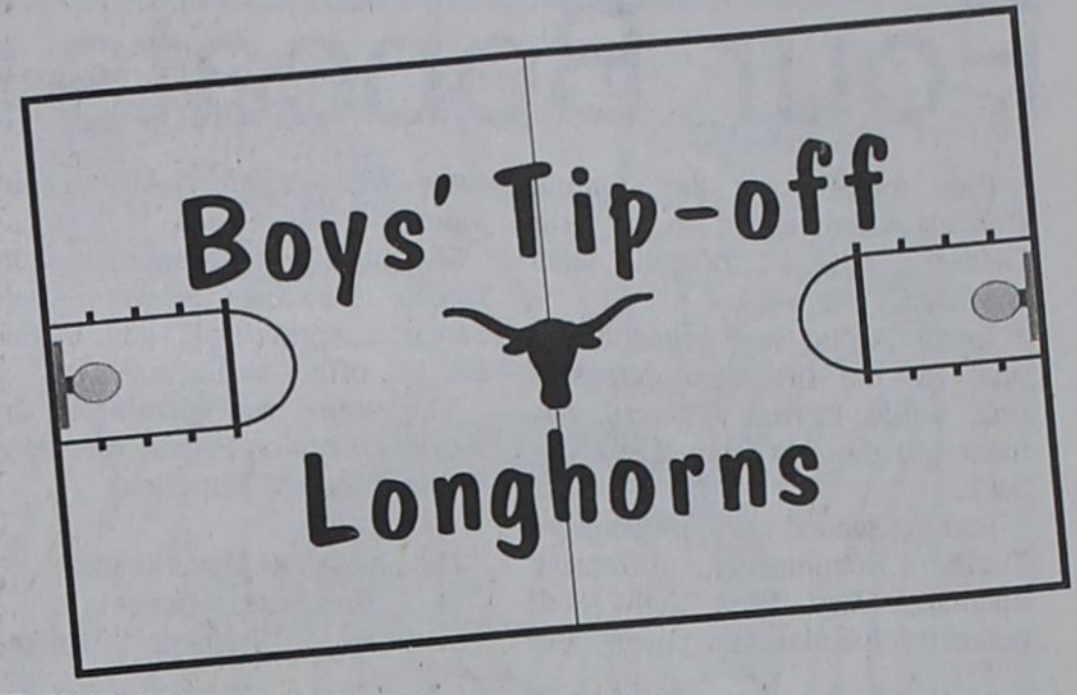
Last year the Longhorns had a problem with turnovers, and one of the main goals this year is to cut down on those mistakes.

If Hart can cut down on those errors, Coach Card feels like they will be able to make the playoffs. He also expects the team to "have fun while we're doing it (making the playoffs)."

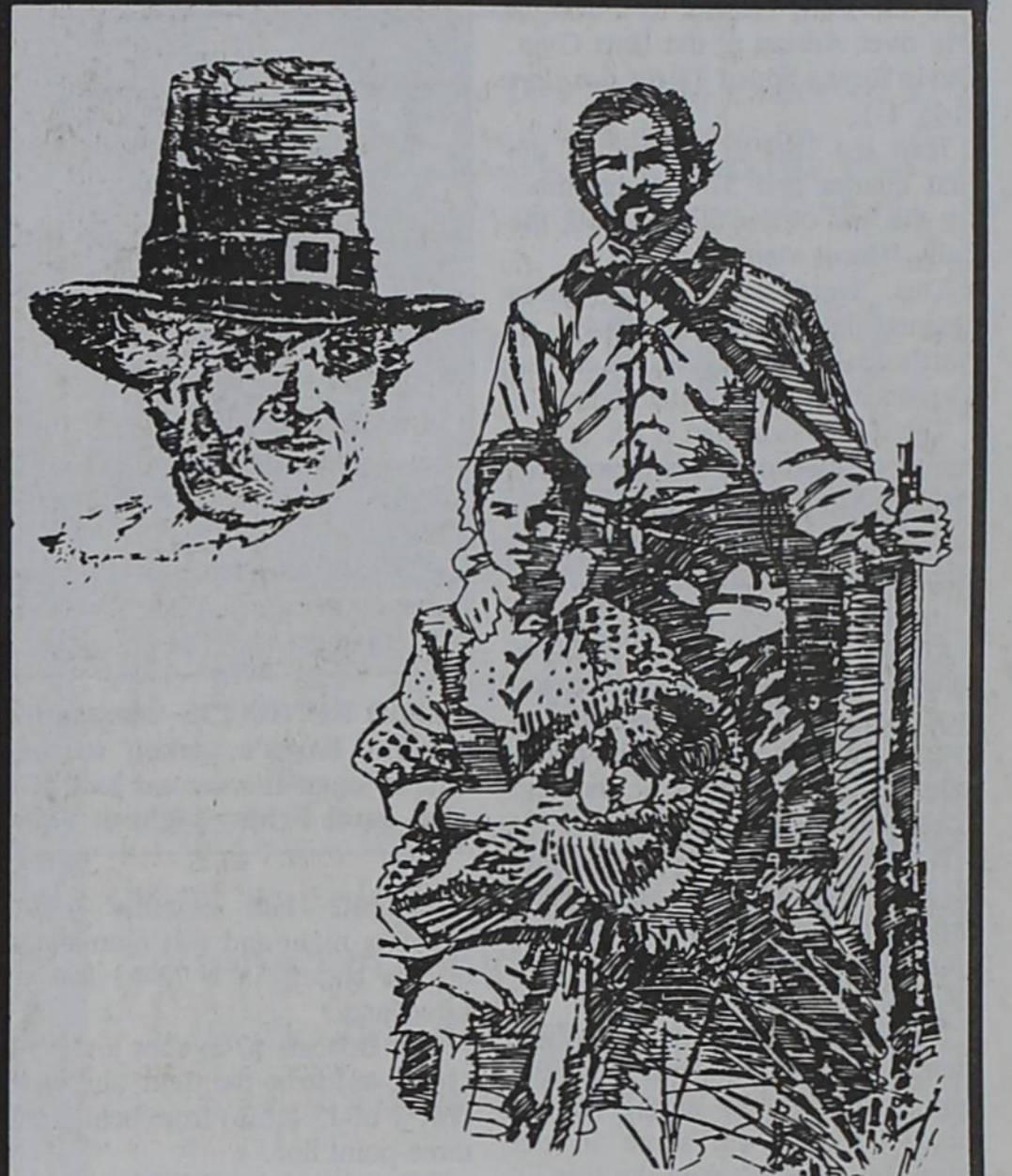
Hart returns to District 3-AA this year after a two-year stint in Class A, and that means an eight-team district race. The Longhorns will open district play in mid-December, so they will have to work extra hard to correct any mistakes before loop play begins.

The Longhorns will have several tough games to help them prepare for district, including ones against last year's state finalist Nazareth and Dalhart.

Hart will have a long road through district play, too. Abernathy, Hale Center and Springlake-Earth are perennial powerhouses in boys' basketball and the Longhorns can't afford to have a letup against any team. Lockney, Olton and Morton round out the district.

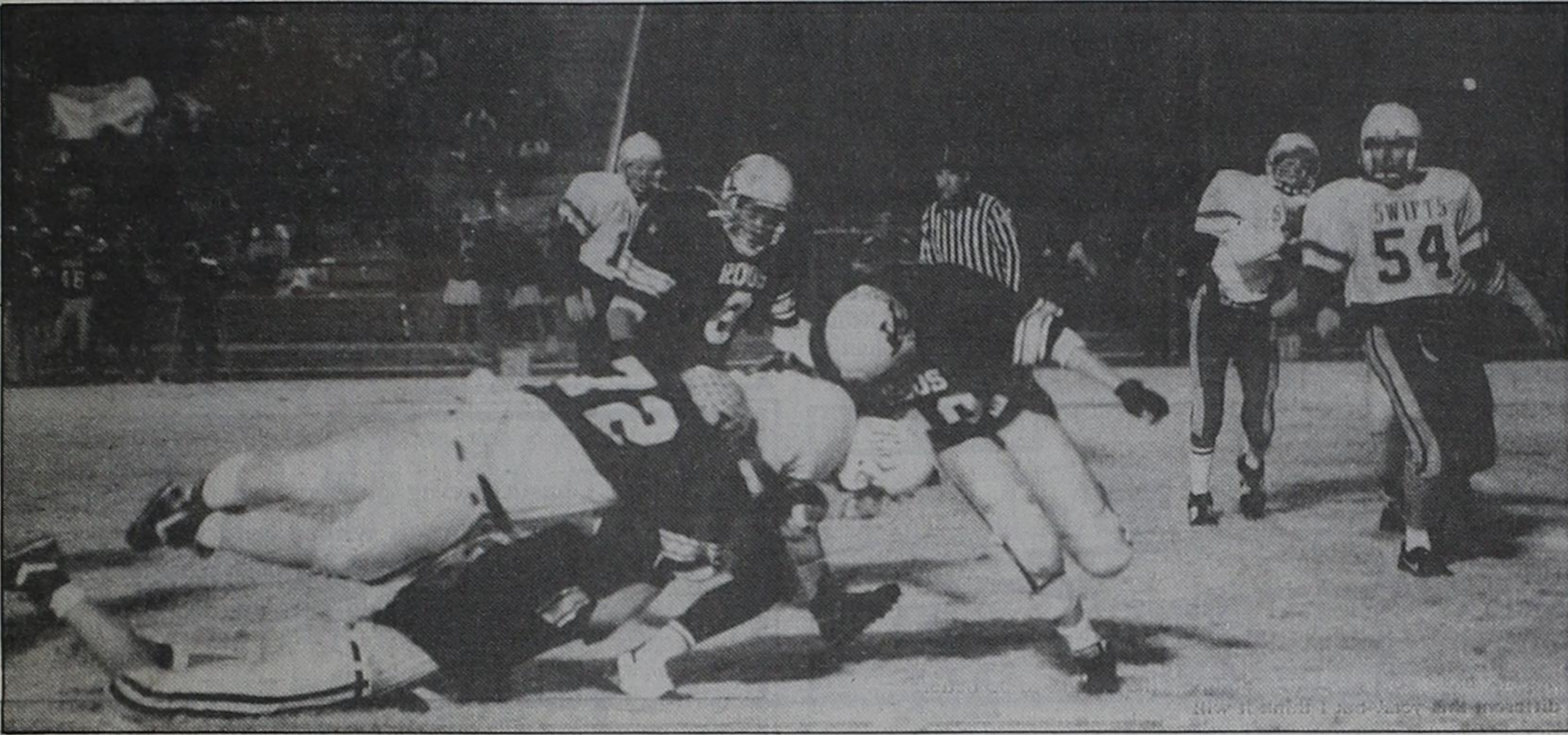


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With two Kress Kangaroos hanging on and two more closing in, Nazareth quarterback Gaylon Schilling fights his way to a five-yard gain during the Swifts' final scoring drive in the area championship game Friday night at Tulia. With the Swifts trailing, 7-14, this first-

down play carried to the Kress 13-yard line with less than two minutes left in the exciting contest. The Swifts — who led in penetrations, 3-2 — scored with 39 seconds remaining, but the Kangaroos blocked their extra-point kick to gain a 14-13 victory.

Photo by Don Nelson

In Queens Classic

Dimmitt, Hart girls face tough first-round games

Dimmitt's girls face defending state Class AAAAA champion Amarillo High today (Thursday) while Hart faces Randall in the Plainview Queens Classic at Wayland Baptist University.

Hart begins the high school division at 10:30 a.m. against the Raiders, while the Bobbies play at 6 p.m. against the Sandies for the second-straight year.

Amarillo High is the top seed in the tournament. Coach Dale Blaut returns two starters from last year's 36-1 championship club. The

Sandies lost their first game of the year, against Canyon, but are expected to pick up some players off the AHS volleyball team, which went to the state tournament. The Sandies are the defending tournament champions.

The Lady 'Horns are seeded fifth and will take on the Raiders, the District 1-AAAA champion last season. Three Randall starters are back, while Hart has all five starters back from last season's 26-6 team which went to the first round of the

Region 1-A tourney.

In other high school games today, Levelland (seeded second) faces sixth-seeded Slaton at 2 p.m., while Plainview (seventh seed) meets No. 2 seed Canyon at 9:30 p.m.

If Dimmitt and/or Hart win Thursday, they will play at 6 p.m. Friday; if they lose, they play at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

College games featuring national NAIA powers will be played throughout the three days. Five of the teams went to last year's national NAIA tournament.



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Four Bobcats named to all-district squad

Four members of the Dimmitt Bobcats were named to the All-District 2-AAA football team announced this week.

Justin Stroud was a unanimous pick for the first-team defensive line, while Derrick Thomas was named to the first team at running back.

Earning second team honors were Tucker Schumacher, offensive lineman; Chad Ellis, tight end, defensive lineman and punter; and

Jason Wooten, safety. All three are juniors.

Earning honorable mention were Dagon Newton, safety; Adam Sanchez, cornerback; and Gerald Barrios, offensive lineman.

The team was dominated by district champion Friona, runner-up Shallowater and Littlefield.

The all-district teams include:
First team offense
 Linemen: Brandon Adam,

Shallowater; Colby Carthel and Dale Perez, Friona; Jeremy Contreras* and Chris Ward, Littlefield.
 Receivers: Daniel Garbarino*, Muleshoe and Jay Lusk*, Shallowater.

Tight end: Cole Roberts, Shallowater.
 Running backs: Michael Benton*, Littlefield; Rashad Kirven,

Muleshoe; and Thomas.
 Quarterback: Jay Belcher, Friona and Dereck Blair, Shallowater.
 Kicker: Kit Preston, Friona.

First team defense
 Linemen: Brandon Adams, Shallowater; Michael Dalton*, Littlefield; Perez* and Cory Hamilton, Friona; and Stroud*.
 Linebackers: Anthony Foerster*, Shallowater; Jerard Lafuente*, Friona; and Sammy Rodriguez, Floydada.

Corners: Lusk*, Shallowater, and Jimmy Arias, Friona.
 Safeties: Cory Menton*, Shallowater; and Chris Hanna, Friona.

Punter: Zack Abshire, Floydada.
Second team offense
 Linemen: Brent Beene, Friona; Lionso Cisnero, Floydada; Chad Johnson, Muleshoe; Jerry Martinez, Shallowater; and Schumacher.
 Receivers: Arias, and Rusty Workman, Shallowater.
 Tight Ends: Ellis, and Hamilton.
 Running backs: Pete Cooper, Floydada; Juan Gamboa, Friona; and Menton.

Quarterback: Jimmy Gauna, Muleshoe, and Rodriguez.
 Kicker: Menton.

Second team defense
 Linemen: Sheldon Burleson and Leon Cuevas, Friona; Ellis; Wes Evans, Shallowater; and Nathan Herrell, Littlefield.
 Linebackers: Blane Brown, Shallowater; Carthel; Edward Rodriguez, Muleshoe; and Joshua Villarreal, Littlefield.
 Corners: Tyson Carr, Littlefield, and Cooper.
 Safeties: Blair and Wooten.
 Punter: Ellis.
 (*-Denotes unanimous selection.)

Longhorns gore Matadors Friday

Hart teams annihilated Adrian squads Friday, but were the only two varsity teams to win their games over the weekend.

Nazareth's girls rallied to tie the game in the fourth quarter but fell at Tulia, while Levelland swept Dimmitt squads on Friday.

Shea Bennett scored 34 points to lead the Lady 'Horns to a 106-24 win over Adrian at the Hart Gym. Gayla Reyna added 11 for the Hart girls, 1-1.

Hart led 26-1 at the end of the first quarter and 57-8 at halftime. By the end of the third period, the Lady 'Horns were up 87-14.

The 'Horns won their game against the Matadors, 76-49, in Hart's season opener. J.R. Lee had 31 points and Dusty Ortiz added 12.

