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Train-truck collision kills 24 cattle

By DON NELSON

Cattle, cattle everywhere—and most of them dead amid the wreckage of a truck and a freight train.

That's the grisly scene that emerged from the thick fog as lawmen, firemen and emergency medical crews arrived at the railroad crossing near the Goodpasture plant last Thursday morning.

The accident occurred at 8:30 a.m. as the short Burlington-Santa Fe train made its way northward across SH 194 on the spur-line southeast of Dimmitt after picking up a car at the Goodpasture plant.

David Pugh, 35, of Plainview, a driver for Excel, had picked up a load of cattle at Dimmitt Feed Yards and was returning to Excel's Plainview plant in the company-owned Peterbilt cattle truck.

In the dense fog, he saw the highway flares and the train's flagman too late.

Despite Pugh's attempt to swerve away, the three-engine diesel train plowed into the cattle rig at the joint, tearing the cab away and flipping the trailer as it sheared off the front end of it.

Nine or 10 cattle were hurled out of the front end of the trailer and into the train while the rest were tossed and flipped inside.

Of the 47 cattle in the trailer, 24 died. A few of those that survived the crash wandered, dazed, onto the highway and into nearby fields and

the Goodpasture yard. The rest were trapped inside the trailer.

Pugh escaped with his life, although he received a severe head laceration and multiple bruises. His tractor was still upright when it came to rest on the other side of the train from the trailer, with the sleeper cab, tandem dolly and rear wheels badly damaged.

He was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital and held for observation until Thursday afternoon.

"David is doing better; he's still off for a week," Excel Fleet Manager Clayton Smith said Tuesday. "He lost quite a bit of blood and he's awfully sore."

The impact knocked the lead locomotive off the tracks. The big engine plowed out a furrow two to three feet deep alongside the tracks, pushing a mound of dirt and dead cattle in front of it until it came to a stop.

A mass of twisted beams, a truck tire and at least nine dead cattle were under the locomotive by the time it came to rest, its wheels and undercarriage spattered with blood and manure.

Keith Smith of Dimmitt was one of three Dept. of Public Safety troopers who investigated the accident.

"According to witnesses, the train had flares out and a flagman, and there was a dense fog," Trooper Smith said. "Mr. Pugh saw the flares before he saw the train. He headed for the north bar ditch immediately, but the train struck the truck and separated the tractor from the trailer."

"The truck driver said he was driving about 55 mph. He was cited for disregarding a railroad crossing flagman and driving without being secured by a safety belt."

"It was a mess, that's for sure." DPS Troopers Dave Bratton of Dimmitt and Eddie Aguilar of Hereford also investigated the accident, "with a lot of help from the Dept. of Transportation, the sheriff's office and the local police department in directing traffic after the accident," Trooper Smith said.

The DPS troopers called in Mr. O's wrecking service from Amarillo, Messer Construction Co. of Hereford and Plainview By-Products to clear away the wreckage, get the locomotive back on the track and pick up the dead cattle. Excel sent a truck for the cattle that survived.

Highway 194 was blocked until 5 p.m. Traffic was diverted along county roads to State 86 and US 385 while crews worked to clear the roadway.

Smith said the lead locomotive received "very minimal damage" and was back in service by the end of the day.

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24 CATTLE KILLED—Dead cattle along the tracks and sheet metal from a cattle semi-trailer plastered to the front of a Burlington-Santa Fe locomotive give stark evidence of the truck-train collision that occurred last Thursday morning at the Highway 194 crossing near the Goodpasture plant. In left background is the tractor of the Excel cattle hauler which was driven by David Pugh of Plainview, and in right back-

ground is the overturned trailer, which was loaded with 47 cattle en route to Excel's Plainview plant. The accident occurred in a dense fog at 8:30 a.m. The locomotive separated the tractor from the trailer. Pugh received a severe head laceration and bruises, and 24 of the cattle were killed. The accident scene blocked traffic along the highway until 5 p.m. Thursday.

Photo by Don Nelson

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They called it "A Celebration of Texas Journalism."

They invited old UT journalism grads back for a day of seminars, fellowship and war stories.

I had not been back for a homecoming or reunion since I left in 1956, unless you count two of my children's graduations. My only "homecomings" there have always consisted of popping into the Communication Building when I was in town and visiting with a couple of former classmates who now teach there.

But this gathering was different. This one I wanted to attend.

Although I return to the UT campus occasionally, it has changed so much through the years that now I recognize only every third building I see. Some of the old buildings don't even seem to be in the same places.

"Can we help you?" a trio of pretty coeds asked Verbie and me last Thursday night after the opening reception.

We had just been treated to a live concert by Asleep at the Wheel and were wandering around north of the Tower, looking lost.

"Which building is the Pharmacy Building?" I asked.

"That's the new Pharmacy Building," one said, "and that's the old one over there, next to it."

"That's what we thought," I said. "There used to be a little plaza here. We were looking for the steps where we used to sit and talk and kiss and look at the Tower at night. It was something we could do that didn't cost anything."

One of the girls giggled. "I haven't tried that yet," she said.

"You should," I told her. "It's a lot of fun."

Those plaza steps, I guess, disappeared in the crush of new construction. You can see only the top half of the Tower from there now, anyway.

I was a sophomore usher at the dedication of the new Journalism Building in 1953. We were all very proud of it. It freed us from the basement of the old Geology Building.

It had an inscription carved in stone above the front entrance:
JOURNALISM
Vincit Omnia Veritas

We students translated that to mean "Journalism Conquers All Truth."

That building was used for journalism less than 20 years. It was replaced by the huge Jesse H. Jones Communication Center, a two-building complex that houses the College

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Two men injured in accidents

Two Dimmitt men were injured in unrelated work accidents during the past week.

Last Thursday morning, Daniel Lopez suffered amputation of his lower right leg in an accident involving a drive shaft running a grain auger at DeBruce Grain.

Shane Lindsey of the Plains Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Service said the ambulance arrived

on the scene within two minutes of receiving the call, and transported Lopez to the hospital. Lindsey said a helicopter from Aerocare of Lubbock transported Lopez to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Lindsey said Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. members helped in the rescue and were able to extricate the severed limb and took it to the hospital, getting there just ahead of the

ambulance.

Lindsey said that he understood the limb was not reattached.

Lee Kleman, manager of DeBruce Grain, said Lopez was still in intensive care in Lubbock as of Wednesday morning.

April 14, Michael Sepeda of Dimmitt had his hands cut in a chain at Rafter 3 Feedyard.

Jerry Vera at Rafter 3 said Sepeda was taken to the hospital by private vehicle, and he was then taken by helicopter to Amarillo.

Vera said Sepeda lost some digits on four fingers, but is already home from the hospital, although he has not been released to return to work yet.

OM teams set public performance, fund raising events for trip to world

Two Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams need to raise roughly \$3,000 per week for the next five weeks in order to meet their goal of \$15,000 so they can attend the World OM Competition set for June 4-7 in Maryland.

The Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School structure teams both won first in their divisions at the State OM competition April 4-5 in Houston.

The two teams have scheduled a

public performance for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Admission is free and refreshments will be served; however, donations will be gladly accepted, according to OM coach Wayne Proffitt.

In addition, the OM'ers have scheduled a car wash for Saturday from 9 a.m. until they run out of business, with wash locations set at the Pizza Hut parking lot and

Thrasher's Auto.

Aluminum cans can be donated to the team by depositing them in the cotton trailer placed on the vacant lot across the street from Mr. Burger.

Team members also are selling raffle tickets for a chance at \$100 in cash, with the drawing to be held near the end of May.

"We have received \$730 in donations so far, in addition to the \$3,000 grant offered to the DMS team," Proffitt said. "So that only leaves \$11,270 to go."

Members of the DMS structure team are Daniel Proffitt, Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick, and Cherie Norman. They are coached by Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

Members of the DHS team are Timothy Proffitt, Jeremy Matthews, Andy Hill, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Michael Keith, and Jared Townsend. They are coached by Wayne Proffitt and Pat Keith.

The DMS Classics team placed fourth at state and will not advance, but they are helping with the fund raising efforts for the other two teams and may be contacted for raffle tickets, etc.

Team members are Cliff Wright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Thomas Brockman, Jill Merritt, Ryan Hays and Kelsey Welch. They are coached by Kim Hays and Brenda Welch.

The Dimmitt school board overrode a board policy and agreed to let the DMS team attend the World contest on the same basis as the DHS team—if they are able to raise the funds.

Wayne Proffitt announced April 14 that the DMS structure team had received \$3,000 in grant funds from an "OM Fairy Godmother" in Dallas.

For more information on the OM program or to make a donation, call Proffitt at 647-3128 (work) or 647-2357 (home); or Pat Keith at 647-4537 (home).

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	36	
Friday	74	43	
Saturday	71	42	
Sunday	80	42	
Monday	81	44	
Tuesday	79	44	
Wednesday	64	36	
April Moisture			1.01
1997 moisture			1.84

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

Hospital budget public hearing set for tonight

The hospital board will hold a public hearing tonight (Thursday) on the hospital district's proposed budget for 1997-98.

The hearing will be the first item of business in the meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in the Plains Memorial Hospital solarium. Final approval of the budget will come later in the meeting.

The proposed budget anticipates a big increase in revenue during the coming year—\$9.46 million, vs. \$6.7 million this year—but also projects higher expenses, especially in Medicare/Medicaid write-offs. The anticipated result is a \$399,902 operating loss during the coming year, compared with a \$31,824 profit this year.

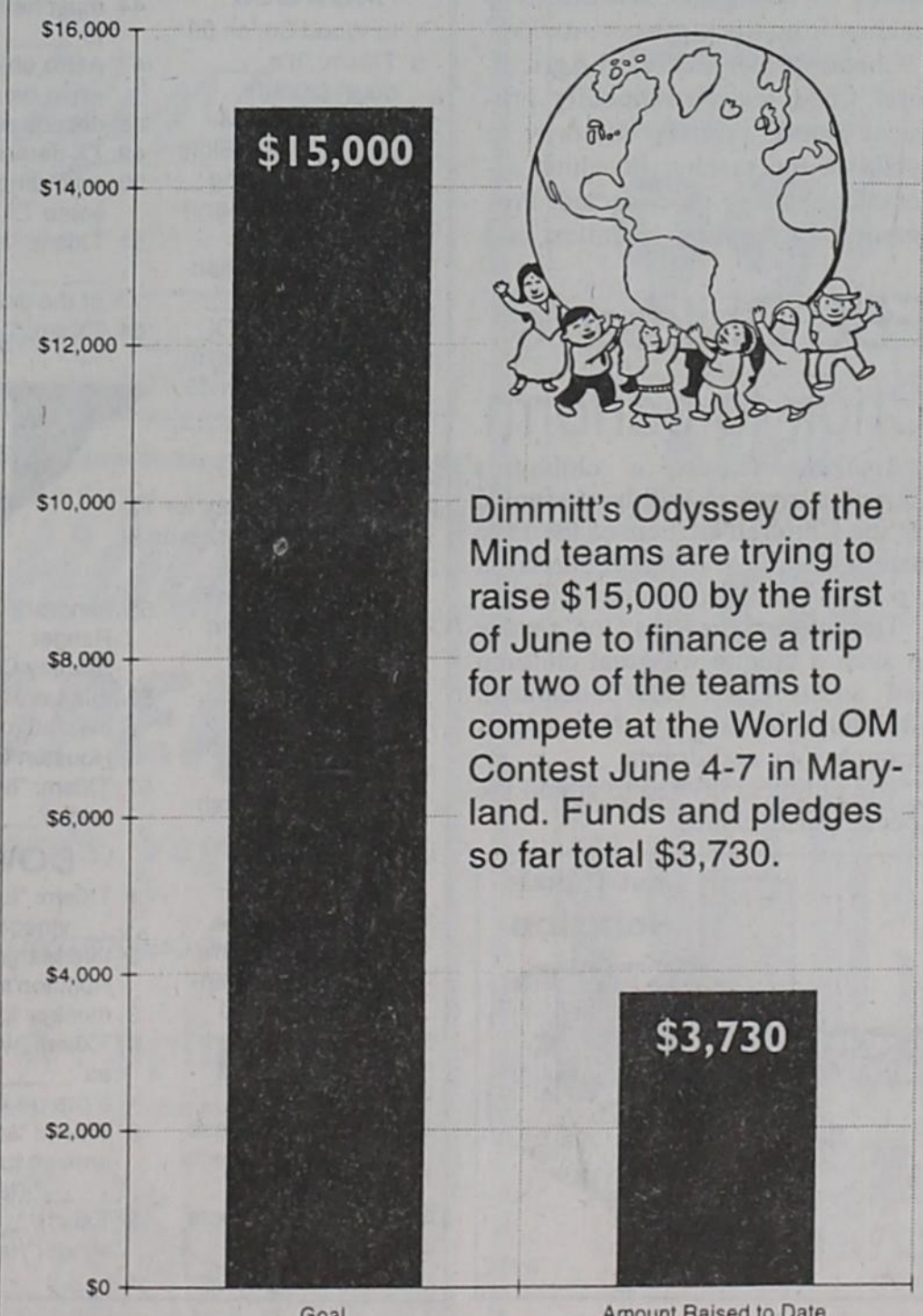
However, a hospital spokesperson said no increase in the present \$1.30 property-tax rate is expected.

The hospital district's operations include Plains Memorial Hospital, the Medical Center of Dimmitt, the Home Health Agency and the Emergency Medical Service.

Also at tonight's meeting, CEO Joe Sloan will report that the hospital's newly completed Geriatric Psychiatric Unit "passed with flying colors" in its state and Medicare inspections this week.

The board also will be asked to grant active staff privileges for Dr. Matthew Houseal and to approve an auditing firm, a strategic plan and mission statement, and a policy manual.

Dimmitt OM--Working for World



Dimmitt's Odyssey of the Mind teams are trying to raise \$15,000 by the first of June to finance a trip for two of the teams to compete at the World OM Contest June 4-7 in Maryland. Funds and pledges so far total \$3,730.

More about Collision . . .

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Excel's fleet manager said he felt the warning flares were no help in preventing the accident.

"They set the flares there at the tracks," Clayton Smith said. "They should have set them a couple of hundred yards up the road because of the fog. You can't stop an 80,000-lb. truck in a very short distance."

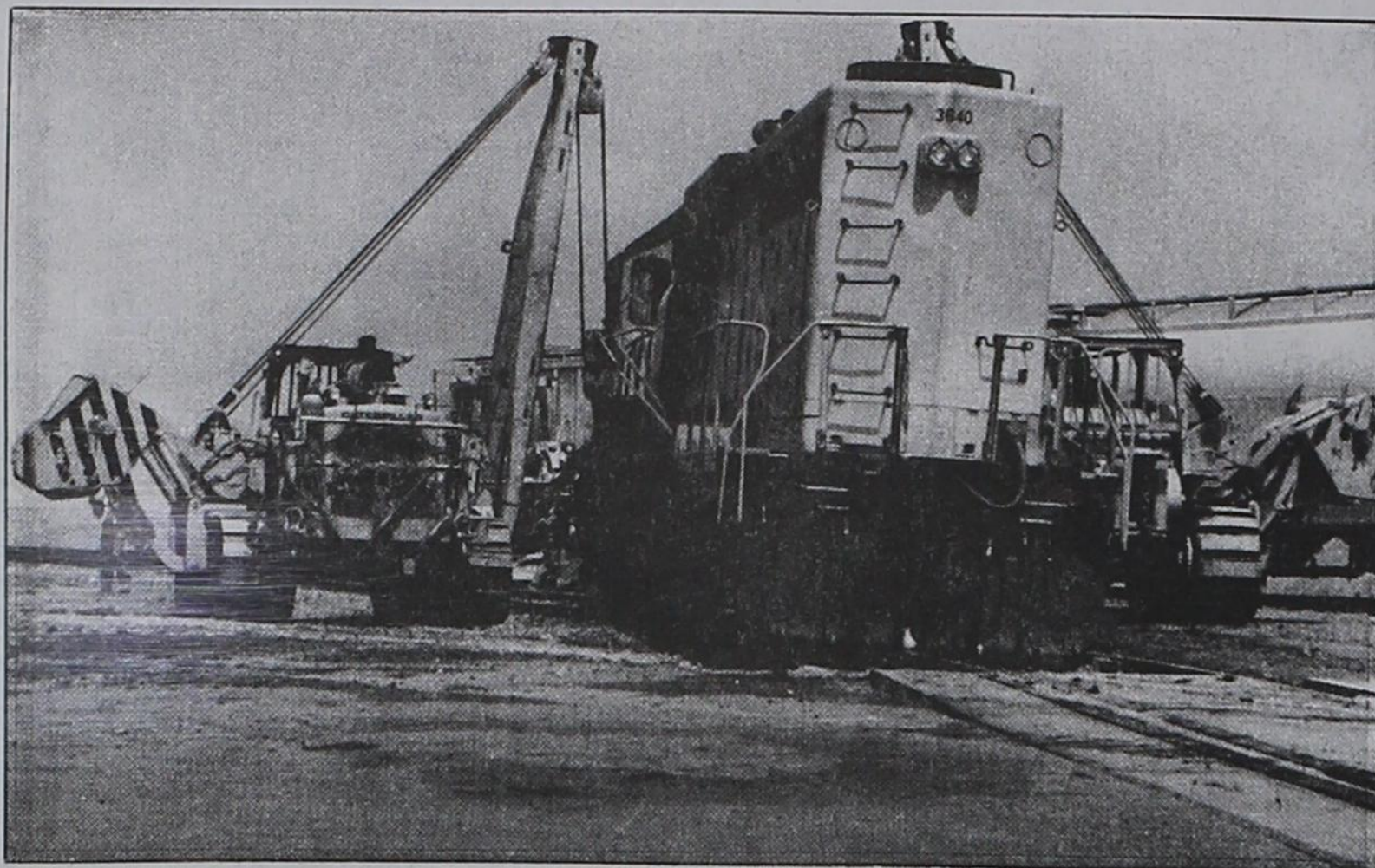
He said that another truck evidently came close to hitting the train from the other direction.

"There was another truck going west and it almost hit that same train, but we don't know what happened to him," Smith said. "We have pictures of the skid marks where he slid almost up to the track. That other truck laid down skid marks for 150 or 200 yards. He really set it down trying to stop."

It was the second truck-train collision in less than a month here.

"During the first week of April a cattle truck on the 385 crossing on the north side of town was hit by a train," Trooper Smith said.

"That one could have ended up like this one. It happened much the same way, but the truck and train were going the same direction in that one, and in this one they were going in perpendicular directions."



HOW DO YOU PICK UP A TRAIN? With two construction cranes, that's how. Messer Construction of Hereford provided two cranes to help lift the damaged locomotive back onto the track, and other heavy equipment to help with clean-up following the accident last Thursday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

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of Communication, with journalism, advertising, speech communication, photography, public relations and radio-TV-film all under one roof.

(The communication schools at Texas Tech and the University of Tennessee now use the same concept.)

I had worked my way through UT in the basement composing room of the old Journalism Building, setting type for The Daily Texan.

It's now the Geology Building. Today's students don't know that journalism was ever taught there.

And a J-student who interviewed me asked what a Linotype machine looked like.

The "celebration" was coordinated by the UT chapter of Women in Communications. They wanted to rededicate the newly remodeled Lady Bird Johnson Conference Room in the Communication Center, and decided to make a full day of it.