The Longhorns led 17-8 at the end of the first period and extended their lead to 15 at intermission, 37-22. Hart padded its lead to 53-30 after three quarters.



GOOD RUNBACK—Nazareth's Jon Johnson (36) returns Kress's kickoff to the Nazareth 33-yard line to open the second half of the area championship game Friday night at Tulia. Leading interference for him are guard Jaret Schulte (66) and an unidentified teammate. Trailing 14-7 at halftime, the Swifts dominated the second half but had to settle for a 14-13 loss.

Photo by Don Nelson

Friday in Tulia, the Swiftettes rallied from a 14-point deficit in the first quarter and 16 at halftime to eventually tie the game in the fourth quarter, but fell short at the end against the Hornettes, 57-53.

Nazareth trailed 18-4 at the end of the first period, and Tulia expanded its lead in the second quarter to lead by 16 at the break, 29-13.

Naz came back in the third quarter with 24 points to close the gap to four, 41-37 at the end of three and tied the score in the fourth but couldn't gain the lead.

Melinda Schmucker led the Swiftettes with 20 points. Jill Ramackers added 10 for Naz, now 1-1.

Tulia also won the JV game, 54-41.

Dimmitt's girls had a slow start at Levelland, also came back strong in the third quarter, but fell to the Class AAAA Loboettes at Levelland on Friday, 57-44.

Levelland jumped out to a 14-3 lead on the Dimmitt girls (0-2) and led by 15 at halftime, 26-11. The Bobbies cut the lead to six, 37-31, by the end of the third quarter and closed to within three points, but Levelland pulled away again in the fourth for the 13-point win.

Kim Thomas led Dimmitt with 16 points, while Amy Ethridge added 10.

Dimmitt had another cold-shooting night and was outmanned on the boards in a 73-43 loss at Levelland.

The Bobcats (0-2) shot just 33% (16-of-48) from the field, and were only 2-of-13 (15%) from behind the three-point line.

"We played good in the middle quarters, but didn't have a good beginning or end," said Dimmitt coach Alan Steidle.

The Bobcats outscored the Lobos 31-30 in the middle two periods, but Levelland outscored Dimmitt 20-8 in the first quarter and 23-4 in the fourth period.

Justin Newman led Dimmitt with 13 points, and Chad Ellis was next high with seven. Ellis led the Bobcats with four rebounds, while Joe Larra had 10 credits including taking three charges.

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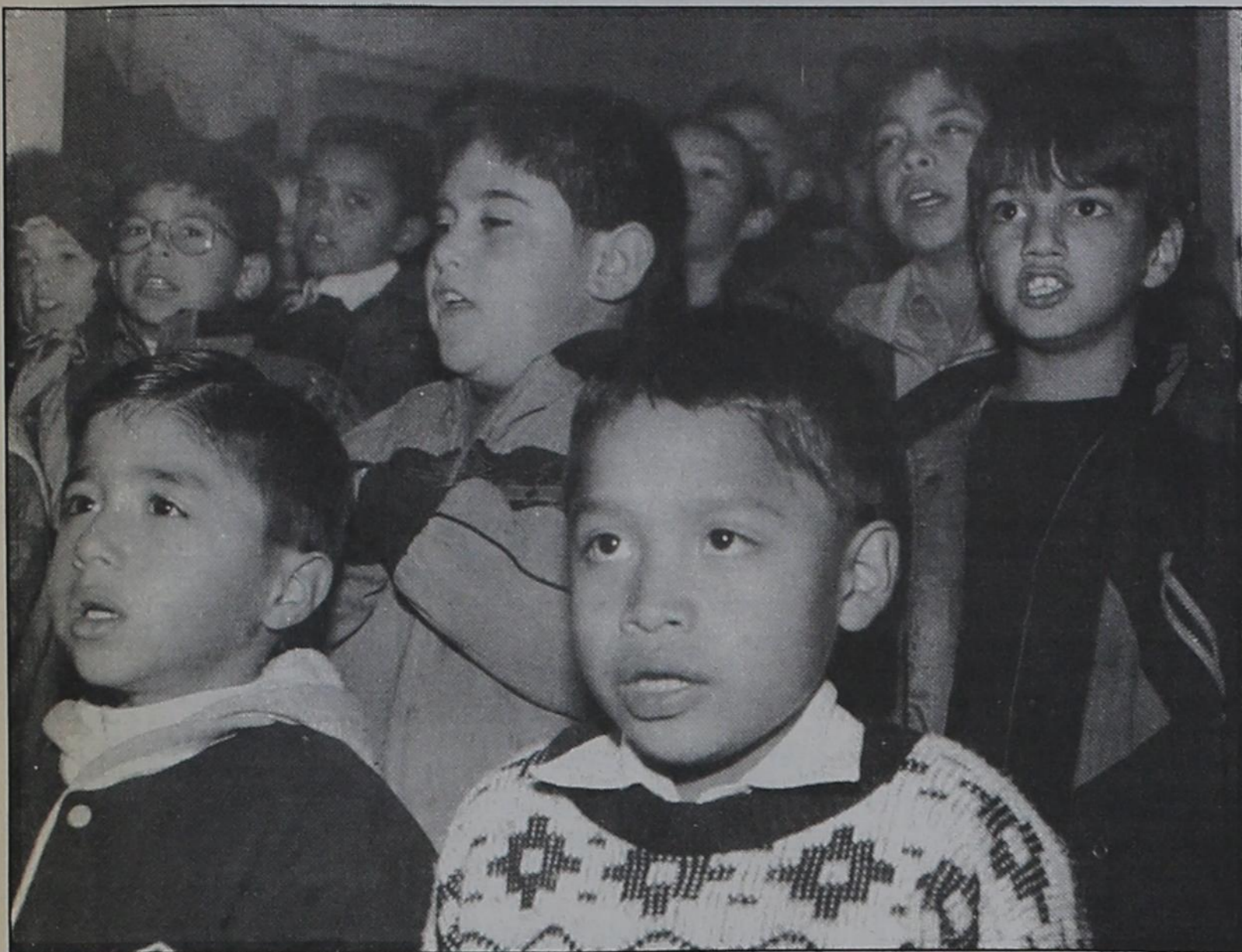
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A-CAROLING WE GO—Students from Ruby Teaschner's second grade choir at Richardson Elementary School sing traditional carols Thursday during Santa's Open House festivities at the gazebo throughout the evening as shoppers enjoyed bargains and kids enjoyed visiting with Santa Claus at the gazebo. *Photo by John Brooks*

Holiday program planned Tuesday

Money- and time-saving ideas for the holiday season will be the topic of a program Tuesday in the assembly room at the courthouse. Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal will present "Stress-Less Holiday Ideas" Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Decorating, gift and food ideas will be featured along with planning tips to make the holidays less stressful. A recipe book, items to taste and chances for door prizes will be offered to those attending. The public is invited to attend, and if you plan to attend, you are asked to call the Extension office at 647-4115 to reserve a seat.

Caution urged for all drivers

Thanksgiving is the most heavily traveled holiday of all. This has law enforcement officials pondering what can be done to raise traffic safety awareness during this critical driving period.

"We know that the potential for injury and loss of life is greater during holiday periods, especially a high-volume holiday like Thanksgiving," said Trooper Wayne Beigle, public information officer for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "We are asking motorists to drive defensively."

Many motorists have heard the term "defensive driving," but it seems few know what it involves. "Much of the art of defensive driving comes from common sense and your own instinct," Beigle said. "Training and knowledge of proper procedure make these senses more effective."

Defensive driving can and should become a way of life for all drivers regardless of age or experience. Don't assume the other driver will make the right decision. Be prepared for anything. Defensive drivers are in tune with their minds and bodies, as well as the road. They're ready for any situation the road might hand them.

But some drivers are out of tune. They give in to distractions, daydreams, fatigue, anger, stress, frustration or perhaps alcohol. They are not prepared to react when a dangerous situation arises.

Defensive drivers also make fewer mistakes. Drivers on the average make one error for every two miles they travel. While not every mistake leads to an accident, about 85% of all collisions are the result of driver error.

"The most common mistake is probably speeding. Most people don't match an appropriate speed with driving conditions," Beigle said.

Once again, state troopers will be highly visible during the Thanksgiving holiday trying to make the roads as safe as possible.



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Cotton Talks

Predictions of freezing temperatures over the weekend, combined with the end of the fourth spray application to wind down the 1994 High Plains Diapause Control Program.

According to Roger Haldenby, boll weevil program coordinator for Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock, a killing freeze to terminate any remaining cotton in the control zone

was two to three weeks later than normal.

The lateness of this year's first killing freeze necessitated an additional control application in the southern portions of the control zone, further adding to the cost of the 1994 program. Early indications are that expenses for 1994 will be between \$2.75 and \$3 million.

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an aggregate of 1,017,666 acres of cotton in the 15-county PCG control zone. The 15,500-square-mile zone includes approximately 777,739 cotton acres.

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The program's spray operation began Sept. 27 and concluded Nov. 16. Large weevil infestations resulting from a recent string of mild winters combined with heavy seasonal migration patterns to create the need for the large containment program.

Boll weevil pressure has been building steadily over the past several years and has created a serious financial situation for the PCG program. Mild winter temperatures have allowed boll weevils which enter into overwintering habitat to survive until well after the following year's crop is planted.

For 31 years the PCG operation has been able to finance its programs through a fairly small per-acre assessment collected through area compresses.

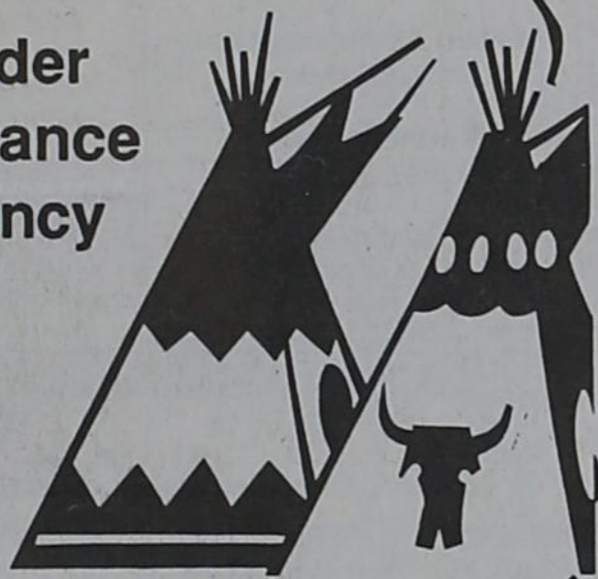
The last two years the program has found it necessary to conduct much larger operations than usual and subsequently drained financial reserves to extremely low levels.

Efforts have already started to make plans for the future of the program, which is vital to the future of cotton production in the High Plains.

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ASK me about three farms near Dimmitt.

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FOR SALE: 16' King offset disc; 24' 485 IHC tandem disc; 28' Hamby sweep plow; 14' IHC drill d.t. 806/276-5678. 9-24-tfc

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10-Agricultural Services

Custom Swathing and Baling Call Roy Schilling 647-2401

10-Agricultural Services

CUSTOM SWATHING and hay baling. Custom livestock hauling. Tommy Keller, 647-4614 or 647-2712 (mobile). 10-27-tfc

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FOR YOUR MANURE fertilizer needs, call Joel Gerber at 945-2297. 11-47-tfc

13-Livestock, Pets

REGISTERED ANGUS bulls for sale. Call 647-5220 or 938-2561. 13-33-4tc

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1990 CHEV. DIESEL SILVERADO 4x4, loaded; 53,000 miles

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14-Automobiles

Our everyday prices are lower than their sale prices! For a QUICK QUOTE CALL STEVENS CHEVY-OLDS Hereford, Texas 1-800-299-CHEV

MUST SELL! 1991 Oldsmobile 4-door 98 Regency Elite. power windows, door locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, air bag, full leather trim, 60-40 front seat, 6-way power on both seats, AM-FM stereo cassette, radio and AC control on steering wheel, like new tires, VERY LOW MILEAGE, wire wheel covers and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call John Risher in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-33-1tc

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I CAN HELP you own a home for less than you're throwing away on rent! Call Scott today, 1-800-372-1491. 1-32-tfc

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Celebrate this holiday season in your new home! Over 35 new and pre-owned homes to choose from. Hurry. Ask for Scott, 1-800-372-1491. 1-32-tfc

1-Real Estate, Homes and Land

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, located at 205 SW 3rd. For more information contact Hubert Edwards at 647-4244 or Darla Rice in Canyon at 806/655-4304. 1-26-tfc

FOR SALE: 1,225-sq. ft. house to be moved. Make an offer. 938-2206. 1-28-6tc



FOR SALE—405 JONES: This charming two or three bedroom home has two living areas, 1-1/2 baths and is full of character. 12 x 32 storage building. Rojas Properties, Clay Gable, 426-3464 or 679-7105.

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20-Help Wanted

ROUTE SALES SCHWAN'S HOME FOOD SERVICE
 Paid Vacations/Excellent Benefits. No prior experience necessary. Must be at least 21 years of age. Good driving record and work history. For interview appointment:
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NEED GOOD ELEVATOR hand experienced with unloading rail cars and grain handling. Apply in person at Westway Trading Corp., N. Hwy. 385. 20-32-2tc

WELDERS WANTED. KMP Manufacturing, Earth. 257-3411. 20-32-2tc

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21-Wanted, Misc.

WANT TO BUY a lot for a house to be moved on. Call 647-3760 and leave message. 21-33-1tp

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

CHRISTIAN MEN seeking alternate pheasant hunting sites for Saturday-Sunday anytime during the open season. Call Norman Christian at 1-915-647-2661, Ext. 119, days, or 1-915-784-5497, evenings. 21-30-4tc

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22-Notices

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

24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank all businesses and individuals who brought or bought cakes at our cake auction here at Canterbury Villa. Around \$4,000 was taken in this year. It will be used for buying Christmas gifts for our residents and supplies for the coming year for the activity program. Again, our appreciation for everyone's generosity. This is a great town to show such support.
 THE STAFF AT CANTERBURY VILLA
 24-33-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
 To all of you here in Castro County who gave so selflessly of your time and energy toward the successful campaign of George W. Bush for governor of Texas, I give my heartfelt thanks. To you who erected the large road signs, put up yard signs, addressed envelopes, walked door-to-door, manned the phones and worked at the headquarters, your contributions are sincerely appreciated. Special thanks to Bill and Deanne Clark who went way beyond the call of duty.
 HELENE MCFARLAND
 Castro County Chairman,
 George W. Bush for Governor
 24-33-1tc

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 plank floors of the hall had been smoothed by years of wear.

"As I entered the darkened assembly room, I saw two rows of wooden armchairs facing each other across the room. The chairs were enclosed by banisters that allowed others to stand and observe the happenings while the lords sat in attendance. At the end of the rectangular-shaped room was a very high-backed, ornately carved chair for the governor.
 "George Washington had served in the House of Burgesses at one time.
 "It was a very strange feeling for me to stand alone in that room and listen to the silence!
 "I touched the banister that was rich from the oils of thousands of handprints.
 "The highest chair was the symbol of the power of the king's representative, and I was aware of something very significant.
 "I was the wife of a mayor in a small town out West, and that mayor had been elected by the people and not appointed by a king.

"Somehow the idea for that transition had flourished throughout the colonies and traveled across our nation on covered wagons, trains, horseback and on foot.
 "I stood there excited by the atmosphere of that room, where the seed of a new idea was first planted, and of that idea being carried with the westerly wind.
 "After a few minutes, I literally ran away from the building to find Wayne. He had to see it, too!
 "I dragged him by the hand to see and feel and share that place.
 "Since that time, our country has been involved in another election, and the idea has continued to flourish.
 "Shortly before the election, Carole Dyer, Deanne Clark and Wayne came to school to visit with my second graders about elections, voting, and being Americans.
 "So now, we educate the next generation with that idea that started in colonial times and came west with the wind.
 "We are truly blessed."