And what a day it was. All our sessions were held in the "Austin City Limits" studio on the sixth floor, where the students produce the popular TV show for PBS.

Thirty-three UT journalism grads have won Pulitzer Prizes. Five of them were on a panel to recall their stories. (One of them was Ben Sargent, whose editorial cartoons we use.)

But the Pulitzer winner I most wanted to see again couldn't make it—Karen Elliott House, a Matador girl who now heads up the European edition of the Wall Street Journal.

George Christian, who was President Johnson's press secretary, and Liz Carpenter, who was Lady Bird Johnson's press secretary, shared some great stories with us about life in the LBJ White House.

"LBJ hardly ever slept, and he

might call you at any time of the day or night, although he tried not to call anybody before 6 in the morning," Christian recalled.

"One time he called Wayne Hayes (congressman from Ohio) at 1 a.m. and said, 'Wayne, you weren't asleep, were you?'"

"No, Mr. President," Wayne said. "I was just lying here in bed waiting for you to call."

Another time, LBJ got carried away and told a group of visitors that his great-great-grandfather had died at the Alamo.

"We had it on tape," Christian said. "The White House press corps had it on tape. They wanted an explanation."

"I went to Bill Moyers with it. I asked Bill what we were going to do about this. He said, 'Let's ask the president what he's going to do about it.'"

"Well, LBJ simply denied having said it—even after we played back the tape for him."

"So later, at the annual Gridiron Dinner, we had him say—and he didn't want to do this, but we told him he had to—that what he had meant was that his great-great-grandfather had died in a fight at the Alamo Bar. . . ."

Producer assessments help commodity boards

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry reminds Texas purchasers, warehousemen, processors and other commercial handlers of wheat, grain sorghum, rice, corn, citrus, spinach, peanuts, mohair, and sheep and goats that Texas law requires them to collect assessments from producers and remit that money to commodity producer boards.

"These assessments—voted on and passed by our producers—help fund research, education, and promotional efforts to enhance the production and marketing of Texas agricultural commodities," Perry said. "Failing to collect and remit is against the law. Collecting an assessment from the producer, but failing to remit that assessment is stealing from the producer—twice."

Chapter 41 of the Texas Agricultural Code gives commodity producer boards primary authority to establish the manner in which assessments are to be collected. Processors are required to collect and

remit the assessment to the board. Boards regularly report to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture all processors who have failed to assess and/or failed to remit fees. At a board's request, TDA can seek to suspend or revoke any TDA license or permit issued to a violator.

In addition, the board may institute proceedings for recovering the funds with the Attorney General's office or the county or district attorney having jurisdiction.

Perry stressed that the purpose of the commodity producer boards is not to regulate, but rather, to enhance the overall agricultural industry.

"Really?" she said. "Why would you want to print it?"

I wish I had thought to say, "Because it's there."

I'm currently nagging her to let her hometown paper print excerpts from her journal about her excellent adventure.

But more importantly for me, Linda Davis Johnson, Dimmitt High School Class of '66, was there. She was the fellow UT J-grad that I most wanted to see—and it turned out that I was the one she most wanted to see.

Linda, our former postmaster's daughter, worked for the CCN during the summers when she was a student. She now has her own public relations firm in Fort Worth.

Last summer, Linda got to live out her ultimate fantasy. She climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. She showed us some great pictures of herself freezing her tail off.

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Area residents may apply for free cataract surgery

In celebration of National Sight Saving Month and Mission Cataract USA, free cataract surgery is being made available at the Amarillo Cataract & Eye Surgery Center to people in the Panhandle who otherwise could not afford to have this vision-restoring procedure.

"We're extremely proud to be able to provide these services to individuals in our area with special needs," said eye surgeon J. Avery Rush, M.D., a surgeon of the Amarillo Cataract & Eye Surgery Center. Other doctors joining Rush in this community service project are Robert Gerald, M.D., John Murrell, M.D., and Bruce Weinberger, M.D.

Free eye screenings will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 3 at the office of Rush and Gerald, 7308 Fleming Avenue in Amarillo. The screening will serve to determine those candidates with cataracts and financial need.

Eligible candidates will receive a comprehensive eye examination and will be scheduled for cataract surgery on May 10. The surgeries will be performed at AC&ESC, and will include lens implants and all follow-up care.

Anyone who is visually impaired

and has financial need is encouraged to call 354-8891 to make an appointment.

"We sincerely hope that anyone who is experiencing difficulty with their vision or has been previously diagnosed with cataracts, and who feels they cannot afford this type of eye care, will participate in this special project," Gerald said.

"This is an extremely rewarding experience for the surgeons as well as the patients," said Murrell, an active participant in Mission Cataract USA. "We always look forward to this opportunity, and hope this year people once again take advantage of this unique opportunity."

Mission Cataract USA is a nationwide community service project involving hundreds of eye surgeons throughout the US. National Sight Saving Month is celebrated in May by the National Prevent Blindness Society. Cataracts continue to be one of today's leading causes of blindness among seniors.

In its most recent year of participation, the AC&ESC screened nearly 50 people and performed 20 free cataract procedures as part of their participation in Mission Cataract USA.

American Corn Growers News

Texas Congressman Bill Archer unveiled a study put out by the General Accounting Office (GAO) that was critical of ethanol. This study continues a recent move to eliminate the 5.4-cent excise tax exemption for ethanol.

In spite of past GAO reports that have been very supportive of ethanol's importance to the farm economy and in reducing imports of foreign oil, this new study draws a different result. Unfortunately GAO failed to incorporate positive comments on ethanol submitted by the Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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In its latest survey of farmer planting intentions, the US Dept. of Agriculture is forecasting that farmers will plant more crops this spring than any time in the past 12 years.

Corn planting is expected to increase by two million acres from 79.4 million in 1996 to 81.4 million this year. With normal weather conditions, this could translate into a crop of well over 10 billion bushels, thus driving corn prices way below cost of production.

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Gasoline (RFG) program that benefits corn producers without MTBE.

Because of admitted groundwater contamination by Mobile Oil Co., in Southern California, there are moves in the state legislature in Sacramento to force stringent caps on the levels of MTBE allowed in groundwater.

Although the EPA estimates that 70 parts per billion is safe, those opposed to MTBE and oxygenates are pushing for levels set at five parts per billion.

Studies on MTBE date back to 1969, totaling over 60 without any identifying any health related effects on humans.

Virtually all groundwater contamination of MTBE comes from gasoline leaks in underground storage tanks. These leaks would have occurred no matter what fuel would have been in the tanks, including conventional gasoline.

MTBE along with ethanol, as part of the RFG program, have reduced levels of benzene and reduces levels of toxic air emissions. Use of MTBE and other oxygenates has given the same environmental benefits as removing 3.5 million cars from California roads alone.

The Rural Telecommunications Alliance has asked the Federal Communications Commission to preserve local telephone affordability and access for rural and farm residents by cutting interstate access charges and significantly reforming the universal service system.

The Rural Telecommunications Alliance advocates a universal service system that is competitively neutral and fully funded so that telephone service remains affordable and accessible for all Americans while not favoring any particular telecommunications provider.

Oil recycling grants offered

Businesses and organizations around the state may apply for a total of \$5 million in grant money for use in recycling used oil. The grants are from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and are designed to promote the proper collection, handling and recycling of used motor oil from do-it-yourself oil changers.

"These grants provide an excellent opportunity for the private sector," said TNRC Chairman Barry McBee. "Established businesses can improve their used oil recycling operations and new businesses can apply for money they need to get started."

Funds are available for many uses. Existing and new recyclers can use grant money to improve facilities by upgrading storage tanks, retrofitting vehicles for subsidence collection, buying new equipment, promoting public participation or developing innovative programs.

Even businesses not generally associated with recycling are encouraged to apply for the grants. Apartment landlords may use a grant to collect used oil from tenants who change their own oil. Companies with vehicle fleet operations can obtain funds to properly collect and recycle used oil from households. Private companies collecting used oil from do-it-yourself changers may be eligible for the automotive oil fee exemption, thus saving money on all new oil purchases.

Funding for the grants comes from the Used Oil Recycling Fund, which was created to meet waste reduction goals as established by the Texas Legislature and most recently amended in 1995. The amendments opened up the grants to private companies to promote growth in used oil recycling. Local governments may also apply for the grants.

The grant application deadline is July 18. Individuals and groups interested in applying can call (512)239-6692, or fax (512)239-3223, or write to TNRC, Municipal Solid Waste Division, P.O. Box 13087, Mail Code 125, Austin, 78711-3087.

Kinser is being stationed in Iraq

Pvt. Eric Kinser of the US Army reported recently that he will be leaving his current posting in Germany for a six-month tour of duty in Iraq. He will leave Germany on May 5. He arrived in Germany April 1.

He said he is attached to a Patriot Missile unit, and his duties will include guard duty.

He is the son of Sharon and Leroy Kinser of Dimmitt, and is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

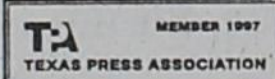
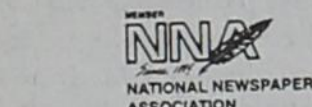
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FBC Children's Choir to perform

Amazing Grace, a children's Christian musical, will be presented by the Children's Choir of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's auditorium.

This musical presents God's grace in such a unique way that children and adults alike can understand. Children will display their talents through song and drama.

The public is invited to attend the special performance.

Last Puzzle Solution. A crossword puzzle grid with the words ACQUIT, SAVE, AMAP, FILE, INDEPENDENT, ROE, ODESSA, HIGH, SIS, FUDD, CRADLE, OF, HAT, PUNY, FLOYD, ELL, NEWENGLAND, LERA, JAM, DESIREME, MOTT, PASO, TARA, PRAISE, CAPON, NOD, AANDI, TARAND, ONE, LYNNNOLAN, IGOT, HEE, GIE, TAG, MO.

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

It was Ladies' Night at First Baptist Church on Friday evening, hosted by the Deacons, assisted by their wives. The dinner was catered by Marshall Young and served by the Deacons. The menu included roast beef, potatoes, peas and carrots, vegetable salad, hot rolls and apricot cobbler.

The invocation was by Charles Summers. Max Newman welcomed the guests and each Deacon presented his guest. The table

decorations were colorful pink geraniums that were given to the women when the banquet was over.

The stage decorations were a small picket fence and bird house nestled among green plants. The entertainment was by "Country 6," but they said they did not know how to count, since there were just four of them. (The other couple were unable to come.) They sang several songs, including religious songs as

well. Thanks, Deacons, for a wonderful evening. The benediction was by Don Graham.

Ruth Cochran reported she had seen about 20 camels near Wichita Falls. Others who have reported seeing them include Bay and Bobbie Baldrige and Elmer and Helen Berryhill. So, Ruth, you really did see camels! Could someone tell us why anyone would be raising camels?

Emily Clingsmith was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a delicious cherry cobbler and ice cream. Susie Reeves won high score, with Virginia Crider winning second. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Opha Burks, Alma Kenmore, Dude McLaurin, Bill Thornton, Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Loranel Hamilton, Dugan Butler, Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Edith Graef, and Ina Rae Cates.

Wanda Murdock and I drove to Amarillo Saturday afternoon to watch my great-grandson, Matt Lankford, play baseball. Matt is a freshman at Tascosa High School. They were playing the Plainview team. Matt almost hit a home run, making it to third base. He had

several relatives and friends there to watch him: his dad, Kevin Lankford; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford; great-grandmother, Mary Edna Hendrix; friends, Wanda Murdock and Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson. Tascosa won.

Emily Clingsmith and Dude McLaurin drove to the Lubbock airport to pick up Emily's granddaughter, Larissa Hallford, Jeffrey's wife. They live in Holland, Mich., where Jeffrey works in a nursery and Larissa works in a ladies clothing store and they have paintings to sell, as well. Jeffrey had studied horticulture at Texas Tech and will stay in Michigan for four years, learning more about plants. Then he will come back to Texas at Fredricksburg, where his mother, Ruby Mae Clingsmith Hallford, lives. While Larissa was here, Emily took her to Clovis, N.M., since she

had never been in that state. They came back by Hereford and ate Chinese food. Emily gave her a tour of Dimmitt, as well as the farms in Castro County.

The Richardson Elementary kindergarten students put on their Spring program April 16, directed by Ruby Teaschner. There were 125 children participating from the classes of Karen Carter, Pam Norman, Jackie Byrnes, Diane Sanders, Linda Shannon, Margaret Echevarria, and Julia Turner. Some of the songs the students sang included *The Marching Children's Song*, *Miss Mary Mack*, *The Mother Goose Bounce*, *ABC Rock*, *Going On a Picnic*, and *Shake My Sillies Out*.

The Birkenfeld Family held their 22nd reunion in Nazareth last week-

end with 135 attending. There were relatives from Dallas, Munday, Rhineland, Amarillo, Hereford, Bovina and Dimmitt. The Henry Birkenfeld family catered the meal of fried chicken, pork roast, potatoes, vegetables, salads, and bread, and others brought the desserts. There was much visiting and some played horseshoes and other games. An auction was held to make money for next year's reunion, which will be held in Rhineland.

Our sympathy to the families of Marie Bowen, Ray White, Billy Joe Stevens, and Clara Gladden.

Jimmie and Della Chapman are the proud great-grandparents of a new great-grandson named Jimmie Weldon, who was born April 17 in Ontario, Calif. He weighed 5-1/2 pounds. The proud parents are Jim and Diane Leinen.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sunday was a very special day at Holy Family Church as 18 children received their first Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation with Father John Hickey officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman.

The Catholic Youth Choir did a wonderful job with the music.

The children were instructed by Dianne Wilhelm and Jeannie Birkenfeld.

Father Jerry Stein left for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group studying archeology. He will return on May 2 and says he is hoping to learn ways that will help him serve his church better. We hope he'll have a safe trip.

Alvin Anderle is recuperating at home after a fall on cement. He injured his knee, having a couple of cracks in his knee cap. We hope he will heal without having surgery.

Vic Brockman in Midland is recu-

perating at home after having a heart attack at the Midland Hospital. Family members report that he is doing fine.

Katie Brockman is in therapy at Plains Memorial Hospital after having hip surgery at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo last week. She is doing well.

Patsy and Marty Wells of Amarillo are the parents of a new baby boy, Noah Don, who was born at 8:35 a.m. on April 16 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Don and Pat Wells of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth, Felix and Wilhemina Fetsch of Hereford and John Nodine of Duncan, Okla.

Michayla Aimee, daughter of Rex and Michelle Acker of Canyon, was baptized Sunday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Deacon Jerome Brockman officiating. Her godparents are Dwayne and Anne Acker of Nazareth.

Bob and Linda Kendrick of Desoto brought Lisa Pohlmeier to her parents' home on Saturday to recuperate from back surgery that she had two weeks ago at a Back Clinic in Plano. She will be with LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier for several weeks.

Birdwell is named Student of the Week

Ben Birdwell has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

He is the son of Deanna Birdwell and Kelly Birdwell. He was born in Dimmitt and he wants to be a professional basketball player when he grows up.

His favorite food is pizza and his favorite animal is the dog. He says his favorite book is *James and the Giant Peach*. He wishes he were better at learning and he admires his grandmother. He enjoys playing basketball.

He likes Dimmitt Middle School because all of his cousins and friends go to school there.

Laney gets educators' top honor

House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney (D-Hale Center) was honored last week by the state's largest educators' association for his service to public education. The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) presented the Judy Coyle Texas Liberty Award to Laney at its annual convention, held in Austin April 10-12. The award, named for one of the group's founding members, recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions to public education.

Past recipients of the award include Rep. Paul Sadler (D-Henderson), chairman of the House Public Education Committee; and Sen. Teel Bivins, (R-Amarillo), chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Applications due for electric camp

4-H'ers planning on applying for electric camp should have their applications filled out and returned to the Extension office by Monday.

Applications will be judged by an out-of-county individual who will rank the applications and determine which 4-H'ers will attend the camp, slated for June 16-20.

To apply, 4-H'ers must have presented or be presenting a Method Demonstration at the county level this year.

4-H schedules clothing project meeting today

A clothing project meeting will be held today (Thursday), at 4 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

4-H'ers attending the meeting will be making poster bags, which will be the right size for Method Demonstration posters.

4-H'ers planning to attend should call the Extension office to sign up for the class and to get materials.

The project meeting is for 4-H'ers of all ages.

4-H plans camp orientation night

Castro County 4-H'ers interested in attending camps and/or State 4-H Roundup should attend a special orientation at 7 p.m. on May 8 in the courthouse basement.

All interested campers and youths who qualify for State Roundup, plus one parent of a qualifying youth, must attend the orientation. New country rules for State Roundup will be discussed and available camps will be mentioned.

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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Lori Sisemore and her daughter, Amber, of Quitaque, called Friday night to tell Judy and Tracy Damron that Amber won an Amarillo-area Reading Rainbow Contest.

She read her story on PBS-TV Saturday afternoon and Judy and Tracy watched.

They said she was real cute and did a real good job. She is five years old and goes to Valley School in Quitaque. Her father is Anthony Sisemore, pastor at Quitaque, and former pastor at Sunnyside.

Judy and Ken Williams, Jared and Sarah of Plainview, had dinner Sunday with Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright. The kids spent Sunday night with the Wrights and will stay with their grandparents until Wednesday or Thursday while their parents are out-of-town.

Kelley Green started radiation

treatments at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Monday.

Willie Mae Sadler has not been well this week. Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock came Sunday morning to see about her. He had to go back on business, but returned in the evening and visited with Willie Mae and Embree Roy for awhile.

Sharon Sadler, Norma and Tex Conard of Dimmitt and Berdie Godfrey of Hart went to Turkey for the Conard Reunion Friday and Saturday. They also visited with Anthony and Lori Sisemore and family in Quitaque on Friday. Glenn and LaWanda Wilson had visited with them Thursday.

Emma Jean King attended the Republican Organization for Women meeting in Dimmitt on Wednesday.

Teeny Bowden and Emma Jean King attended a called meeting of the Historical Commission last Thursday afternoon at Rhoads Memorial Library. Also present were Lynn West, Joan Durbin, Becky Stovall, Madge Robb, Martha Jo Hyman and Clara Vick.

They were still working on plans for the memorial marker for the Castro County service men. The dedication was planned for Memorial Day, but the commission won't have the stone marker by then, so July 4 has been scheduled for the dedication. The group plans to continue working on plans and the program. Sixteen names have been identified so far, and anyone who knows of someone who had been missed should let a commission member know.

Hershel Wilson went to his doctor in Lubbock for a check up Thursday. He got a good report.

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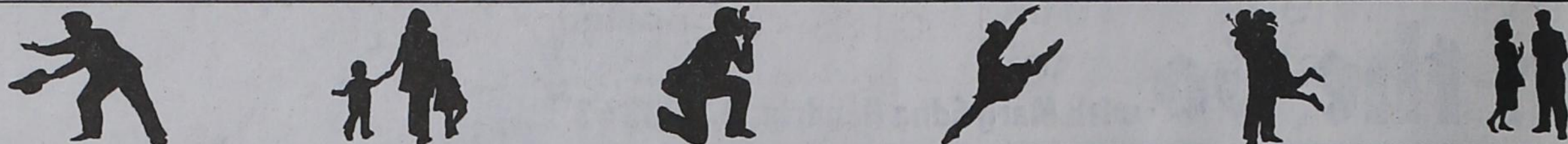
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NISD establishes new 'Harvest Fund'

Nazareth Independent School District hopes to earn enough points to earn new computers for the school through a new program sponsored by American Cyanamid.