Thanksgiving came down to us from colonial times, too.
 Back then, the colonists set aside the day simply to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. That's reason enough.
 But today, we Americans can be thankful not only for the harvest, but for much, much more.
 Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for reading The Castro County News!

MAKING HOLIDAY PLANS?
 Let the Country Club of Dimmitt, Inc. help you with your holiday plans.
Call 647-4502 for reservations.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TUPPERWARE OPEN HOUSE
207 Front, Dimmitt
3 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 27, 1994
 Your Tupperware Consultants: Sharon Smith, Chandra Harris, Michelle Smothermon, Rachel West and Laurie Watts.

Stop-N-Shop
 Come see what Tupperware has for Christmas gift giving ideas. Several items available for instant delivery.

Gift Certificates Available
Refreshments will be served

Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card Accepted



THANK YOU ...
 This has been a very special year for me. It is so hard just to say "THANK YOU" to all of my friends that worked so hard for me this year, with their donations, their time, the ads that were put in the paper, the sign that was put up for me and the many prayers that were said.
 I hope you ALL know my office is open to you anytime that you want to come by, and that I will continue to work as hard for you the next four years as I have in the past 16.
 EACH person in Castro County is very SPECIAL to me and I thank each of you. May God continue to Bless our little County in the coming months and years—to put us back together, so that we can go forward again.
 Again, THANK YOU, Castro County for your votes of confidence and your trust in me.
Olita Raper

We Give Thanks
 For all the wonderful things that God and nature provide us throughout the year...and for all of you, our dear friends and customers!
Production Credit Assn.
 Ann Armstrong, Manager
 Mark L. Kleman, Loan Representative
 Edna Sanders, Secretary

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 From all of us to all of you, we'd like to extend our gratitude and warm wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving holiday filled with family and friends. Thank you for being our friends.
Rafter 3 Feed Yard

A Bountiful Holiday To All of Ye
 We're gathering up our very best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. Please accept our deepest gratitude for your unflinching support.
NELSON WELL SERVICE

I want to give you my sincere thanks for getting out and voting on Nov. 8—not just for me, but for the candidate of your choice in all of our races in the election. I appreciate the fact that you are very interested in our local government. I will continue to serve and hope to merit the support you've shown this year and throughout the years.
MARSHALL YOUNG
 Castro County
Justice of the Peace
 Political advertisement paid for by Marshall Young



SONGS OF THE SEASON—Members of Ruby Teaschner's second grade choir at Richardson Elementary School perform traditional songs at the annual Santa's Open House at Centennial Plaza on Thursday. The evening was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Photo by John Brooks

Chamber sets annual meeting

Dimmitt's Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership meeting Dec. 7 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 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.

Kristi Kinser and Johnny Ethridge were the first winners of Dimmitt Dollars at drawings held after Santa's Open House on Nov. 20. Drawings will be held each week through Christmas, with signup available at many Dimmitt businesses.

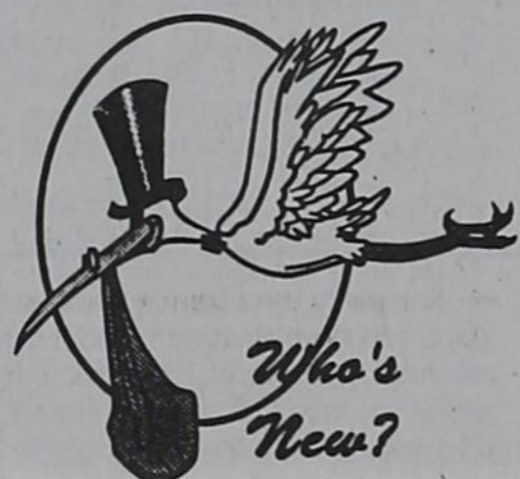
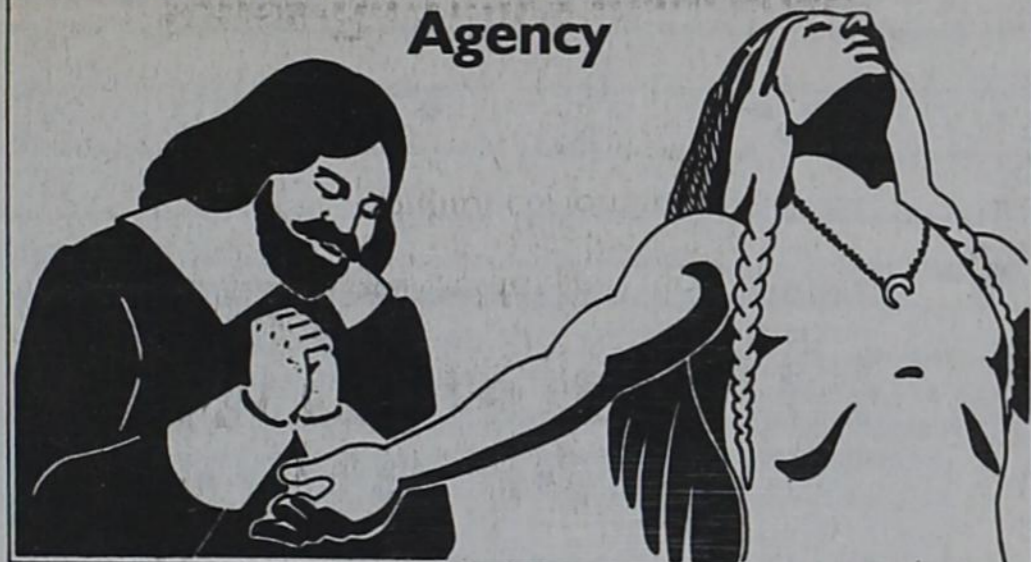
Santa said he had a good time in Dimmitt at the open house. He said he was overwhelmed by the large crowd even in cold weather.

For All That We Have Received

We're very grateful for the good fortune we have enjoyed this year, thanks to you, our faithful customers.

We wish everyone a most wonderful Thanksgiving.

Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency



OUT OF TOWN
Dane and Lynn Cheatham of Justin are the parents of a boy, Clayton Jack Cheatham, born Nov. 8 at 12:11 p.m. at Denton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 19 1/4 inches long. He has a sister, Rene, 6, and a brother, Brad, 5. His maternal grandmother is Gabrielle Roland of Dimmitt. His paternal grandmother is Phyllis Cheatham of Denton.

Together We Can

Happy Anniversary, Dr. Hill!

November marks Dr. W.J. Hill's 25th year at Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic



Dr. W. J. Hill, with (from left) Karen Backus, accounting; Suanne Bagley, reception/sales; and Jody Huseman, reception/technician, at the large-animal clinic's new hydraulic chute.

Dr. Hill has been bringing animal health care to Castro County and surrounding areas for the past 25 years, but he is not resting on past accomplishments. Dr. Hill opened Dimmitt Veterinary Supply in 1991. He continues to improve the quality of animal health care with the addition of a new hydraulic chute in the large animal clinic. The new chute will improve the handling of large animals.

25 years of animal health care at
Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic

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Hospital...

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initial assessments and evaluations; shots, IVs, wound, cast and ostomy care; IV catheter insertion and care; nutrition counseling, including the formulation of special diets; assistance with getting the right supplies and equipment for home care; and working with the patient and the family for what is right and what is needed for each patient.

Aides can help with personal hygiene needs like assistance with bathing and oral, skin and hair care; getting around in the home, dressing, eating and exercising; and light housekeeping.

Home health care is not constant care, PMH nurses emphasized. It is intermittent care provided through scheduled visits to your home by our staff.

Home health is doing more "unscheduled" work, too. It has taken on the LifeLine program, answering calls and meeting needs. The LifeLine program provides instant emergency notification at PMH; persons who would like to be on the program may call home health at 647-2191, ext. 401.

Persons wanting to have home health care should talk about it with their physician first, then call the agency Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The service can be paid for through private pay, private or other insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. The hospital business office handles the necessary paper work and billing.

Four qualify for all-area

Four members of the Dimmitt Bobcat Band were named to the all-area band in tryouts held over the weekend by the ATSB.

Earning places were Katrina Vernon, second chair clarinet; Wendy Finke, sixth chair clarinet; Sammy Everett, third chair trumpet; and Wanda Finke, second chair bass clarinet.

Also competing were Jimmy Ivey and Michelle Leinen.

Students earning all-area spots may tryout for the ATSB all-state band later this year.



We bow our heads in thanks

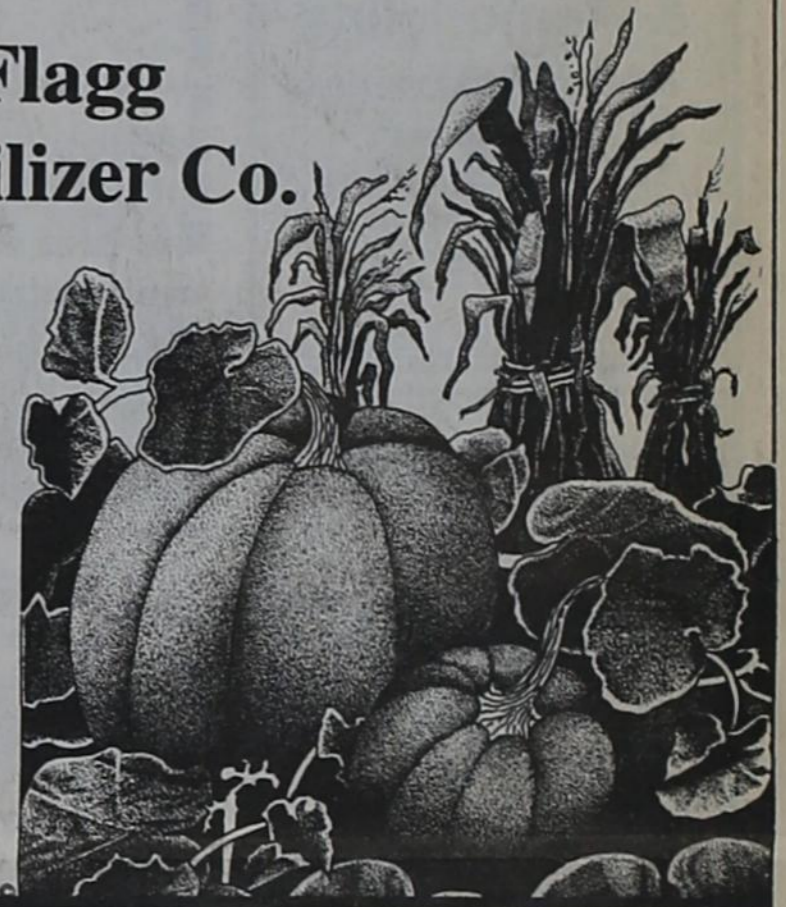
Thanks to the brave men and women who pursued a dream of freedom, thanks to the land which brings forth its riches, and thanks to all of you for your kind friendship.

Kern Plumbing & Electric
Nazareth

Together For Thanksgiving

One of the things we're so very thankful for is your continuing good will and patronage. Have a joyful Thanksgiving.

Flagg Fertilizer Co.



Happy Thanksgiving

Every day in our Hometown...



We are thankful for:

- * Good food and friendly conversation at a local restaurant
- * Fair prices and friendly shopping at our local Hometown merchants
- * Good schools and teachers educating our children
- * An excellent medical community
- * Beautiful churches with great congregations
- * Friendly people who care

We want to give thanks for being a part of the greatest Hometown of them all. See us for all your financial needs.

We've got the Hometown Spirit ...nothing else comes near it!



DIMMITT BRANCH
215 W. Bedford • 647-2265

Member FDIC

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy Thanksgiving! This is the season to be thankful so we need to pause and count our many blessings. I am thankful for family and friends, good neighbors and my church, and for my good health. I am thankful for my co-workers at the News office and at the museum. This has been a good year.

Golden Acres Senior Citizens had its monthly birthday dinner combined with Thanksgiving on Nov. 15. There were 26 persons present, including three visitors.

Visitors were Daveine Wall, Cindy Odum and Shae Odum. Residents attending were Ida Moore, Inez Lee, Adele Clark, Rhea Killion, Jettie Sheffy, Una Ward, Nora Buchanan, Fern Morgan, Lorene Beach, Susie Reeves, Edith Richardson, Alene Lilley, Nola Ivey, Cecile Plumlee, Patsy Hudman, Mavis Tittle, Fay Ethridge, Wrethel Green, Gladys Hampton, Cleo Parks, Neva Hickey, Opal Thomas, Helen Wilmoth, Sally Palmer, Roy Hollums and Johnny Davis.

Several members attended the American Cancer Society meeting for Texas Division, Castro Unit, on Nov. 15 at K-Bob's Steak House. John David King presided over the meeting and introduction to the American Cancer Society by Misty Price. The next meeting will be Dec. 28 at noon at Kbob's.

Residents from the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center were invited to the 4-H Education Center open

house on Nov. 14. They had a special invitation to the luncheon, and enjoyed chili, red beans, peppers, cheese and crackers, and brownies for dessert. It hit the spot on a cold day for the 17 women who attended from the apartments.

Several dignitaries were present, including Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, County Judge Polly Simpson, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos of Nazareth. There were also several from Amarillo and Lubbock.

The folks at Senior Citizens Apartments send their thanks to all who had a hand in making it possible for them to be there. A good time was had by all.

On Tuesday morning I read a story about a fox and a hen to the four-year-olds at Pybus Christian School at First Baptist Church. This is such a good group of cute kids and they are so loving. Before I left they smothered me with hugs. Cheryle has asked several grandmothers to read stories to the children.

Mable Brock and Glenn Merritt attended the funeral of Mable's niece, Marjorie Fuson of Purup, Nev. The funeral was held in Lubbock. Marjorie was the daughter of Melvin Bray, Mable's twin brother.

Polly Patterson entertained several relatives and friends recently. Her sister and brother-in-law Hazel and Ernest Penn of Farmington, Ark., Ruth Slough of San Angelo and grandson Mikey Patterson and

family from Azle (near Fort Worth) have visited. Mikey's children are R.J., Misty, Becky and Michael.

Susie Reeves was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served pound cake and peach cobbler. Alma Kenmore won high score and Wanda Kay won second high score. Others playing were Ferne Dickey, Edith Graef, Bernice Hill, Ina Rae Cates, Helen Braafladt, Dugan Butler, Elizabeth Huckabay, Neva Hickey, Johnnie Vannoy, Bill Thornton, Cleo Forson, Virginia Crider and Lorannell Hamilton.

A few Dimmitt folks attended the Community Concert at Hereford on Thursday night. The Soloists of St. Petersburg consisted of outstanding instrumentalists who are all graduates of the oldest conservatory of Russia, the renowned Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory of St. Petersburg. Michail Gantvang is the director. Some of the songs were selections from *Concerti Op. 8*, *Adagio for Strings* and *Serenade for Strings*.

While we were at the concert we visited with Bobby and Bera Boyd (Kate Beecher's cousins), Amy Gilliland (a former Dimmitt resident who is president of the Hereford Community Concerts Association) and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Artho.

The Hospital Auxiliary Dinner and Bazaar was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who came to eat and buy items from the bazaar.