Under the program, any producer who uses American Cyanamid products like Prowl and/or Counter is given a number of points for their purchases. The points can be redeemed for gifts or for cash and each point has a value of 1¢.

Those points can be given to the school, which is trying to raise \$3,000

by May 15 so it can purchase the computers for the 1997-98 school year.

Producers who wish to find out how many points they have, when the points expire, etc., should call Harvest Partner Points at 1-800-258-2345.

Those who would like to donate their points to the school should contact the school at 945-2231.

For more information or forms to sign, contact Terra International in Dimmitt, Wilbur-Ellis in Hart or the Nazareth school.



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Clearman and Nelson exchange wedding vows

Krystal Clearman became the bride of Robert Nelson on April 5 when the two exchanged wedding vows at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

King Burney, the groom's brother-in-law, performed the ceremony and immediate family of the couple attended.

A luncheon and wedding cake were served after the ceremony at the home of Ben and Mollie Scott, parents of the bride.

The newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico. The bride is a 1984 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1989

graduate of Abilene Christian University. She is the operations manager and assistant vice president at First United Bank of Dimmitt.

The groom, son of Dan and Hazel Nelson of Dimmitt, graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1984 and from Texas Tech University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He works in agriculture, well and sprinkler sales and service and farming and cattle operations.

The newlyweds and the bride's son, Klay Clearman, are living in Dimmitt. Klay is a first grader at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt.

Friends of Scouting fund raising announced

The annual "Friends of Scouting" fund raising campaign is underway in the area, with the Haynes District campaign being led by John Skaggs of American State Bank in Plainview.

Members of the Friends of Scouting committee represent each of the financial institutions in Plainview, as well as the surrounding communities.

The "Friends of Scouting" is the Boy Scouts of America's own financial campaign. A spokesman said that 28% of the funding for the Haynes District is provided by the United Way, with another third generated by 'Trading Post' sales, special activities and the South Plains Council Trust fund. That leaves the rest to be raised by businesses, families and friends associated with

Scouting. All money raised in our area directly affects the Scouting program in our community, according to a spokesman.

Those wanting to make a donation to Scouting for the Haynes District may call Skaggs at 293-3888 or Peter Buchholz at 291-0711. Buchholz is the Haynes District Executive.

Funds raised are used to send Boy Scouts to camporees and Cub-orees, to provide leader and youth training courses, visual aids and videos, "All-Niters" for Explorer Scouts, recognition supplies, maintenance of unit membership and advancement records, operation of a full service Scout Shop, a monthly newsletter and camperships for the less fortunate.

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Technology students win at regional show

Dimmitt High School technology students won three Best of Class honors, as well as a runner up for best in class, and 13 first place ribbons at the South Plains Regional Technology (industrial arts) project competition Friday and Saturday at Cavazos Junior High in Lubbock.

Named Best in Class was the Club Project of restoring a 1966 Ford pickup, a gun cabinet by Zak Felts, and a coffee table by Erica Cavazos. Named runner up for Best in Class was a grandfather clock by Wesley Wright.

Those winning honors at the contest included:

Woodworking I

- First: Sonia Vasquez, cedar chest; Dale West, hutch.
- Second: Wright, grandfather clock; Jessica Martinez, headboard; Russell Rickert, display case; Armando Castaneda, entertainment center; Robert Cozby, book case.
- Third: Damian Martinez, book case; Raymond Powers, display case; Joe Herrera, table.

Fourth: Eric Ruiz, cedar chest; Beau Hill, filing cabinet.

Advanced Woodworking

- First: Felts, gun cabinet; Cavazos, coffee table; Brandon Allison, desk.
- Second: Fabiola Ontiveros, armoire television cabinet; Christy Reyes, corner curio.

Third: Aaron Ewing, corner curio; Eddie Maldonado, display case; Linda Trigo, pen.

Plastics

First: Gracie Martinez, pen.

Power

- First: Jose Chavez, Briggs and Stratton.
- Second: Maldonado, Briggs and Stratton.

Metals

- First: Robert Sepeda, dolly; Rusty McDaniels, oxyacetylene cart; Rickert, round bale mover; Maldonado, barbecue grill.

Club Project

- First: 1966 Ford pickup.

Architectural Model

- First: Team of Michael Pedroza and Sergio Pedroza.

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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

<p>DIMMITT Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk. FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk. MONDAY: Barbecued beef on a bun, potato salad, watermelon and milk. TUESDAY: Poor boy steak, parsley green rice, cantaloupe, hot cheese rolls and milk. WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger on a roll, potato rounds, tossed salad with dressing and milk. THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk. FRIDAY: Fish burger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.</p> <p>Grades 2-12 Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese and peppers; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla and crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk. FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk. MONDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or taco pie; potato salad, creole green beans, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or coleslaw; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY: Choice of poor boy steak, chef's salad plate or Monterey casserole; parsley green rice, cantaloupe or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, watermelon or cucumber and tomato salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk. WEDNESDAY: Choice of salmon patties, cheeseburger on a roll or chicken taco with hot sauce; savory peas, potato rounds or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, waldorf fruit salad, taco condiment salad or pea salad; assorted muffins, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk. THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, scalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or peas; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk. FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fish burger or fajitas with sauteed onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot and raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.</p>	<p>HART Elementary School THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajita, salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk. FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili, salad with ranch dressing, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots and milk. MONDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or hamburger basket, salad, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert and milk. TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, peaches, carrot sticks, broccoli, wheat rolls and milk. WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips and milk. THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; dill pickles, salad, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk. FRIDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich or tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, carrot sticks, ginger cookies and milk.</p> <p>Junior High and High School THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken fajitas, salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea. FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili, salad with ranch dressing, dill pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots and milk. MONDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or hamburger basket, salad, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert and milk. 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<p>NAZARETH THURSDAY: *Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk. FRIDAY: No school! MONDAY: *Chili dogs or baked potatoes, salad, corn, peaches, pears and milk. TUESDAY: *Corn dogs or chicken strips, salad, rice, pineapple, cherry crisp and milk. WEDNESDAY: *Chicken fried steak or hamburger and French fries, salad, fruit cocktail, beans, oranges and milk. THURSDAY: *Spaghetti and roll or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, oranges and milk. FRIDAY: *Fish and cornbread or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, macaroni and cheese, peaches, pears and milk.</p>	

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Increased benefits for Texas vets to be detailed at Tulia seminar

Did you know Texas veterans now have \$110,000 in special low-interest loans available for the purchase of a home, land or to make home improvements?

That's the message the Texas Veterans Land Board is bringing to Tulia today (Thursday) when it hosts a public seminar on the special state benefits offered exclusively to Texas veterans.

The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Annex Building, 310 West Broadway in Tulia. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Veterans Land Board recently increased the maximum amount of a Veterans Land Board land loan from \$20,000 to \$40,000. This means veterans who want to buy land will now have the option of borrowing \$20,000 at 6.65% or \$40,000 at 8.85% interest. Both carry a 30-year

term and require a 5% down payment.

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Veterans Land Board, said the increase in benefits means veterans now have \$110,000 in special low-interest loan benefits to use.

Mauro said there are more than 13,000 veterans in Swisher, Castro, Hale, Briscoe and Randall County that are eligible for these special state benefits, but many have never taken the time to get the details of the programs.

The seminar is free and open to the public.

"Those attending will be able to get the latest information on the

state's three outstanding low-interest loan programs for Texas veterans. I want to encourage every veteran and real estate professional to attend this seminar and find out more about these outstanding programs that have enabled more than 150,000 Texas veterans to buy a home, land or make needed home improvements," Mauro said.

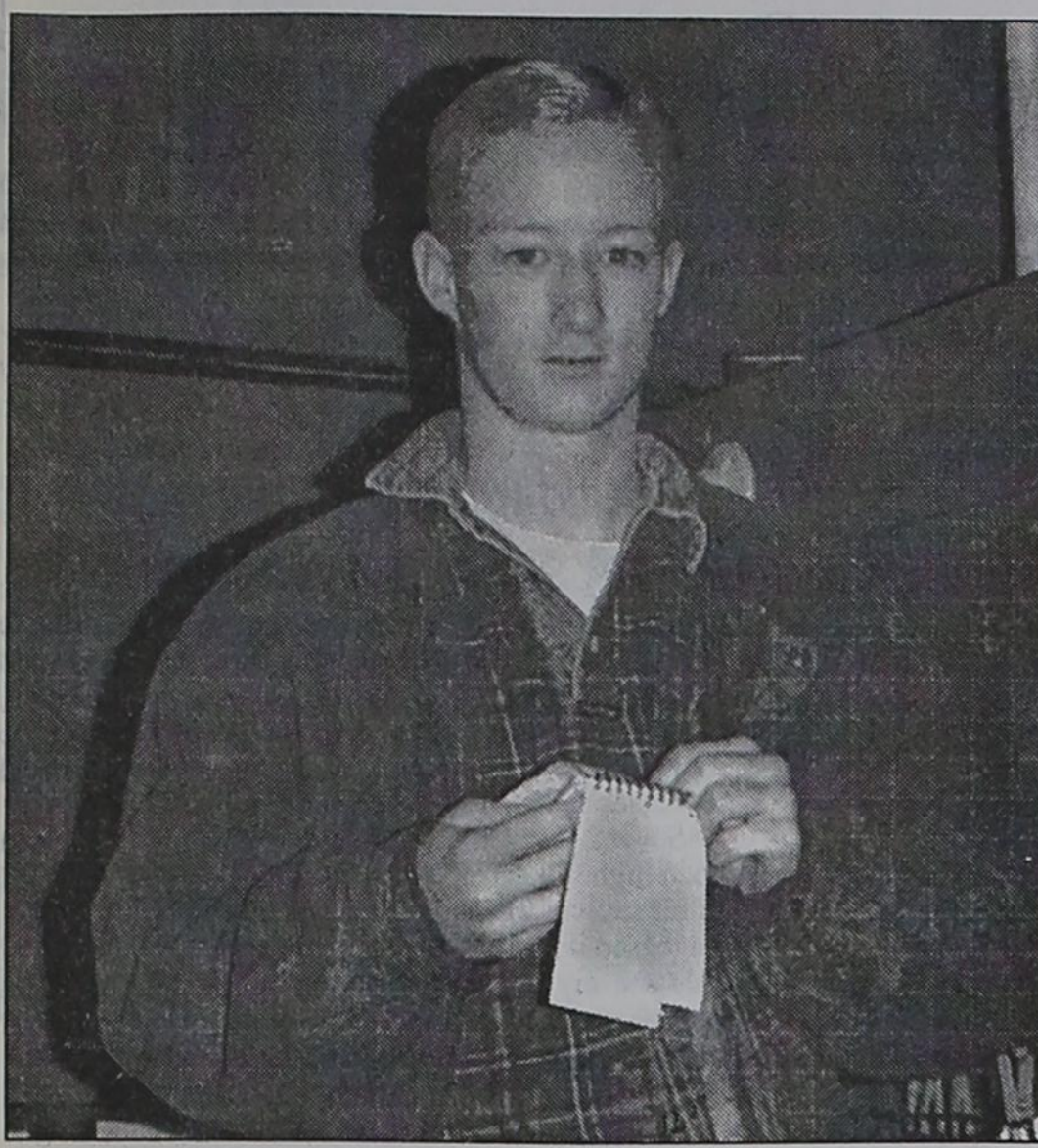
Mauro said the Veterans Land Board currently has more than \$100 million available for direct home loans at rates as low as 6 and 6.5% interest.

"The Texas veterans home loan program is far and away the best deal in today's home buying market," Mauro said. "And Texas veterans are

responding in record numbers to rates that are way below the current market. These programs can offer you substantial savings on a 15- and 30-year program mortgage and allow you to get more home for your money.

"Recent legislation which increased the maximum amount of a Veterans Land Board home loan to \$45,000 greatly improved Texas veterans benefits," Mauro said. "But Texans are not limited to homes costing \$45,000 or less.

"Veterans who want to buy a home costing more can combine a Veterans Land Board with an FHA, VA or conventional loan to get a lower interest rate," Mauro said.



JUSTIN BINGHAM of Nazareth earned a third straight trip to the UIL state academic meet by placing third in News Writing at the Region 1-A meet in Levelland. Bingham also competed in the event at state as a sophomore and junior. The state academic meet is slated for May 2 at the University of Texas in Austin. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*

Free concert set for tonight, membership drive continues

The Hereford Community Concert Association is offering free admittance to its season finale performance tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Hereford High School auditorium, featuring the Dodge City Cow-boy Band.

Admission is free to association members and to those who are interested in joining the association for the 1997-98 concert season. Memberships will be offered in the foyer both before and after the concert.

The Dodge City Cow-boy Band is a re-creation performed by the Americus Brass Band. The original Dodge City Cow-boy Band was organized in 1897 by Dodge City cattleman, musician and sheriff Chalk Beeson, and was later brought to national prominence by "the eccentric" Capt. Jack Sinclair. The group entertained the country for 35 years, touring most of the major cities in the country and serving in the US Cavalry as the regimental band for Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish American War.

The Americus Brass Band has gained fame for its performance of authentic Civil War-era music, and has played in movies and television shows set in that era.

Their performance as the Cow-Boy Band will include period costumes and original instruments and music provided by the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum and the Fiske Museum of Musical Instruments. Original arrangements from the brass band will complete the evening of Americana, providing a new perspective on the music and history of this nation.

are members of the association's board of directors. Those interested in purchasing memberships may contact them at 647-3214. The theme of the drive is "When Was the Last Time Your Television Got a Standing Ovation?" Co-chairpersons for the drive are Bobby and Bera Boyd, Helen Langley and Billie Hopson.

The concerts scheduled for the 1997-98 season will kick off in the fall with Dale Gonyea, a pianist who offers an evening of music and comedy. Also, the New York City Theatre Ballet, a chamber ballet company, will perform. The season will be rounded out with "Banjomania, a toe-tapping evening of banjo picking and entertainment. In addition, the association also hopes to host the touring production of the Amarillo Little Theatre once again.

Performances in Hereford are held in the Hereford High School Auditorium. Those holding memberships in the Hereford association also may attend Community Concerts in Pampa, Borger and Plainview, making available approximately 12 concerts.

The association is continuing its spring membership drive through May 9.

Cost of memberships is \$20 per adult, \$10 for students, and \$50 per family. The concert season will include three, and possibly four, performances.

Ed and Betty Freeman of Dimmitt

Children in county schools were asked to submit a drawing which depicts their image of "You Can Make a Difference in My Life," theme for this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign during April. First-place winners from each category will be printed as greeting cards and made available to the public at several local businesses.

CPS plans Fiesta meal on Sunday

Winners of Child Protective Services' greeting card design contest will be recognized Sunday at the annual Fiesta dinner, sponsored by CPS.

The dinner, featuring Mexican stack-up, will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria. Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Children under three will be served free.

Entertainment will be provided by local talent.

After the meal, CPS will recognize winners of its contest.

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Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

He may not dress the way he used to,
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(in this shirt) he will not be first pick.
He may take just a little longer,
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And, yes, it's true—Nancy did have
to turn up the volume on his phone.
As you may have already guessed,
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when he's his daddy's age, Mike will be

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ROW meets

Mat Bradley was the guest speaker at the Republican Organization of Women (ROW) meeting in April, and he discussed taxes and other things.

Although Bradley, who is an accountant, had been working early mornings and late nights, he gave the advantages and disadvantages of a state income tax, a flat tax and Gov. George Bush's property tax plan, and he answered questions.

A lively discussion followed, and the 18 ROW members and two guests participated in the discussion.

The abuses and necessity of the IRS were discussed along with government spending, welfare and the disparities for farmers and property owners.

ROW President Kathy Hill told about her trip to Austin on Legislative Day, and the fall conventions for Republican Women in New Orleans, La., and Lubbock.

Cards relating to education and taxation, addressed to legislators, were handed out.

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Future of beets looks promising

With continued tight national and world sugar supplies, the net selling price for sugar is still anticipated to be \$27 per hundredweight or more this year, and tight stocks spell good

prices as the next century approaches. With a \$27 net, a grower who makes even 20 tons of beets at 15.5% sugar content will gross about

\$900 per acre. A 25-ton crop at 15.5% sugar would produce nearly \$1,100 per acre.

"Corn and prices will have to be abnormally high to approach those numbers in returns," said Kenneth Frye, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "Barring any unforeseen problems with disease or other factors, we could see an excellent year for returns from beet production."

Growers will also receive an 80% initial payment. With the anticipated \$27 net, that 80% converts to an initial payment of \$650 to \$1,000 per acre right off, based on production of 20 and 30 tons per acre and 15% sugar.

The April 1 US Dept. of Agriculture planting intentions report pegged another large corn and soybean crop, some of the biggest in history. At the same time, beet production was up slightly, but not nearly enough to keep the sweetener pipeline filled. Land planted to sugar beets for 1997 is expected to total 1.45 million acres in 14 beet states.

If growers' intentions are realized, planted acreage will be 6.4% above

last year's 1.37 million acres.

It is growing more and more difficult for production to keep up with the demand for sugar.

"US sugar consumption is up 2% every year," said Frye. "As Holly President Roger Hill has said, that increase in demand is equal to the production of one new sugar processing plant every year."

"With those numbers and the fact that the Hereford area produces some of the highest quality sugar in the world, we can be confident that we will have a strong market for beets for a long time."

Decisions for 1997 regional crop production have been made by most growers. However, there is still time to add more beet acres to your farm, said Dennis Printz, Holly ag manager.

"We still have supply of high quality sugar beet seed on hand," he said. "Top varieties of Holly Hybrids, Seedex and Hilleshog Mono-Hy seed are available. And with the excellent rains we have seen in many growing areas, the time is right to add more beets to your production."

Beet growers to plant more than 18,000 acres

The 1997 beet campaign is off and running from the northern Panhandle south to Plainview and west to New Mexico, and officials at Holly Sugar in Hereford expect 25% more acres to be planted this year.

Dennis Printz, agricultural manager at Holly Sugar, estimates that about 18,200 acres will be planted to sugar beets this year and he expected planting to be complete by mid-April.

Although the 18,200 is 25% above acreage planted in 1996, Kenneth Frye, president of Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association's board of directors, says the number is below the goal of 25,000 acres sought by the association and Holly Sugar.

"However, it is 25% more than we

had last year and it is a good start toward rebuilding our acreage numbers," Frye said.

Adding to the positive side of the 1997 crop are the outstanding rainfall amounts seen over much of the production area.

"We normally have to water up beets in most years," said Printz. "These excellent rains should help establish a good stand and save some on irrigation."

Of course with the rain comes the potential for weed problems. Growers are advised to take extra care in making sure their herbicide programs are on track.

Growers are urged to talk with their Holly agriculturalists to learn more about the new post emergence herbicide, UpBeet, which has shown excellent results.

Growers should apply UpBeet in a tank mix with chemicals such as Beta mix or Stinger which use the same mode of action. They also should focus on seedling weeds early on to obtain best control.

Another herbicide available for sugar beets this year is Assure II, an over-the-top herbicide good for controlling annual and perennial grasses.

Printz reminds growers to watch for Atrazine or other chemical carry-over in corn or other crops that can hamper beet production in future years.

"We're eager to help growers get the best start on beets this year," said Printz. "We encourage them to call us with any questions they may have on the beet crop or contracts."