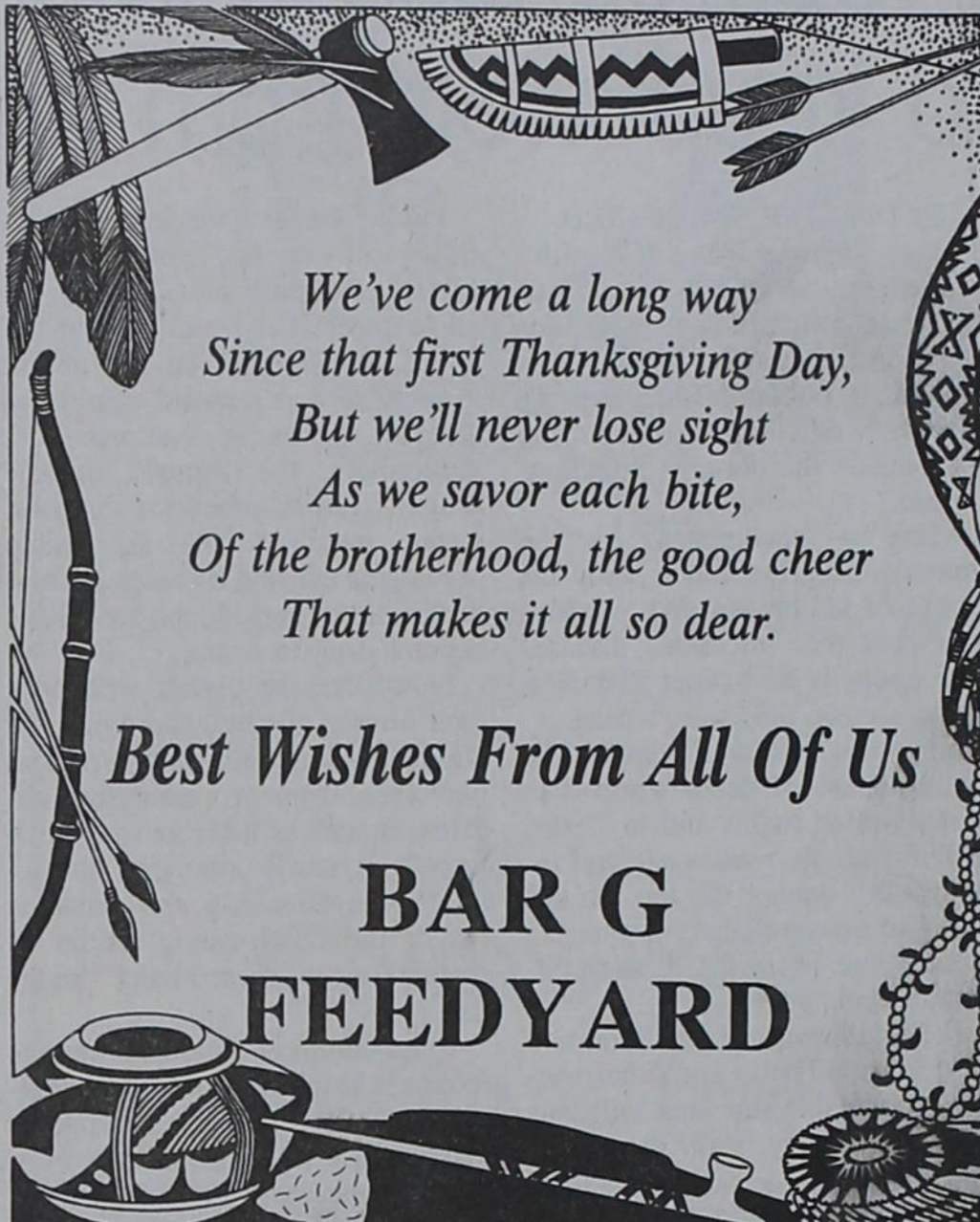
Naz students 'jump' for heart

Nazareth Elementary School students had fun, exercised and helped raise money for the American Heart Association through a "Jump Rope for Heart" project at the school.

The project was coordinated by Sharon Hampton and 38 students participated by jumping rope for money.

The students enjoyed the jump rope curriculum and received prizes including jump ropes and t-shirts for their volunteer efforts.

Jump Rope for Heart is an event that involves students in promoting physical fitness and raising money for the American Heart Association. It provides curriculum and jump ropes for the school and promotes the importance of exercise. Jumping rope is beneficial to the heart and also improves rhythm, agility and coordination. Funds raised will support cardiovascular research and local AHA education and community programs such as CPR and Schoolsite Curriculum kits that are provided to all schools in Texas grades K-12.



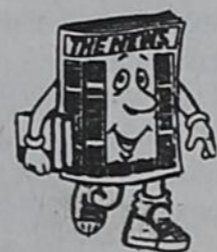
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As we savor each bite,
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Brandon Furr



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MORE THAN SAYING NO—Sam Willis (right) talks about how saying no is not always enough during STARS Day at Dimmitt High School on Friday. Willis talked to four classes during the day about his experiences and some of the pressures teens will face. Photo by John Brooks



Let this be a time to show our gratitude for all the many blessings we have to share.
We wish you and yours the happiest ... healthiest Thanksgiving.

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Randall Small, Manager

On This Day Of Thanksgiving



For the happiness in our families today. For the beauty around us. For the friendships we've made. For the laughter and the difficult times that we have endured and that have helped us grow. For the food on our tables, and for the blessings we have received, let us join together in the early tradition of our country and give thanks for past and present blessings of this land.

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Preparedness is important to keep 'wolf' from door

By DAVID R. SMITH, M.D.
Texas Commissioner of Health

The story of "The Three Little Pigs" has a moral about prevention and preparedness that can be aptly applied to public health. But the modern "wolf," huffing and puffing just outside the door, is infectious disease.

Many — encouraged by the dramatic progress made with the advent of antibiotics and vaccines — thought that infectious diseases were soon to be extinct maladies. Unfortunately, they were wrong.

Infectious diseases remain the leading cause of death worldwide. In the United States and in Texas, HIV infections, pneumonia and influenza are among the top ten killers. And even measles continues to threaten the health of Texas children and young adults.

The eradication of smallpox and the decline of polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases lulled us into complacency. Busy parents let immunization schedules slide. Health professionals turned their attention to chronic illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. Taxpayers and elected officials shifted their priorities from disease prevention to crime and other concerns.

Public health watchdogs were called off—so our early warning system of disease surveillance is not up to speed. Laboratories were allowed to languish—so our ability to identify and respond quickly to disease threats is compromised. Antibiotics, the former "miracle drugs" against infectious diseases, were overused — so some organisms causing diseases such as tuberculosis and gonorrhea, have become drug-resistant.

Now, like the piglets who built their houses of straw and twigs, we are inadequately prepared to protect ourselves from re-emerging old diseases such as tuberculosis, much less from newly emerging threats like Lyme disease, *e. coli*, hantavirus or the "flesh-eating" strain of *streptococcus* (necrotizing fasciitis).

Even common childhood ear infections have become more difficult to cure. The indiscriminate, massive use of antibiotics to treat human *pneumococcus* infections, plus the antibiotics that find their way into milk from their use in dairy cattle have toughened the disease-causing organisms and lessened the drugs' effectiveness.

New, re-emerging and drug-

resistant diseases pose immediate and very real health threats in this state. HIV, increasingly transmitted in the heterosexual community, infects an estimated 73,000 Texans. As of the end of June, 28,599 Texans have been diagnosed with AIDS and 16,605 of them have died. In 1993, more than 2,393 Texans were diagnosed with TB—up from 1,757 in 1987. Major measles outbreaks in 1989 and 1990 infected 7,722 Texans, mostly children and youths, killing 22.

A few unfortunate Texans have been infected with two relatively rare, emerging diseases that have grabbed recent news headlines. Two cases of hantavirus infection, one a fatality, have been confirmed in this state since the Four Corners outbreak began last year. And six Texas cases of necrotizing fasciitis caused by Group A *streptococcus* bacteria have been confirmed since this disease became reportable earlier this year.

These statistics are testament to the present and continuing need for vigilance against infectious disease—for thorough disease reporting and surveillance, for modern and well-staffed laboratories, for immunization promotions. Such vigilance requires investing in a strong public health infrastructure.

To maintain — much less improve—the health of Texans, we must invest in a public health framework strong enough to keep the wolves of infectious disease from our door. Lawmakers who are drafting health care reform packages would do well to follow the example of the third piglet who, acknowledging the wolf, took the time and expense to build a sturdy, safe house.



We are grateful

By JOAN BECK
Chicago Tribune

As we gather together to count the Lord's blessings, 373 years after the first Thanksgiving Day, we are grateful, Dear God, for NAFTA if it works and NASA when it succeeds, for 3814 on the Dow and \$5 trillion on the GNP, for gun control when it passes, for a port in the storm and a bridge over trouble, for dawn after dark and healing after hurt and for the blessed promise of life after life for ever more.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, we say thanks this day for homes and homecomings and homilies and Holmes, for holidays and holograms and hollyhocks, for taxol when it saves lives and tax reform when it's real, for thesauruses and tyrannosaurs and all the wonders your hands have made.

Families and family values and family reunions and family leave merit our joyful praise this special day, God of grace and God of glory. So, too, do fireworks and fire places, fire fighters and fireflies, flea markets and farmers' markets and bull markets and global markets, U.N. peace-keepers when they're effective and the Israeli-Palestinian pact if it lasts, cures and curry and Curie and Curious George.

Our Father who art in heaven, we offer our thanks today for the information superhighway when we learn how to use it and 500 TV stations when they are worth watching, for databases and daughters and dates and a day in court, for Mars and marshes and marigolds and marriage, for marinas and marimbas and marathons and miracles, for sun and sons and soup and soul.

For amber and ambulances and amniocentesis and amicus curiae, we are truly grateful, O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. So, too, for daylight savings time until it ends and a new year when it begins, for waffles and wiffleballs and warehouse clubs, for loons and lofts and lollipops, for licorice and libraries and lilacs and liberty, for joggers and jigsaws and jonquils and jazz.

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, we thank you for "Once upon a time in a kingdom far away" and "they lived happily ever after," for sundaes and Saturdays and 'TGIFs, for "Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God" and "For God so loved the world" and "Unto us a child is born" and "We shall overcome" and "We hold these truths to be self evident" and "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

Barney and barns and balloons and ballots we count as blessings, O Lord of heaven and earth and eat. We are grateful, too, for marriages that last and love that

"beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," for yo-yos and yogurt and Yosemite, for vacations and vocations and vaccinations, for sleeping in and eating out, for hymns and hums and heffalumps, for hugs and hummingbirds and Handel.

God, who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, we are grateful for comets and comedies and comic strips and the Pacific Rim community, for hope and soap and kaleidoscopes, for limericks and liniment and limes and Lincoln, for mothers and foster mothers and grandmothers and motherlodes and mothers of invention. Our thanks, too, for answered prayers and amazing grace, for herbs and heroes and Hemingway and the Heimlich maneuver.

For the Ten Commandments and the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, for 12 step programs and three-ring circuses, for the 55th chapter of Isaiah and 76 trombones, we are truly thankful, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. So, too, for casseroles and cassettes and cashmere, for carousels and caramel and carols, for potstickers and posters and pasta and poetry and for the ancient promise that "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease."

Hope of the world, we say our thanks today for new hires and new ventures and new ball games, for newborns and new moons and newspapers, for snow and mistletoe and presents on the tree, for attics and aerobics and Audubon, for naps and maps and laps and laptops, for fathers and grandfathers and foster fathers and founding fathers and father figures.

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices for twofers and gofers and offers too good to refuse, for gingerbread and gerbils and giraffes, for geraniums and geniuses and GATT, for babies and Babar and bagels with lox, for whatsoever things are true and for the beauty of the earth, for the wideness in God's mercy and that all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

For diapers and diamonds and dialysis, we give thanks, O God the Omnipotent, for unicorns and universities and UNICEF, for cells and celery and cellular phones, for trips and ships and scholarships, for friends in need and strength to bear our burdens and most of all that "neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Don't Know Much About History

Texans often ask me what the federal government can do to improve public education. I tell them that providing assistance to the poorest school districts is something the federal government can do, but I hope the federal government will not encroach on local control of public schools.

Local control gives parents the ability to determine how their children are taught — and just as important, what they're taught. Attempts by the federal government to meddle in classroom matters inevitably weaken our schools.

A case in point: Several years ago, Congress commissioned a study of standards for the teaching of American history. The result, made public last month, is a disheartening compilation of America's shortcomings. Our real heroes get short shrift. The historical picture they paint is almost unrecognizable.

But you be the judge. The study recommends a new version of American history, which makes only brief mention of George Washington and is critical of Lincoln. Nowhere are children taught that Washington is the father of their country, and what that means in terms of the freedoms we enjoy today.

This new history does not mention Paul Revere, nor Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Robert E. Lee, the Wright brothers, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein or Jonas Salk. It does, however, make 19 references to Sen. Joseph McCarthy and 17 references to the Ku Klux Klan.

Never mind about the industrial revolution, the triumph of American agriculture, the creation of a tolerant, democratic state. They are to learn that John D. Rockefeller "willfully participated in unethical and amoral business practices..."

This new version of American history is one long tale of predatory, greed-driven aggression.

The shortcomings of other societies are glossed over, but America's sins are there for all to see, if not memorize. Probably not memorize, because the study's authors say that requiring children to learn dates, facts and events isn't the best way to teach them history. They'll learn more by participating in mock trials of prominent American figures.

These standards, if approved by a panel appointed by the president, would provide the outline by which history is supposed to be taught in American public schools. But these standards withhold from children information they need to be literate and successful. I believe the federal government should reject this document. Its message should not be incorporated into our textbooks.

Children should not be taught a misleading, divisive version of American life at the federal government's behest.

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Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

1 TX perennial

2 TXism: "___ spell"

3 TX JoBeth Williams film: "___: His Song Continues" ('86)

4 TXism: "bid ___ (business)"

5 Oilers' "Luv ___ Blue"

6 TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)

7 Medina is the ___ capital of TX

8 this Ann was the 1st woman to run for an office in TX ('18)

9 in Armstrong Co. on 287

10 TXism: "comfortable as an ___"

11 TXism: "___ a blue streak"

12 TXism: "scared half out of my wits"

13 TX Ginger Rogers' "Lady in the ___"

14 At age 36, Sam Houston married one

15 TXism: "devil chasers"

16 TX Debbie Reynolds married this Fisher

17 TXism: "costs an arm and ___"

18 director of "JFK," filmed in Dallas

19 TXism: "suits ___ —thee-well"

20 CEO of Boy Scouts HQ in TX: Ben ___

21 TXism: "___ cement" (permanent)

22 debated TX Perot over NAFTA ('93)

23 TX Cyd Charisse was a ___ dancer

24 A&M's '12th Man' is a ___scholarship athlete

25 some Texans buy ___ chess sets in Mexico

26 TX military groups

27 TX's smallest park: Acton State Historical

28 TX flag salute: "...pledge allegiance to ___"

29 Alamo: a TX ___

30 TXism: "want ___ bad I could spit"

31 TXism: "___ as a pin"

32 Ft. Worth's "Dynamic" defense co. (abbr.)

33 1 song: "___ to San Antone"

34 TXism: "can ___ day and dance all night" (stamina)

35 TXism: "I call ___ I see it!"

36 Houston & Bass

37 in TX: Ripley's Believe ___ Not"

38 TXism: "___ but the air in my lungs" (robbed)

39 TX pest: fire ___

40 TXism: "sit up and ___ right!"

41 TXism: "got more on his ___"

42 TXism: "can say grace over" western: "___ Rider"

43 TX Joe Don Baker's "Cool Hand ___"

44 in Concho Co. on 83

45 Assoc. for Rockets, Mavericks & Spurs

46 "Too Tall" Jones

47 this Carnegie gave money for Dallas library (init.)

48 noted Houston violinist Lack (init.)

49 heaps of paper ___

50 this Whelan was in "San Antone" ('53)

51 TX Webb wrote "By the Time ___ Phoenix"

52 TXism: "strike while the ___ hot"

53 Oliver ___ North

54 TX JoBeth Williams & this Nick starred in "Teachers"

55 nights before

56 TXism: "he's ___ ornery old cuss"

57 he phoned home

58 applied great effort

59 TX Clyde Barrow's tombstone: "Gone with ___ Forgotten"

60 TX King Vidor's "A Tree ___ Tree"

Naz students listed on honor roll



CITIZENSHIP WINNERS at Nazareth Elementary School for the second six weeks are (front row, from left) kindergarten students Jennifer Acker and Holly Kleman and third grader Sarah Ellison; and (back row, from left) first grader Alan Gerber, fourth graders Nicole Acker and Wendy Black, fifth graders Marsha Black and second grader Tyson Schulte.