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Building self-confidence— A step toward success

Self-confidence—the belief that you can achieve and succeed—often spells the difference between success and failure. I've seen it in the classroom, watched it in the business arena and observed it in the corporate world. An individual's capacity to excel increases as his or her confidence grows.

Several years ago I played ping-pong with a friend whose skill level was much higher than mine. We would often play 10 to 15 games in an evening and for several weeks I never won a game.

However, my skills increased with each evening of practice. While it was frustrating to lose, I could see my improvement. Gradually the games got closer. I bought a better paddle and learned to put spin on every shot. I learned to drive the ball with both my forehand and backhand.

Finally, one night I won a close game, then another. If I concentrated and made every shot count, I could beat Tim. In just a few months I became one of the top players in our church group. What a confidence booster that was.

Just as diligent practice contributes to skill building in ping-pong, there are factors that contribute to the generation of self-confidence in every aspect of our lives. As you build skills, gain knowledge and increase your abilities, your self-assurance will grow.

Seven keys for gaining confidence

◆ **Self-confidence begins with a desire to succeed.** I've never seen a person become successful or grow in skills and abilities who had no desire to improve. You've got to have the "wanna" if you're "gonna."

◆ **Become an expert.** It is only when you back up the desire to succeed with knowledge, training and experience that you achieve a position where nothing can stop you. Self-confidence, based on ability and knowledge, is convincing. It will cause others to believe in you.

◆ **Don't worry about what others think, just do it.** The fear of what someone will say or think about us often keeps us from reaching out to embrace new challenges. Stay focused on doing rather than worrying. Your fears will decrease as you achieve results.

◆ **Make a long journey by taking short steps.** We often face big challenges. The task may seem overwhelming. We must learn that when we do a small thing well our confidence will increase so we can take on more demanding tasks.

◆ **Aim high and believe you can.** It is unlikely that anyone will have more confidence in you than you have in yourself. Set high standards and lofty goals for your performance. Believe you can. Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or think you cannot, you're right."

◆ **Act confident and you will be confident.** Nearly 30 years ago I attended W. Clement Stones' Combined Insurance training school. One of the lessons I learned was that I could become what I was willing to act out. If I wanted to become more enthusiastic, I had to act enthusiastically. If I wanted to become confident I had to act with confidence. Today, as I walk out on a stage in an auditorium filled with thousands of people, I still have to act. The audience will never know of my shaking knees and sweaty palms if I appear confident.

◆ **Surround yourself with confident friends.** I believe confidence is catching. Those who achieve inspire me. Those who fight back from adversity help me win my battles. From time to time we all need a cheerleader to encourage us. Friends with positive attitudes will bolster our self-confidence and help us become successful.

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

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Tommy proudly announces that the business now has a four-wheel laser alignment machine, and three full service bays ready to work on brakes, shocks, mufflers, steering, and tune ups, as well as performance of minor engine repairs.

"Our bays have kept so busy, I also have purchased a lift for outside use in facilitating tire changing and rotating," Tommy said.

Hi-Plains Oil has three full-time employees, Daniel Reyes (tire repair), Zeke Cleavinger (mechanic), and Johnny Rodriguez (service call repairman), in addition to part-time receptionist/bookkeeper Barbara Backus.

Hi-Plains offers a wide selection of quality brand-name tires and has been named a Car Quest Parts Dealership.

Tommy has over 20 years of experience as a mechanic, having worked at his father's John Deere dealership, and at Gary's Engine & Machine. He has two children, Zeke, 23, and Candace, 17, a junior in high school. He is engaged to Diana Hayes of Canyon, and she has two children, Stevie, 10, and Aaron, 15.

Tommy is a member of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept., and generously supports local school, club and youth programs.

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DISD to present health program

A program at Dimmitt High School Auditorium, will target young men and their fathers.

This program will feature a video presentation on male cancers, emphasizing the importance of early detection. Testicular cancer is a common cancer in men between 20 and 35 years of age and bringing male cancer awareness to young men may help in detecting cancer early.

Young men in grades 7 to 12 and their fathers, uncles, brothers, grandfathers and men of all ages are invited to attend.

Tonight's program is the second in a series of programs presented by Dimmitt school nurses Cindy Ellis, R.N., and Ronda Wise, L.V.N.

The first meeting, titled "Mother/Daughter," was held Tuesday at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

The second program, scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the DHS

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Atmos Energy to locate central customer call center in Amarillo

Atmos Energy Corp., the parent company of Energas, has announced that it will locate its central customer support call center in Amarillo. Atmos Energy provides natural gas services to customers in Texas through its Energas Co. operating division. In March, Atmos announced a 12-month plan to enhance its customer service operations, including a central customer call center to serve all of its customers in six states, which will provide customer support 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The center will be staffed by 130 employees, including Atmos employees from locations in other

states. "Amarillo offered many advantages as the call center location," said Robert W. Best, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Atmos. "It is located within our service area, which was a priority. "The city of Amarillo has been very aggressive in its economic development efforts, and offered a number of attractive tax and economic incentive programs, including a \$1.2 million grant to locate in Amarillo, as well as employee development programs. "In addition, a suitable existing building was available in Amarillo

and a fiber optic loop downtown provides redundancy for telecommunications," Best said. **Ranch-to-Rail program planned May 6 in Amarillo** Improving carcass traits of beef cattle will be the focus of the 1997 Ranch-to-Rail North Day, which will be held May 6 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The program will begin at 8 a.m. and is open to the public. Those planning to attend the meeting should call (806) 359-5401 to reserve a plate for the noon meal. "In the past we have tended to focus on herd health and the performance of calves in the feedyard," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo. "But recently several producers suggested we give them some ideas for evaluating and improving herd genetics in an effort to produce cattle that ultimately provide a higher quality beef product." With this in mind, the main part of the program will focus on selection and evaluation tools that producers can utilize to evaluate and improve the carcass merit of cattle. The morn-

ing program will focus on conventional means of improving carcass merit such as sire selection based on breed complementarity, cow size and carcass EPDs. The company considered other sites in the states in which it does business, including Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Bowling Green, Ken., Paducah, Ken., the Kansas City, Mo., area as well as several sites around the Dallas/Fort Worth area where Atmos is headquartered. According to Best, the final decision was made based on the location where the call center could be established and operated at the lowest cost and with the best available infrastructure to support it. The company expects to have the call center operational by 1998 and will notify customers when the center opens. "We believe the call center will

substantially increase the convenience for our customers in calling the company for service or with questions," said Best. **Fair Association to meet Monday** The Castro County Fair Association will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the assembly room at the courthouse in Dimmitt. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

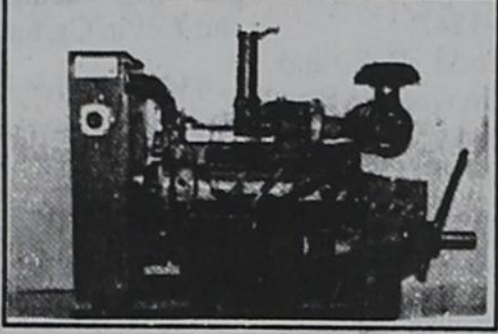
substantially increase the convenience for our customers in calling the company for service or with questions," said Best.

Cotton Talks

Preparations for 1997 cotton planting continue across the Texas High Plains on the heels of improved soil moisture conditions. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) pre-plant soil moisture has not been in such good shape since at least 1992. Several inches of rain have been received throughout the area since the beginning of the year. Another inch of rain received over the next few weeks would help solidify the planting moisture situation and allow producers to focus on other matters. One of the most important factors going into the 1997 crop will be the overall need to promote earliness. Once a stand is established producers are being encouraged to carry that management philosophy throughout the season. "The 1997 crop will be one that is made through active management during every phase of production," said new Texas Agricultural Extension Service cotton agronomist Dr. Randy Boman. "Our goal will be to encourage planting as early as possible based on soil temperatures and the five-day weather forecast. Using high quality seed and seed treatments will contribute to establishing strong stands as quickly as possible." Boman notes that while the improvement in planting moisture has created a stir of excitement among many producers, everyone should be aware that cool, wet soils harbor a much greater potential for seedling diseases and other unseen dangers. Long-term forecasts for the month of May indicate cooler than normal temperatures. Boman adds that planting seed with a good cool/warm vigor index will pay off under those weather conditions. "To push for earliness, a producer needs to bring together planting moisture, good soil fertility, high quality treated seed and active management to ensure the crop is off to the best possible start," said Boman. One reason producers are being encouraged to concentrate so heavily on earliness this season is the potential for heavier insect pressure throughout the year, primarily the result of forecasts that boll weevils will start from a strong overwintered

base population. John Hunter, a long-time crop consultant throughout the High Plains, said that producers and consultants should be especially aware of the early season boll weevil population and to treat overwintered weevils based on the established overwintered weevil trap index. Use of the index should begin the week prior to the expected appearance of the plant's first square. Treatment is advised when four or more weevils per trap, per week, are present. An intensive scouting process should also be considered when average trap catches reach levels of two to three weevils per week. "With the tremendous potential for population growth that the boll weevil exhibits during the growing season it is vital that populations meeting the trap index of four weevils per trap, per week, be treated," said Hunter. "Making this investment at pin-head square can delay the need for additional treatments until mid-August or later in most cases." Following such a strategy should allow a producer to set a majority of their crop. Hopefully, an expensive, extended battle with the boll weevil in August and September can be avoided. History shows that August is when weevil populations appear to reach a critical point and they begin moving from field to field and in some cases area to area. The best management strategy is to establish your crop, suppress weevils early, make as much cotton as possible and get the crop out of the field quickly, said Hunter.