Courtesy Photo

Nazareth Independent School District has recognized its honor students for the second six weeks of school.

Students making the "A" honor roll were:

First Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt and Kasey Wood.

Second Grade: Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld and Garrett Kleman.

Third Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting or Trey Robb.

Fourth Grade: Nicole Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Laci McLaurin, Zac Morris, Kristi Ramaekers and Eric Schilling.

Fifth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld and Mandy Hoelting.

Sixth Grade: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Lindsie M. Gerber, Brooke Moyers and Holly Myers.

Seventh Grade: Mindi Etheridge, Lisa McLaurin and Jill Schulte.

Eighth Grade: Mitchell Brockman, Stephanie Gerber and Jessica Kern.

Freshmen: Sara Birkenfeld, Billy Don Cannon, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

Sophomores: Justin Bingham, Marjorie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Nathan Hoelting, Sarah Olvera and Jill Ramaekers.

Juniors: Jaimye Bingham and Robin Schulte.

Seniors: Ron Backus, Scott Brockman, Bryan Charanza, Denia Durbin, Alston Farris, Colby Pohlmeier, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

Students on the "A-B" honor roll include:

First Grade: Dusty Braddock, Dawn Cameron, Nathan Huseman, Kris Ross and Lacey Sanders.

Second Grade: Jenna Acker, Jeremy Acker, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton, Michael Horn, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte, Tyson

Schulte and Jason Wilhelm.

Third Grade: Andrew Brockman, Misty Burton, Sarah Ellison, Monty Hoelting, Adam Hunter, Rebecca Olvera, Cassie Price, Cassie Sanders and Lindsey Wood.

Fourth Grade: Adam Acker, Karen Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Carson Gerber, Erica Gerber, Evan Huseman, Koty Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Justin Myers, Teri Ramaekers, Chase Schulte, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

Fifth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Miranda Burton, Laura Gerber, Megan Hoelting, Shana Huseman, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Daryl Pohlmeier, Trinity Robb, Kyla Schacher and Ky Wilcox.

Sixth Grade: Jaci Birkenfeld, Whitney Hoelting, Nichole Huseman, Matty McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier, Wade Price and Adam Schulte.

Seventh Grade: Sara Schulte and Karen Wilhelm.

Eighth Grade: Mandy Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Susan Jones, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Tiffany Schmucker and Ann Wilhelm.

Freshmen: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leah Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, K'Lynn Gerber, Barry Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Trina Johnson, Joy Long and Kourtney Robertson.

Sophomores: Misti Ball, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Nick Gerber, Mindy Hoelting, B.J. Kern, Tracy Maurer and Coby Schacher.

Juniors: Quentin Dobmeier, Allyn Garza, Casey Hoelting, Courtney Hoelting, Kelly Jones, Melinda Schmucker and Carie Wethington.

Seniors: Kelley Boyd, Tara Johnson, Rhonda Maurer and Judith Nieves.



Let us cherish our good fortune in life and remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

A Thanksgiving message from

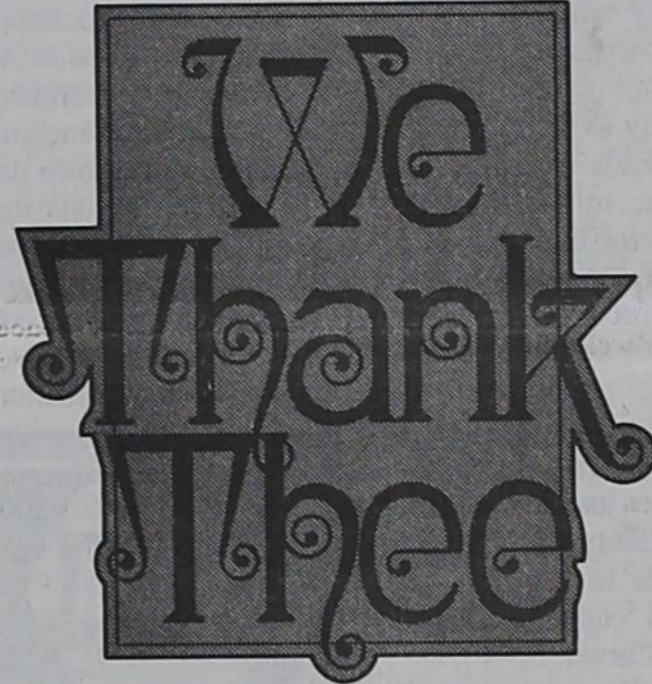
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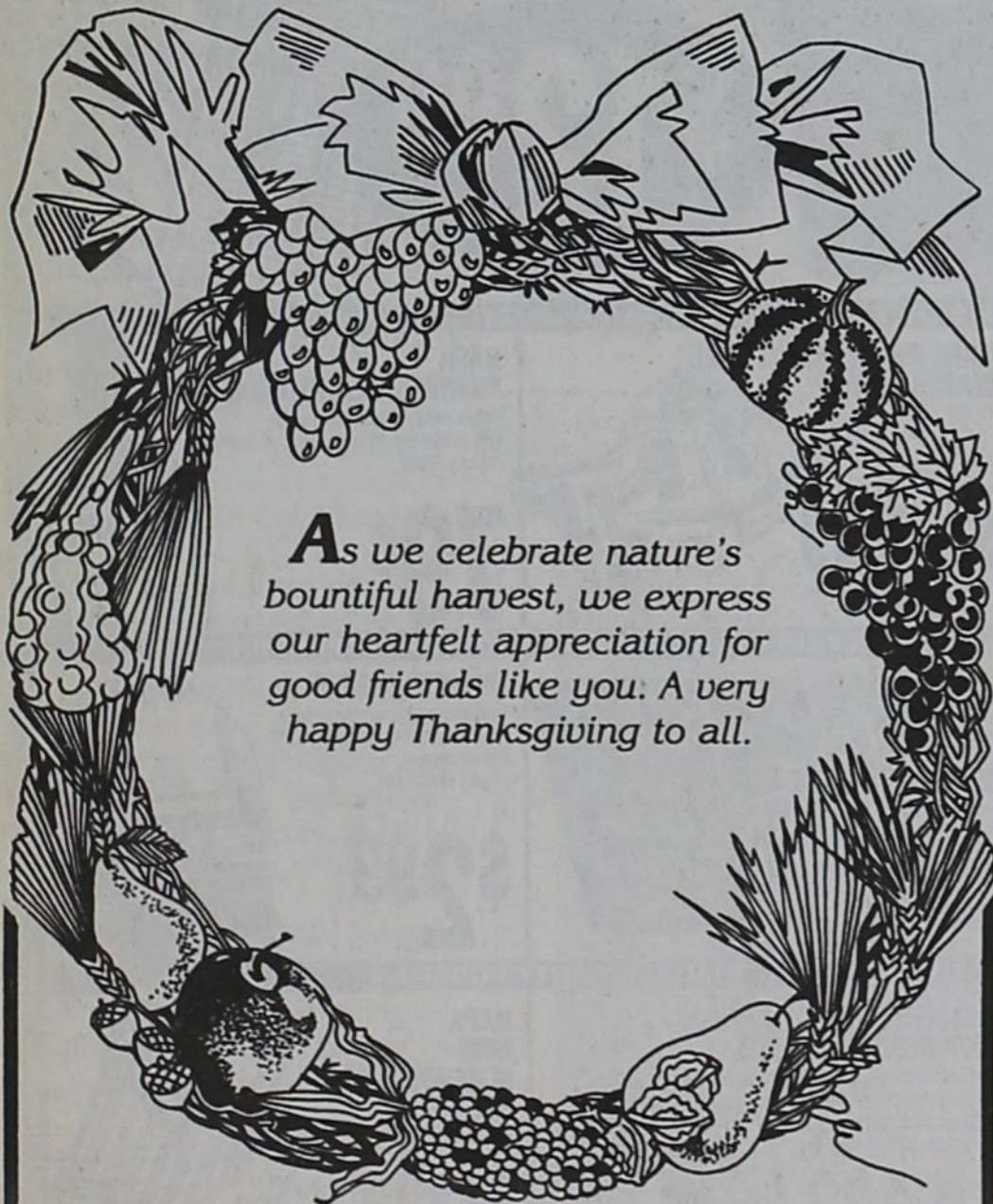
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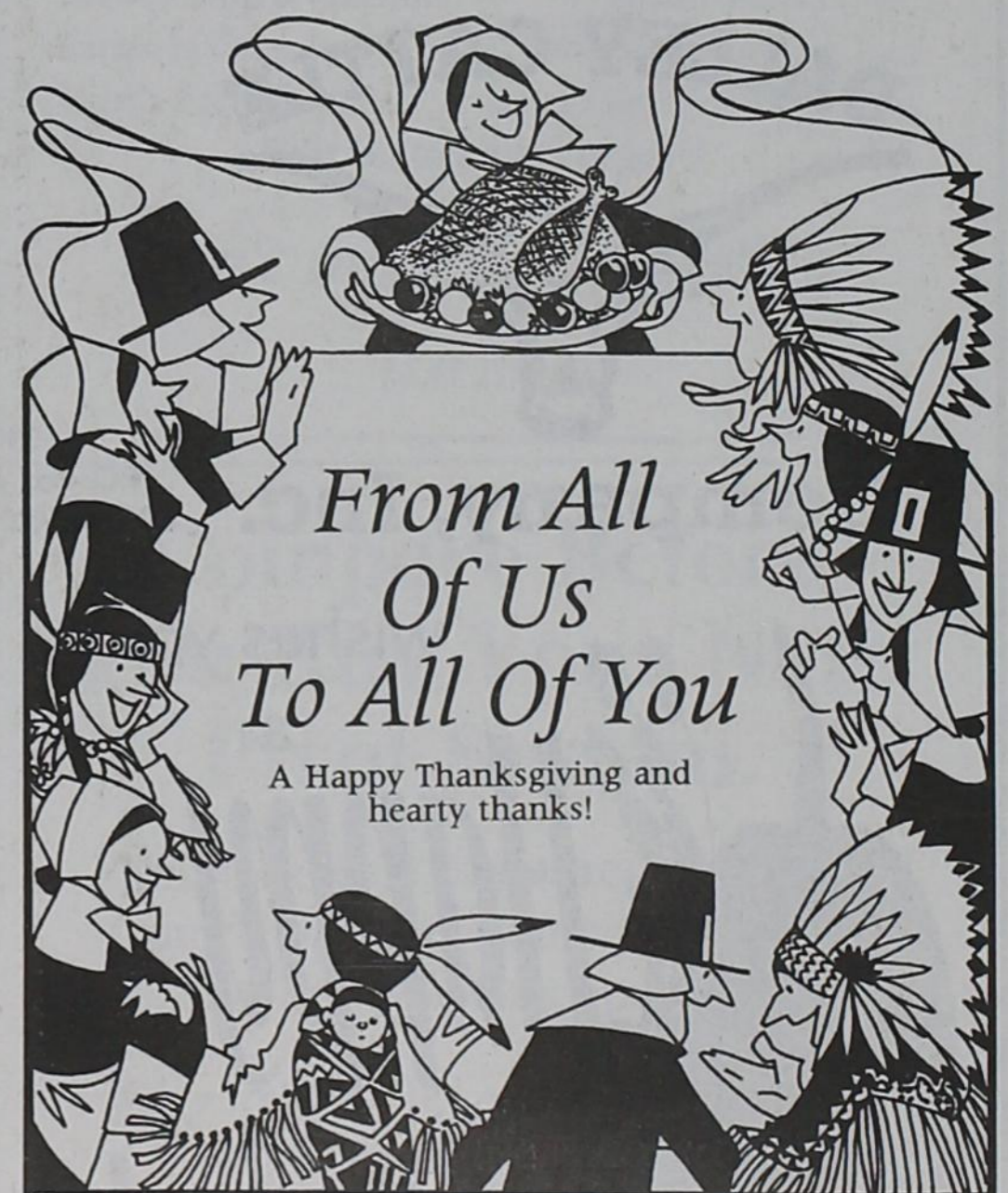
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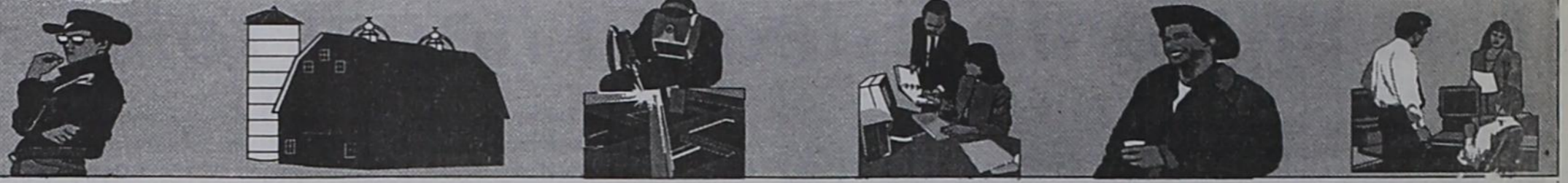


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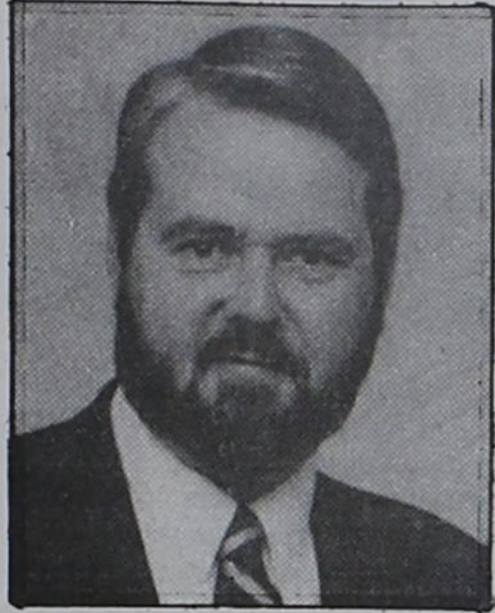
A Happy Thanksgiving and hearty thanks!

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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

No false starts

In track and field's short-sprint events, competitors cannot leave the starting blocks before the firing of the starter's pistol. If anyone moves before the gun goes off, the starter declares a false start by firing a second pistol shot. All runners then return to start the race again.

When I was a young man I raced motorcycles. The starts were always high-tension moments filled with thundering engines and anxious riders. Often, a rider would anticipate the green flag and drop the clutch early. Then, the whole pack would scream into motion only to have the starter call them back because of the false start.

There are also false starts in football, basketball, hockey and most other games. A notable exception is the game of life.

Yes, in the greatest race of all—the rat race—there are no penalties for starting early. You do not have to wait for a green flag or a starter's pistol. You

can start as early as you like and run the race at your own pace.

If your career is trailing in the pack, an early jump strategy will help. If you're a student and your grades aren't what you want them to be, adopt the start early philosophy. If your business is languishing, you can use this sure-fire advantage.

Start early

One of the best lessons I learned in college was the lesson of starting early. I was 38 years old when I decided to earn a college degree. I was concerned that I wouldn't do well against the younger, brighter, better-educated students. Therefore, I took every assignment and every class meeting seriously.

From the first day of class, I worked on getting ahead and staying ahead. I wrote papers weeks before they were due. I read ahead and made copious notes. Suddenly, I found myself at or near the top of my classes.

Though I wasn't the smartest, and I hadn't studied these subjects for more

than 20 years, I received the benefit of an early start. Near the end of the semester I experienced very little stress. I slept well the night before big exams. Because of the early start, I felt confident and prepared. On the other hand, the procrastinators frantically tried to play catch up to squeak out a "C" or a "D."

Jump the gun

Here are four areas where you can get ahead of the pack and secure your future:

Education. Get as much education as you can as early as you can. It is much harder to play catch up when you're working, raising a family, traveling or juggling other responsibilities.

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Water district is conducting soil moisture survey in area

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are in Castro County fields collecting data for the 1995 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

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

Jerry Funck and Scott Libby are making soil moisture readings in

Armstrong, Potter and Randall counties. Glenn Blackmon and Arnold Husky are measuring soil moisture in Castro and Deaf Smith Counties and Brian Houston and Gerald Crenwelle are gathering data in Bailey and Parmer Counties. Weather permitting, they should complete their field work in early January.

"This survey is conducted each year to determine general soil moisture availability and deficit trends prior to planting," said Ken Carver, Water District assistant manager. "The pre-plant 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 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," said Carver.

Precipitation information also will be gathered from the rain gauges installed at each of the 300-plus permanent soil moisture monitoring sites.

"Precipitation was distributed very unevenly during the 1994 growing season," said Carver. "This should be reflected in the rain gauge readings taken at each soil moisture monitoring site."

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected based upon soil types, the

local saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer which indicates possible well yields, and crop water requirements in the area. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming practices in the area.

"Water District personnel have installed about 60% of the permanent soil moisture monitoring sites planned for the portion of Hale County annexed into the Water District in August 1993," said Carver. "The remaining data will be gathered at temporary soil moisture monitoring sites."

A number of temporary sites also will be used for data gathering in the portion of Bailey County annexed in January 1994. All permanent sites have been installed in the portions of Cochran and Lynn Counties annexed in August 1992.

Water District and NRCS personnel use neutron moisture meters to gather soil moisture data. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile by lowering a neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube. Data collected during the pre-plant soil moisture survey is

then used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the five-foot root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed to bring

the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps, as well as the results of the pre-plant soil moisture survey, will be distributed to area news media



KLEMAN HONORED—Rosie Kleman, left, of the Castro County Farm Service Agency, receives a certificate from Frank Wise, interim chairman of the Castro County FSA Committee. Kleman was recognized for accumulating over 1,000 hours of sick leave—125 days—during her work at FSA (the former ASCS office).

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'Ranch to Rail' can help prevent discounts

Cattle ranchers will have to change their production methods or face heavy price discounts at the marketplace within a few years, according to a message coming loud and clear from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Ranch to Rail program.

Nearly 40% of the ranchers who participated in the program during the past year had cattle that were discounted at the packer because of carcasses that were too heavy, light or fat, or because they had physical defects. The cattle didn't measure up to packer and consumer demands for an animal that was leaner and more uniform.

In two to three years, using data from last year's Ranch to Rail and as these demands become more stringent, 95% of the ranchers will face heavy discounts for those same reasons, said Dr. John McNeill, associate department head, professor and Extension Service program leader for animal science.

James Herring, president and chief executive officer of Friona Industries LP, the seventh-largest cattle feeding operation in the US, said Ranch to Rail provides an "information wake up call" to producers.

"There will be handsome premiums for doing the right thing at the right place," he added. "Those who don't care about any of these things are going to be left in the wake."

"The Ranch to Rail program is one of the most significant educational efforts that we have had for beef cattle producers," said Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Extension Service director. "This program provides producers with a blueprint for what they need to do to increase profits. It shows where they can make improvements in their operations to meet the needs of packers, and most importantly, consumers."

In the past, the beef industry has been segmented, with little communication between the cow/calf producer and the feedyard and the packer. Often, one segment has to make a living off someone else's mistakes, McNeill said.

"It's got to be more 'economics-driven,'" he said. "People said, 'I'll do it when someone pays me.' Now someone is going to pay them (for a premium product)."

Ranch to Rail is open to any producer, and the cattle are followed through the feeding phase to slaughter. Consignors are provided comprehensive and detailed data, and the cattle are processed at commercial packing plants, with proceeds mailed directly to participants.

Much of what the beef carcass looks and tastes like and how it yields at the packer is a result of management and genetics at the ranch.

Calves are often weaned from their mothers and sent immediately to cattle feedlots throughout the Midwest and Texas.

"You're bringing an animal off of its mother and creating a long-haul stress. It goes into an environment with lots of different bacteria. It's a set-up for calamity," said Herring, whose company owns five commercial feedlots with a 189,000-head capacity.

If calves are pre-conditioned before being loaded on the truck to the feedlot, they perform better at the feedlot, gain weight at the proper rate, and don't get sick as often. Preconditioning involves weaning calves at least 45 days before they are shipped, vaccinating for diseases and "teaching" them how to eat feed.

"It's much more cost-efficient at the ranch," Herring said. "Preconditioning saved him from \$70 to \$80 in medical and other expenses over a calf that is not."

Preconditioning data gathered from an earlier Ranch to Rail program directly resulted in the Extension Service's new Value Added Calf (VAC) health management program. If ranchers precondition their calves at least two to four weeks before shipping and give two rounds of vaccinations for respiratory diseases, their animals have fewer health problems.

"We don't need to be vaccinating calves for where they've been but

where they're going," McNeill said.

"If the calves are weaned at home, they don't get sick, they're under less stress, they know how to eat and drink out of a trough," said Clyde Williams, who ranches in north Brazos County near Hearne and contracts his calves directly with a feedlot. "It's like comparing freshmen and seniors at college."

A ranch-based health program not only gives calves a head start, but it also increases profit margins to everyone up the beef production line. Williams spends about \$10 per calf to vaccinate at the ranch; Herring said drug bills can amount to \$40 per calf in a pen.

Preconditioning can add to a calf's value to a buyer. At a recent VAC-45 sale at the Bryan Livestock Commission Co., even in a depressed market, the VAC-45 calves sold for two to eight cents per pound higher than their counterparts at the sale.

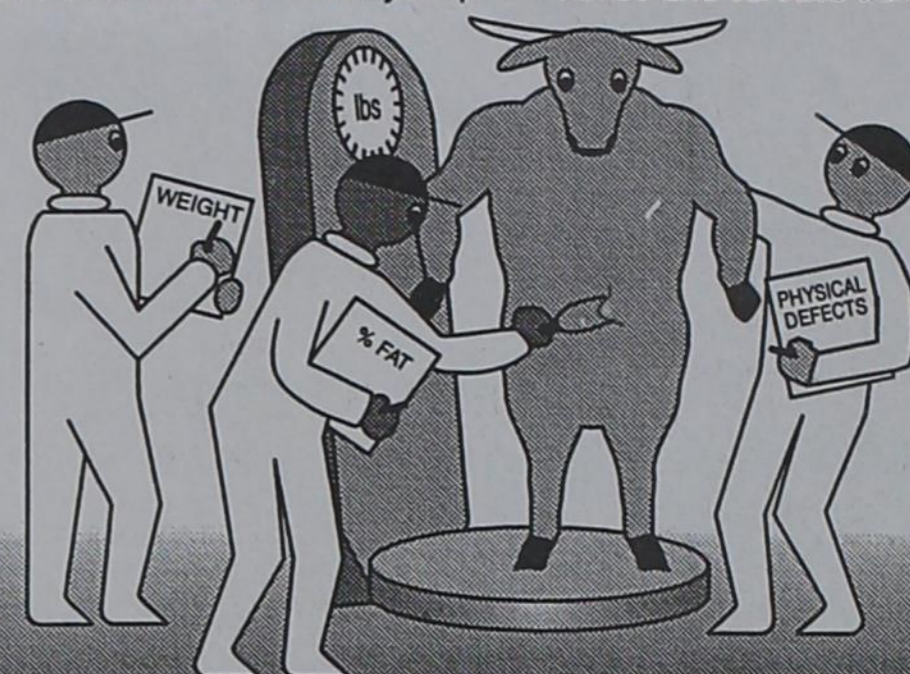
Also, Friona Industries will pay a premium of \$8 per hundredweight for the weaned and preconditioned calves they buy directly from the rancher, the first feedyard to do so.

"If more people would change their ways and correct their management programs, it would help the whole industry be more competitive," said Nancy Holt, a Ranch to Rail participant who ranches with her husband, E.M., near Navasota in Grimes County.

"They need to look beyond me

Ranch to Rail helps cattle producers

The Ranch to Rail program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service tells ranchers how their cattle stack up against today's market demands. Consignors are provided comprehensive and detailed data on feedyard performance and carcass traits.



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1993's cattle at 1996 standards

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and mine," Holt said.

McNeill agrees. "Looking at this data makes cow-calf producers

realize they are in the food business. They're producing food, not a commodity."

Texas Fever battle fought using computers

With US-Mexico trade increasing, the old problem of "Texas fever" has become new again—but Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers hope to see another happy ending to the latest version of the story.

"I think there will be a variety of solutions that will come about. But we are being challenged to look at alternative strategies and deal with problems in ways we haven't had to before," said Dr. Pete Teel, a professor and associate department head in entomology at Texas A&M University and an experiment station researcher.

He and others are working with several Mexican and US agencies to combat cattle tick fever, also known as Texas fever or babesiosis. Included are a vaccine and a computer model that will help authorities make decisions on fighting the Boophilus ticks that can cause the disease.

Tick fever was a problem that plagued the US cattle industry in its early years but was declared eradicated in the United States in 1943. It was often called Texas fever because resistant Texas cattle carried the ticks north with them to midwestern markets and spread the disease.

A program of quarantines, vacating pastures and dipping cattle into large vats of pesticide-treated water virtually wiped out the disease in the US. Today, a two-mile wide strip of quarantined land along the Texas border from Del Rio to the mouth of the Rio Grande serves as a buffer zone to prevent re-establishment of the ticks in Texas.

But the possibility of bigger markets in Mexico, where the disease is still prevalent and many cattle have built up a resistance to it, has the scientists working on the problem once more. If US cattle could be vaccinated or otherwise protected against the disease, US producers could sell more cattle to Mexico.

"Even today, we have situations where large numbers of cattle are moved into Mexico and 40% to 50% of them die from tick-borne diseases within a few months," said Dr. Gale Wagner, a professor and coordinator of international programs for Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

That's where he and Teel come in with a host of graduate students, technicians and others working on the problem. Wagner is leading an effort to develop a vaccine for tick fever. Teel is coordinating development of computer models that will help decision-making on various disease eradication methods.

The two started working together against tick fever in 1978. Their work has at times involved cooperative efforts with US and Mexican agencies.

Wagner's work may have already produced a temporary solution to some of the problem of exporting cattle: a "live" vaccine produced in small quantities that successfully protected 400 susceptible animals

exported to Mexico. The vaccine is produced in cultures as a weakened strain of the parasite causing babesiosis and given to the cattle in the hope that it will help them produce immunity to the disease.

"So far, we've been very successful, even more than we expected," he said. "But the danger is that if ticks are also present on the animals, they could transmit the disease strain to other animals, and it could revert to virulence."

"We'd like to think we can reach the same immunity by using isolated antigens that we perhaps can produce by relatively inexpensive recombinant techniques."

Wagner thinks his group has already identified two antigens and suspects they may need a combination of three or four antigens for a successful vaccine.

"If everything worked well, we might be able to test a vaccine within five or six years. But it's a lot of work to identify the antigens and develop the technique to reproduce them."

Meanwhile, Teel continues leading an effort to develop computer simulation models to study the interaction of ticks with their animal hosts and rangeland landscapes. Also involved are TAMU's departments of statistics, rangeland ecology and management, and wildlife and fisheries sciences. Teel said understanding these interactions is the key to predicting how cattle tick populations are maintained or spread.

"These models could provide information to producers and regulatory agencies for speedy and efficient elimination of infestations," Teel said. The models

incorporate previous research by TAMU scientists and others. They consider various vegetation zones and temperature ranges at different stages of tick development.

The team also will consider factors like the hydrology and topography of an area through use of a geographic information system. Such systems help researchers relate and interpret a wide range of data, giving them a better idea of what outcomes to expect under a variety of circumstances.

The data can be used to determine how quarantines are used, which is especially important because current quarantines for tick fever last between six and nine months and require dipping every 14 days.

One of the key factors Teel's models will consider is the impact of wildlife, such as white-tailed deer, Nilgai antelope and European red deer on tick populations and spread of the disease.

"They are a tremendous worry. They can carry ticks, but don't respect the fences that have been a tool in eradication and control of the tick," Teel said.

The deer are a problem that researchers didn't have to face earlier in the century, Teel said, because the screwworm—another eradicated pest—kept whitetail populations down. Now the deer are an economic commodity in South Texas' traditional hunting areas.

"Attitudes about tick fever are different. We've lost the memory for the battles fought in the past," explained Teel, who thinks that will make it more difficult to garner support for anti-tick efforts.

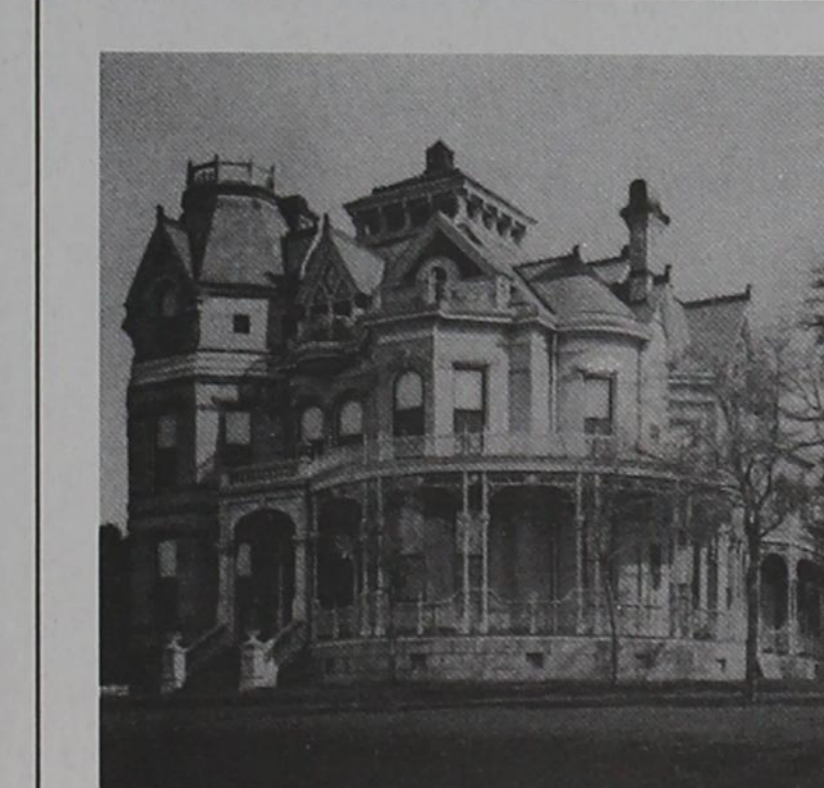
"There are now relatively small numbers of people involved in the great burden of fighting these ticks," he said. "In essence, however, they are protecting the entire southeastern United States."

Scientists seek ways to manage cattle tick fever

In 1943, cattle fever ticks were declared eradicated from the United States, except for a strip of land less than two miles wide along the Rio Grande in Texas. The area has been under quarantine since 1938. However, the tick is still present in much of Mexico. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers are working on several projects, including a vaccine and a computer model, that will help manage cattle tick fever. This could allow more U.S. exports of disease-resistant cattle to Mexico.

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VICKI RICHMOND (right) of Family Support Services in Amarillo talks about dating violence during STARS Day at Dimmitt High School on Friday. She discussed issues including how persons need to communicate and set boundaries before dates so there are fewer difficulties. Photo by John Brooks

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Heaters should be tested

When the north wind blows, temperatures fall and Texans turn on their heaters. Unfortunately for hundreds of Texas residents, trying to stay warm this winter will cause more heat than they needed—heat from an unwanted house fire.

"Each year, the number of fires rises as the temperature falls," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. "Because many of these fires are caused by carelessness with home heating equipment, we strongly urge everyone to take care of their heaters and fireplaces this winter."

During 1993, 17 people died in fires caused by heating equipment, according to the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System. More than 1,800 heating fires occurred in homes in

Texas. The most common cause of heating fires was allowing portable heaters too close to something combustible, such as bedding, furniture or wall surfaces.

"This means that most heating fires could have easily been prevented," Hines said.

The CFP recommends these actions to help prevent heating fires: —Keep at least three feet clear around all types of space heaters. Get a yard stick or ruler to measure the distance. This means there must be at least three feet, or about the distance of an adult's arm length, between the heater and any furniture, blankets, chairs, sofas or the nearest wall.

—Have central heating equipment, as well as portable heaters, checked by a qualified

technician. Your best option is to have the equipment checked before you turn it on for the first time this season. However, just because you've been able to use the equipment safely without a checkup doesn't mean that the equipment is safe. Have it checked now.

—If you have a fireplace, have the chimney inspected each year by a qualified chimney cleaning service. Ask the "chimney sweep" for tips on using your fireplace most effectively.

—If you are worried about the cost of having your heating equipment or chimney inspected, talk to several companies before agreeing to the service. Typically, a heating or chimney inspection by a qualified technician costs from \$25 to \$100 around the state. Ask what

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Castro County cities received a combined \$28,342.15 in sales tax rebates, down 11.12% over last November's payment of \$31,888.39.

This month's payments include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August and September, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

The city of Dimmitt received a check for \$24,952.41, down 13.06% from the 1993 payment of \$28,701.67. For the year, Dimmitt is ahead of 1993 totals on its sales tax rebates. The city has received \$281,078.84 this year compared with \$275,839.81 through November 1993.

The city of Hart welcomed a rebate that is 11.05% higher than the November 1993 payment. The check issued this month was for \$2,247.69. For the year, Hart is behind 1993 rebates by 7.41%. So far this year Hart has earned rebates totalling \$14,557.55. In 1993, payments through November totaled \$15,723.44.

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Veritable feast

A classic turkey dinner is depicted in a photo furnished by the makers of White Castle Turkey stuffing. To enjoy the tradition to its fullest Texas Department of Agriculture is urging food handling safety.

Turkey tips: Better safe than 'sick'

AUSTIN — With the holidays approaching, now is a good time to review safe kitchen practices that will keep food poisoning from ruining a festive dinner, said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Millions of cases of food poisoning occur in the United States every year, Perry said. Though most cases are mild, some can be deadly. The very young, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses are at special risk.

"The good news is most cases of food-borne illness can be prevented by proper food handling and sanitation at home," Perry said. "This may take extra planning during the holidays when a greater variety and quantity of food is served."

Texas Department of Agriculture Nutrition Coordinator Belinda Boshell recommends following simple precautions to ensure safe eating during the holiday season and all year long.

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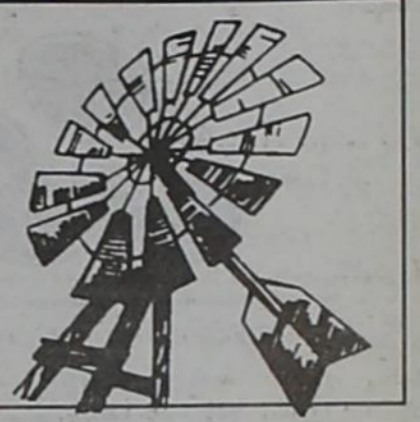
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Chili lovers cry 'Viva Terlingua!'

By DAVE THOMAS

San Angelo Standard-Times

TERLINGUA — From the small hill overlooking the area behind the Terlingua general store, 28 years of chili cookoff evolution is plainly visible.

From a contest between two men to more than 120 chili cooks seeking the "Terlingua Champion" title.

From a crowd of 500 to 10,000-plus and now to about 2,500.

From whatever entertainment they could find, to nearly 20 musical acts.

From wet T-shirt contests to, well, wet T-shirt contests.

The recent 28th annual Original Terlingua International Frank X. Tolbert-Wick Fowler Memorial Championship Chili Cookoff was a culmination of a lot of hard work for chili cooks who earned enough points at various cookoffs around the state to attend the "big one" in Terlingua.

And for judges, it was a lot of hard decisions in picking the top chili.

But the spectators know that the emphasis of this three-day event is not on chili, music or beer.

"We cook chili for fun," said Sam Lewis of San Angelo, who hasn't missed a single cookoff, "and having fun is what's important."

The cookoff started in 1967 when Wick Fowler couldn't stand to let H. Allen Smith claim to know "more about chili than anybody in the world."

After all, Smith put beans in his chili.

"And any Texan who knows beans about chili knows that you don't put beans in chili," Lewis said.

The first cookoff on the front porch of the old Terlingua general store was declared a draw by referee Frank X. Tolbert, so they decided to come back the next year. And the spectators had so much fun, they kept coming back too.

One of those spectators is Troy King, who, like Lewis, has never missed a cookoff.

"I was down here fishing," King said, "and it rained a gully-washer — washed away my camp. I was driving around the countryside and found a big crowd of people ... so I stopped."

King said that over the years, the nature of the cookoff has changed some.

"It's gone from unorganized fun to organized fun," he said. "But I think we still go by Tolbert's No. 1 rule — 'Don't nobody rain on nobody's parade.'"

The man charged with organizing the fun, coordinator Al Hopkins,

said this year's cookoff was larger than expected, drawing about 2,500 participants.

"We probably drew so many people because of the great weather," he said.

Australians John and Karen Robertson were camping at Big Bend National Park when they heard of the cookoff.

"This is great," John said. "All the Texans we've met so far are so relaxed it's incredible."

Cook Steve Strattman of Dallas is glad to know the crowds like his chili: "...the real winner is not announced on stage — it's the one who gets the most smiles from the spectators."

But the biggest part of the fun is the live music, nearly 20 musical acts this year.

Gary P. Nunn wrapped up the weekend with a 3 1/2-hour show Saturday night, lasting well past 1 a.m.

He's been performing at Terlingua off and on since the beginning and steadily for the last 10 years. He said it's the camaraderie of the place and the crowd that keeps bringing him back.

"Terlingua is a special place," Nunn said. "The crowd is absolutely great and the weather this year is great too. Usually the wind's blow-

ing like hell and we're standing up here all frozen."

His good friend Troy King says Nunn makes Terlingua the fun it is.

"Because of Gary P. we are what we are," King said. "He tells the story of us and chili through his songs."

Nunn was more modest, "This cookoff would be what it is without me, I'm just glad to help out and be a part of it — it's always a lot of fun."

Nunn has been a part of it for so long, maybe he should record an album in Terlingua, like Jerry Jeff Walker did in Luckenbach.

"Nah ... I don't think so," Nunn said. "It's possible, it could be done, but I don't think we'll do it."

As the concert carries on into the night, a conga line snakes around the adobe stage. Young and old, bikers and college kids are all slapping high fives to each other. By the end of the night, the crowd is dancing in front of the stage, in back of the stage, even on the stage.

Hopkins grins, "The crazy thing is these aren't all derelicts — you've got all professions here, and this is their day to let it go."

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TSTA wants more child access to computers

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The state should provide all second- and eighth-graders and their teachers should be provided with home computers for homework, a new Texas State Teachers Association report recommends.

The report, released Wednesday in Corpus Christi, suggests that the computers

should be available to students in second grade and again in eighth grade.

"By the second grade, they are ready to learn," said Ignacio Salinas Jr., vice president of the teachers association. "Then in the eighth grade, they can get prepared for the high school level. We don't want just computers, but we want them to be

attached to a network so teachers can send the students homework through the system."

The technology gap between schools and business is one of 46 points in the study, compiled by a nine-member task force. The 96,000-member teachers association plans to take the report to the

Legislature for consideration during the next session.

Dianne O'Dell, director of educational media/technology with the Region II Education Service Center, said about 75 percent of the schools she visits have outdated technology.

The rapid change in technology makes it difficult for

school districts to keep up with new programs, systems and computers.

"Schools are used to buying for 10 to 15 years," O'Dell said. "But with technology, it's a whole different paradigm. We tell them to look ahead five years at the most, when in reality, it's about three years."

Yo-yo diets OK after all

By DENISE WEBB

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A report last week by the National Institutes of Health said there were no negative health consequences from repeatedly gaining and losing weight, so-called yo-yo dieting.

But despite the report, many questions about yo-yo dieting remain unanswered, and strong differences of opinion about its ramifications linger.

The report was prepared by an eight-member task force that evaluated 43 studies on yo-yo dieting. They hoped to determine possible consequences to repeated weight loss and gain, like lower metabolic rate, higher risk of cardiovascular disease or diminished psychological health.

The report found no increase in metabolic rate as a consequence of repeatedly gaining and losing weight, but it hinted at psychological drawbacks. Its finding on heart disease was inconclusive.

Dr. John P. Foreyt, director of the Nutrition Research Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who served on the National Institutes of Health task force and recently completed a study on the psychological effects of yo-yo dieting, said there were "very clear adverse psychological effects."

ROUNDUP DELAYED AFTER ATTORNEY QUESTIONS PLAN

Wild horses spared, for now

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (AP) — A roundup of hundreds of feral horses on White Sands Missile Range has been delayed because military attorneys question a plan to cull the overpopulated herds.

"We just want to make sure we can do this right," said Larry Furrow, the range's chief of public affairs.

Brig. Gen. Jerry Laws, White Sands commander, had said he wanted to start rounding up some 1,000 horses Monday.

But Furrow said military attorneys questioned whether the range could enter into a legally binding agreement with the state Corrections Department.

Under the proposal, inmates at the state prison near Santa Fe would train the horses, which could then be placed up for sale or adoption.

White Sands officials estimated there are about 1,500 feral horses living on U.S. Army's 3,000-square-mile military installation.

A preliminary environmental

impact statement said the range could adequately sustain about 200 horses.

More than 100 of the horses died this summer from dehydration and starvation triggered by drought and overpopulation.

A state task force chaired by Lt. Gov. Casey Luna was formed to assist the military in humanely removing the animals. The task force includes state and federal agencies as well as animal advocacy groups.

Congress has appropriated \$1.5 million to remove most of the horses.

But Sherry Kiesling, spokeswoman for Rep. Joe Skeen, R-N.M., said the legal question surrounds a 1973 presidential executive order issued by then-President Nixon.

The order bars the military from entering into agreements with state prison systems unless prisoners are paid minimum wages, she said.

Skeen might lobby President Clinton to issue a new executive

order to allow the range to start the roundup, Kiesling said.

"We're looking for just the quickest way to resolve this," she said today. "Hopefully it won't take any legislation because that will take a long time to do."

"But we're looking for other angles to produce the same purpose," Kiesling said.

Furrow said once the hurdle is cleared, range officials will start rounding up the horses, possibly as early as December.

Besides a quick resolution, the range wants to ensure that government money is wisely spent and that the horses are adopted by private owners, not buyers for pet food and other horse products, he said.

"We want the roundup to be completely humane," Furrow said.

Luna's office has sent a letter to the Army asking officials to reconsider noncontract options, such as a memo of understanding, a joint powers agreement or a cooperative agreement.

Turkey-to-go fulfills family Thanksgiving tradition

By ANN HELLER

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DAYTON, Ohio — Grandma isn't cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year. For that matter, mom may not do more than set the table.

For many Americans the holiday dinner will

be a carryout meal.

Kroger, which has provided the entire fully-cooked meal for 15 years, will sell an estimated 9,000-10,000 turkey dinners in Dayton stores this year. Each of those dinners feeds 8-10 people. The number of fami-

lies who rely on that chain to prepare the annual dinner grows about 10 percent each year, according to Art Wulfeck, Kroger director of communications.

Each year, cooks decide that roasting a turkey, baking a pie and whipping up mashed

potatoes and baked sweets — and perhaps gravy — is too much to handle in the middle of a work week.

They turn to supermarket delis and caterers to bail them out.

At Dorothy Lane Market, owner Norman Mayne identifies these customers as professionals who don't have time and retired people who've cooked for their families all their lives and don't want to cook anymore.

"They call up and say 'I've never done this before,'" says Howard Solganik of the Working Gourmet Catering Co.,

which also supplies the makings of the holiday meal. "It's like they're in a confessional."

Some are so embarrassed they pass the foods off as their own and the Working Gourmet accommodates them by putting its specialties into the customers' serving dishes.

Businesses such as Truffles Catering primarily sell entire turkey dinners and the number of customers has been growing for four yebs, not fresh. Still, Kroger deli employees bake the pies in the store, assemble the casseroles and are on hand on

Thanksgiving Day to heat and slice the turkey if requested.

Most of the stores cut off orders Friday, though Kroger and The Working Gourmet will take orders next week. Those two also provide pickup of orders on Thanksgiving Day.

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TURKEY

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- Safety begins at the supermarket, says Boshell. Pick up the turkey, meat and dairy products last. If food has to be in a car longer than 30 minutes, ice perishables in a cooler.

- Take your food home to a clean kitchen—spotless shelves, countertops, other surfaces and utensils. Refrigerate or freeze perishable items promptly.

- The safest way to thaw a turkey is in the refrigerator, never at room temperature where bacteria multiply rapidly. Refrigerator thawing takes one or two days for an 8 to 12-pound bird and four or five days for turkeys weighing 20 to 25 pounds. Fresh turkeys should be purchased two or three days before the holiday and stored in the refrigerator. Place the turkey in a pan so it cannot drip on other food.

- Cook turkey and dressing separately. Stuffed inside a warm turkey, dressing becomes a breeding place for bacteria. If you must cook dressing in the bird, stuff the turkey

after it has thawed completely and right before putting it in the oven. Cook it until a meat thermometer inserted into the center of the dressing registers 165 degrees fahrenheit.

- Cooking food to internal temperatures of 165 to 212 F. kills most food poisoning bacteria. Hot food can be held at 140 to 165 F.—in a chafing dish, for example—up to two hours, stirring occasionally. Properly stored leftovers should be reheated thoroughly to 165 F.

- Refrigerate leftovers, including pumpkin and other custard pies, within two hours. Divide large portions of meat, dressing, gravy and mashed potatoes into smaller portions! which cool faster after refrigeration.

"The rule to remember is 'keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold and everything clean,'" said Boshell. "Kitchen cleanliness will go a long way to preventing foodborne illness any time of year."

To prevent germs from

multiplying during food preparation, separate raw meats, poultry and fish from other foods and use separate cutting boards for raw and cooked foods. Carefully wash cutting boards and knives before reusing.

Cutting boards should be cleaned and sanitized with warm, soapy water, followed by a solution of two to three teaspoons of household bleach in a quart of warm water. Rinse the boards with hot water. The same solution may be used to clean countertops.

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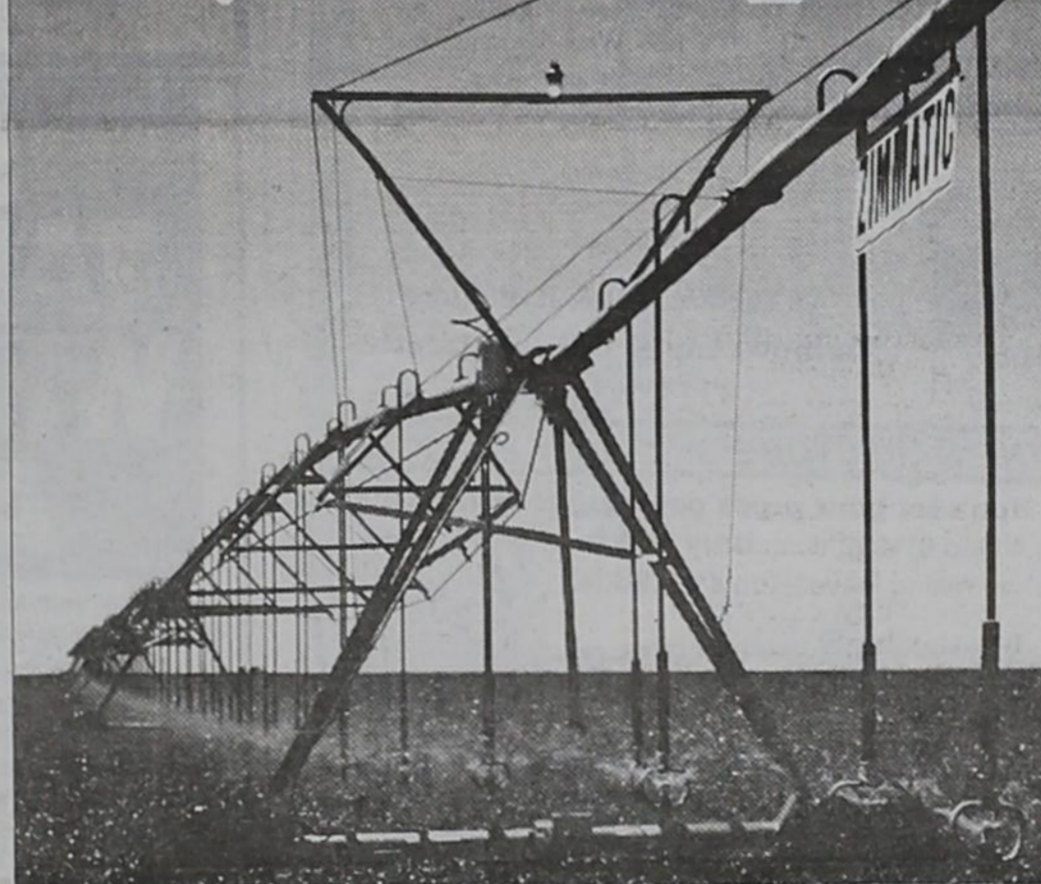
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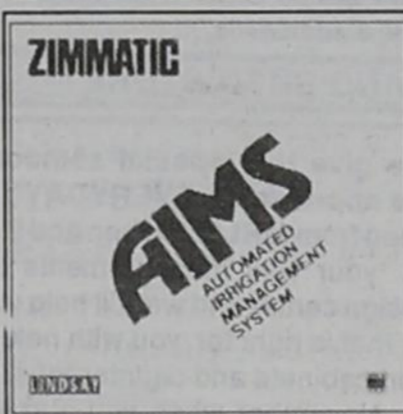
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Who or what is important?

Howdy, neighbors!

Awhile back, the social event of the decade took place out at Windsor Lake Country Club and Bingo Parlor.

Everybody who even thought they were anybody showed up.

The gala occasion was the retirement party for the chairman of Security Bank, the venerable U.S. Etheridge IV.

this is the same U.S. Etheridge who arrived in Windy Valley carryin' all of his worldly goods in a paper sack. Fortunately for U.S. the sack contained his one million dollar inheritance.

I wouldn't say U.S. is a miser but the only time he puts hi hands in his pockets is durin' cold weather.

I wouldn't say U.S. is stingy but he won't even give his cold to Contac.

U.S. is such a penny pincher he'd rather pinch a penny than a girl and he squeezes those pennies so hard the Indians get Excedrin headaches.

For one glorious evenin' at least, ole U.S. was the "man of the hour", the "centerpiece" of the universe around him.

That was five or six weeks ago.

Yesterday, I met Bubba Barfield out at the Country Club for lunch. We've been tryin' to figure out a way to get rich by raisin' and sellin' "Canadian Night-Crawlers" for bait. By the time we had taken the last bit of our dessert we concluded that it just looked a lot like one of those Chinchilla deals.

About that time, ole U.S. Etheridge came in. A couple of folks nodded his direction and a couple more may have grunted; but nobody stood and nobody shook his hand. His entrance didn't cause much of a stir.

As I watched his unceremonious entry I could not help but remember what would have happened had he entered that room a couple of months earlier. Why,

everyone would have stood up to greet him and shake his hand. The entire staff would have knocked themselves out to see that his every whim was satisfied. Everyone would have at least stopped by his table to greet him on their way out.

But not today.

As I drove away in my pickup i got to thinkin': I wonder if U.S. has figured out yet that he wasn't all that important - it was his job that was important!

When a general retires and takes off his general's suit and walk into a room just wearin' an ordinary civilian suit, where nobody knows that he used to be a



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general, does anybody stand up, does anybody salute?

This leadership business is mighty interestin'. Eight weeks ago, ole U.S. would have had his meal served with slightly more dispatch than the rest. Two months ago, he was really somebody. Today, he's just one of the boys.

There must be a moral here somewhere: It's not Who we are, but What we are that's important!

Of course, it's possible, ole U.S. may not give a stink!

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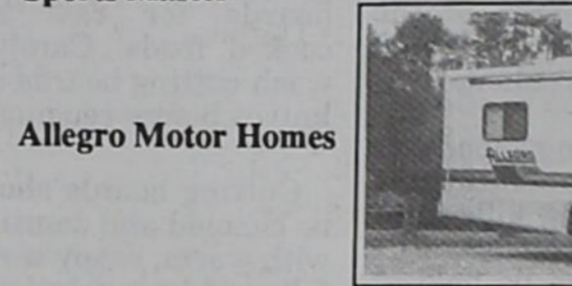
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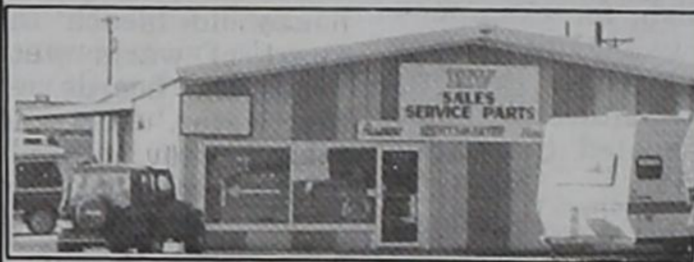
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Baking into glass logs urged for Pantex plutonium

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Excess plutonium should be baked into glass logs to ensure that the fissile material can't be used to make weapons, says a new study by a research group that studies nuclear issues.

The government may have as much as 100 tons of plutonium in its inventory either in weapons, waste from weapons plants or from nuclear warheads dismantled at Texas' Pantex facility near Amarillo.

The plutonium, which has a half-life of 24,000 years, can be stored — which poses some risks. Or, it can be permanently disposed of through vitrification or being used to

fuel nuclear power reactors.

The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research contends in a report issued Wednesday that the United States must take steps quickly to vitrify its excess plutonium as a way of encouraging other countries — especially Russia — to do the same.

While that view has earned some support in the environmental community, the Pentagon has suggested the plutonium is an asset to be kept rather than disposed of.

But the institute, which has asked President Clinton to formally declare all excess plutonium a liability, contends the United States must set an example for other countries.

"In order to exercise global

leadership, the U.S. must forego the use of plutonium in reactors," said Arjun Makhijani, the institute's president. "It must reject this option very firmly and we believe opt for vitrification of plutonium."

Energy Department officials didn't immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

Makhijani argued that Russia's turbulent economic and political scene dictates quick action by the United States. "Russia will not act until the United States acts," he said at a morning news conference.

Earlier this year, a National Academy of Sciences study concluded that the two most likely options for eventual

permanent disposal of plutonium are to burn it in a specially constructed reactor or to encase it in glass logs and bury it.

Neither of these technologies nor an appropriate long-term storage site is likely to be available for years, so the Energy Department must find interim storage for the highly radioactive material used in warheads.

The Energy Department would like to temporarily keep plutonium "pits" from 20,000 warheads at Pantex. For the time being, federal and state officials have reached agreement to limit the storage to 12,000 pits.

Beverly Gattis, head of a Pantex watchdog group, welcomed release of the insti-

tute's report though she stopped short of endorsing its recommendations.

"I don't think I have absorbed the report sufficiently to just give it an unqualified approval," said Ms. Gattis, president of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping.

"What I do approve of is that it has kind of carried the discussion forward and it's made a concrete proposal that I think has a lot of merit," said Ms. Gattis, who was at Wednesday's news conference. "And I also think there's very good reasons for regarding these surplus materials as liabilities and handling them as such."

IBM, in major revelation, says it's licensing 'Mac' DOS

By LAURIE FLYNN

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Confirming longstanding computer industry speculation, IBM said Thursday that it expected to license the Macintosh operating system from Apple Computer Inc. and install it on IBM personal computers.

"Are we going to offer the Mac operating system preloaded on our

machines? Yes, we are going to do that, assuming our customers want it," Roger Bolton, a spokesman for International Business Machines Corp., said in an interview. Bolton said IBM would not modify the Macintosh system.

Final details of the agreement have to be ironed out, he said. The first machines based on a common design the

companies announced last week will use the Power PC chip co-developed with Motorola Inc. and will run a variety of operating systems. They are not expected on the market until 1996.

Apple has also signed preliminary agreements to license its Macintosh operating system to several other PC manufacturers, including Motorola, Panasonic, Pioneer, FirePower

Systems Inc., Olivetti, Power Computing, Goldstar and Toshiba.

People close to the talks said all of these companies were interested in selling the Macintosh operating system to run on machines based on the Power PC microprocessor. In some cases only technical issues remain to be resolved.

Don Strickland, the Apple vice president in charge of licensing the Macintosh operating system, said his company would be working with fewer than 10 computer companies in the first six months of its licensing program

because of constraints in engineering and technical support. Eventually, Apple will give a license to virtually any company that requests one, including rivals, he said.

"We believe the first machines not from Apple that will be running the Macintosh operating system will appear in the second half of 1995," Strickland said.

Both IBM and Apple deny widespread industry rumors that they are working on a single operating system to compete head-to-head against Microsoft Corp.'s Windows, the dominant personal com-

puter operating system.

Instead, Apple and IBM say they are working on technology that will let software developers write programs that will run on either company's operating system with minimal modification.

"That's what we're all working toward, and that's what Taligent is all about," Bolton said, referring to the software development company IBM and Apple formed in 1991.

IBM hopes its PC customers will request its OS/2 operating software, which has made little headway over the years.

Austin to San Antonio water main proposed

AUSTIN (AP) — State water regulators are looking at several ways to increase the water supply in San Antonio, including a pipeline that would pump water from Austin to the Alamo City.

A decision is still years away and the pipeline may never be built, according to state officials. But the mere mention has touched off criticism from Austin-area leaders.

"It's an awful idea," Travis County Judge Bill Aleshire told the Austin

American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions. "San Antonio has sucked its aquifer dry, its voters won't support a new reservoir and now the state wants to give them our water? It's outrageous."

The pipeline is just one of 40 options that have been prepared for the Texas Water Development Board and other state agencies as ways to address a burgeoning water crisis in San Antonio, the nation's eighth-largest city.

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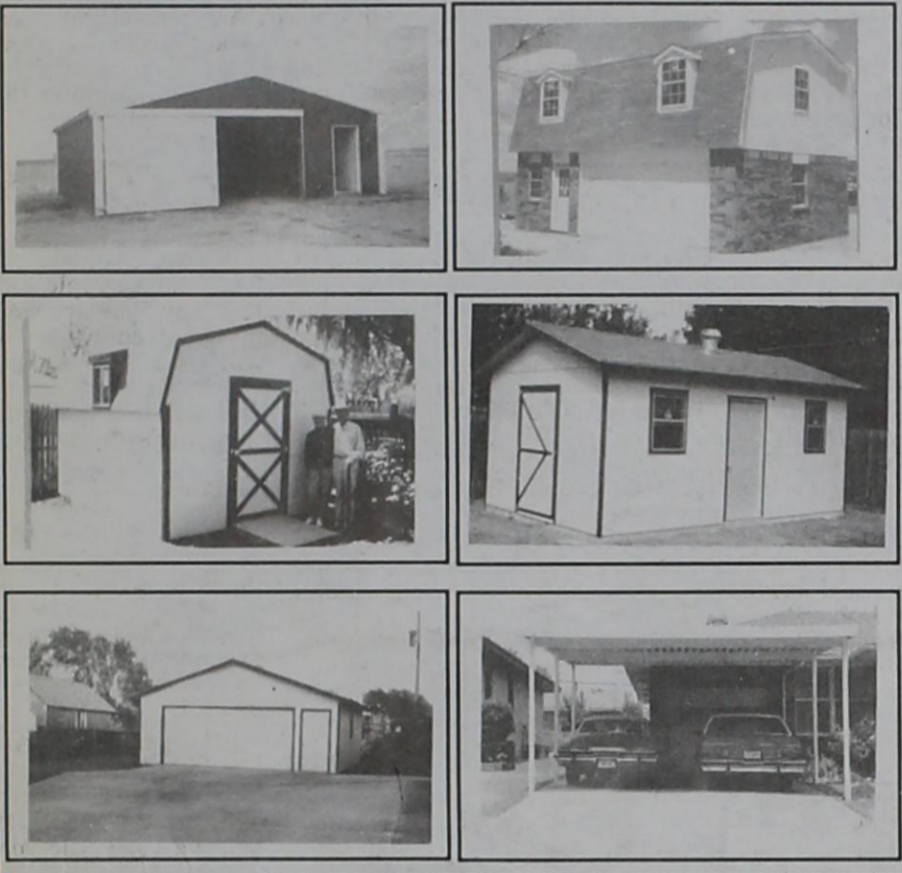
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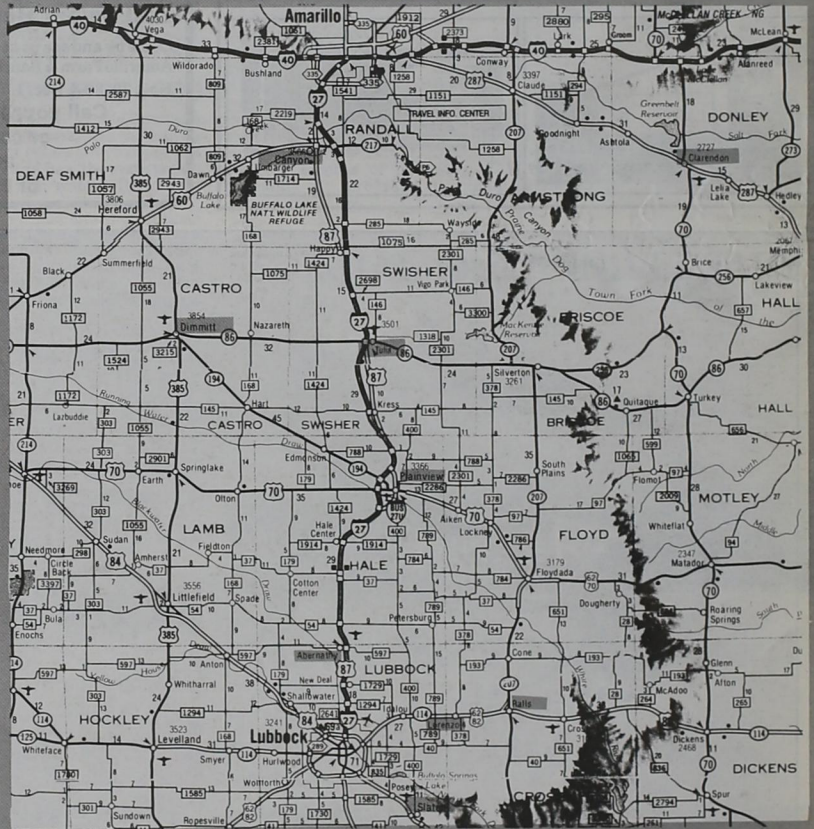
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