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EPA suspends iprodione use on cotton crop
The US Environmental Protection Agency has suspended the use of iprodione on cotton. Iprodione is a fungicide sold under the name Rovral and it is manufactured by Rhone-Poulenc. The temporary tolerance that EPA had established for iprodione on cotton expired March 15 and EPA decided not to renew it until further risk studies are completed. Cotton growers can no longer use the product, however, iprodione is still registered for use on other commodities including peaches and grapes. For more information call the Texas Dept. of Agriculture at (512) 463-7407 or 1-800-TELL-TDA.

Lee Street Baptist holds successful week-long revival
Lee Street Baptist held a week-long community revival recently and Kevin Wood, pastor, reports the event was a success. "We just had a great time. Attendance was fantastic and several people made decisions for Christ," Wood said. "This is the first revival where I honestly considered extending the revival for another week." Wood and the members of Lee Street thank all congregations and individuals who participated in the revival. "The revival was a success because of the leadership of God and the involvement of His people...we are already thinking of doing the same thing next year," Wood said.

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A THREE-RUN HOMER FOR THE BOBCATS was scored by Zack Matthews in Friday's game with the River Road Wildcats. Here, Matthews almost catches up to Sergio Pedroza as they round the bases in the bottom of the sixth inning. Also brought in by the slam was Daniel Maxwell. However, the effort didn't provide enough impetus to put the Bobcats in the lead, as they lost 18-7. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Region 1-A tennis tourney

Gerber, Pohlmeier capture doubles title

K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier are headed to Austin after capturing the girls' doubles championship Tuesday at the Region 1-A tennis tournament in Levelland.

Gerber and Pohlmeier breezed through the first two rounds on Monday, and continued their

domination in Tuesday's semifinal and championship rounds.

Gerber and Pohlmeier walked through the first set against Elly Bradshaw and Cara Marquart of Chillicothe in the title match, 6-0, but struggled in the second set. Bradshaw and Marquart managed to tie the game count at six, but Gerber and Pohlmeier won the tiebreaker, 7-5 to win the second set, 7-6, and claim the regional championship.

The Nazareth juniors weren't challenged at all in Monday's first- and second-round matches.

Their first victims were Sandy Ruiz and Jamie Perez of Meadow, 6-0, 6-0. In second-round action, Gerber and Pohlmeier breezed by Benjamin's Blaine Conner and Cathy Rainwater, 6-0, 6-1.

The semifinal match was a little more challenging for the Swiftettes, but in the end, Gerber and Pohlmeier prevailed over Susie Luttrell and Reagan Meadows of Fort Elliott, 6-3, 6-2.

Barry Hoelting advanced to the semifinals in boys' singles before he was ousted by Kane Swetnam of Lorenzo in a split-set thriller, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1.

Hoelting opened the regional tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 blanking of Benjamin's Bobby Condran. Then Hoelting knocked off James Roach of Miami in a hard-fought battle, 6-4, 7-5, to reach Tuesday's semifinal round.

Nazareth's Bryan Braddock also competed in boys' singles, but lost his first-round match to Gordy Gonzales, 6-2, 6-3.

In girls' singles action, Nazareth's Tanya Wethington defeated Christy Oden of Cotton Center, 6-0, 6-2, in the first round; then ran into multi-time state qualifier, Marci Matthews

of Anton, and lost out in the second round, 6-0, 6-0. Matthews went on to win the regional championship—again.

The Nazareth boys' doubles team of Billy Don Cannon and Marcus Brockman also ran into an eventual regional champion in first-round action.

Cannon and Brockman took the first set from Caylor Smith and Garrett Flowers of Sudan, 6-4, but Smith and Flowers came back to win the second and third sets, 6-2, 7-5. The Sudan team went on to win regional with a 6-4, 6-0 win in the second round; 6-1, 6-1 victory in the semifinals; and 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 win over Gruver's Josh Mayhew and Matt Watlington in the championship.

Amarillo trio wins Don Cornett Tourney

Mark Wyatt, Larry Chapman and Trent Morris won the championship in the Don Cornett Tournament with a three-stroke lead over four other threesome this weekend at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Wyatt, Chapman and Morris fired a 59 over the first 18 holes Saturday, then clinched the tournament championship with a 62 score on Sunday for a tournament total of 121 in the Championship Flight.

Four other teams finished the tournament with two-round totals of 124. They include Royce Stanaland, J.D. Denton and Brandon Batt of Lubbock, 60-64—124; Phillip York, Mike Bain and Jeff Yates of Dimmitt, 61-63—124; Mickey Bishop, Jerry Heller and Stan Byrnes of Dimmitt, 61-63—124; and Marvin Dick, Johnny Smith and Brian Bim of Amarillo, 65-59—124.

Brad Schlagel, Todd Bell and Scott Allen of Amarillo won the First Flight with a two-round total of 125.

In the Second Flight, 131 was the top score logged by Jim Long, Steve Williams and Mike Zaccardo over two rounds.

Third Flight winner was the team of Newlon Rowland, Greg Couch and Kevin Workman with a 135.

Winning the Fourth Flight was the team of Richard Combest, J.D. Hay and Lance Grantham, who fired a 140 over the two rounds.

In the Fifth Flight, a two-round total of 151 was recorded by A. Shottenkirk, Tony Fisher and Tim Sims for the title.

Here are complete results from the weekend tournament.

Don Cornett Tournament Championship: 1. Mark Wyatt,

Larry Chapman and Trent Morris, 59-62—121; 2. (tie) Royce Stanaland, J.D. Denton and Brandon Batt, 60-64—124; Phillip York, Mike Bain and Jeff Yates, 61-63—124; Mickey Bishop, Jerry Heller and Stan Byrnes, 61-63—124; and Marvin Dick, Johnny Smith and Brian Bim, 65-59—124.

First Flight: 1. Brad Schlagel, Todd Bell and Scott Allen, 65-60—125; 2. Gene Jeter, J.D. Jeter and Les Clary, 64-62—126; 3. Cliff Cook, Jeri Lou Cook and Bill Glenn, 66-61—127.

Second Flight: 1. Jim Long, Steve Williams and Mike Zaccardo, 68-63—131; 2. Larry Luna, Nacho Seguro and Robert Seguro, 67-65—132; 3. (tie) Cary Jackson, John Lantz and Alan Steinle, 66-67—133; and Gary Stennett, Ray McMahon and Kevin Carter, 67-66—133.

Third Flight: 1. Newlon Rowland, Greg Couch and Kevin Workman, 70-65—135; 2. Carlos Mendez, H. Carrillo and Gerald Gamboa, 69-68—137; 3. (tie) Brett Bryant, Craig Nunn and Jay Held, 70-70—140; Randy Willingham, Ray and Christi Cameron, 69-71—140; and David Darnell, Kathy Spears and Sheryl Brown, 69-71—140.

Fourth Flight: 1. Richard Combest, J.D. Hay and Lance Grantham, 72-68—140; 2. Charles McLean, Darrell Buckley and Norm Hays, 73-69—142; 3. Chris Watson, Teddy McCaslin and Mike Griffin, 74-69—143.

Fifth Flight: 1. A. Shottenkirk, Tony Fisher and Tim Sims, 76-75—151; 2. Jeff Pigg, Doug Schilling and Mark Brown, 77-75—152; 3. Ed, Chad and Lance Haddock, 77-76—153.

Cats edged by Dalhart

The Dalhart Golden Wolves slipped past the Bobcats 14-12 in district baseball action last Thursday at George Howell Memorial Park.

Dimmitt took the early lead of 2-0 in the first inning on a double by Luis Nino and a single by Richard Carpio.

Dalhart got going with a four-run second and a five-run third inning which included back-to-back homers.

In the fourth inning, Bobcat third baseman Michael Pedroza's home run tied the game, 11-11.

The Wolves took back the lead in the sixth inning adding three runs. Dimmitt scored only once more and Dalhart claimed the win.

River Road blasts Dimmitt in home run slugfest, 18-7

The River Road Wildcats used a barrage of home runs as they slugged their way to a 18-7 win over the Dimmitt Bobcats Friday at George Howell Park.

In the second inning, River Road's designated hitter, Mitch Ginder, put the Wildcats out in front, 3-0, with a two-run homer. Right fielder Jamie Axton followed suit with a two-run home run in the third inning.

Deuces stayed wild in the fifth inning when Wildcat third baseman Chantz Howell joined the hit parade as he extended River Road's lead to 8-1 with his two-run blast.

In the sixth inning, Axton added his second two-run homer of the game

and River Road had a commanding 11-3 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Bobcat center-fielder Zack Matthews tightened the score to 11-6 with a three-run homer of his own.

The Wildcats put the game away in the seventh inning when they scored six runs on five hits with another long ball.

The loss dropped Dimmitt to 4-7 in district play.

Naz youths advance in USTT meet

Seven Nazareth students have qualified for the regional US Tumbling and Trampoline (USTT) meet after winning at a recent meet.

The district USTT meet was held in Brownfield on April 12 and winners will compete in the Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico Regional Meet in Hobbs, N.M., on May 10.

Those qualifying are Ryan Birkenfeld, Kyle Birkenfeld, Holly Kleman and Sarah Ellison in tumbling and trampoline; Macee Schulte in trampoline; and Kelcee Kleman and Keli Schulte in tumbling.

The students study under Power T's head coach Debbie Scroggins and assistant coach David Scroggins.

Shea Bennett signs to play for Wayland

Hart native Shea Bennett has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball next year for the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens.

Bennett is a graduate of Hart High School and she has played for the South Plains College Lady Texans for the past two years.

The 5-11 wing averaged 8.7 points and 3.6 rebounds and earned honorable mention all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference honors.

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Tulia man takes first in VFW Chili Cook-Off

Jimmy Johnson of Tulia VFW Post 1798 captured first-place honors in the District 13 VFW Chili Cook-Off Saturday in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt Post 8056 hosted the event and District 13 would like to thank those who entered.

Second-place winner was the team of Dale Mann and Deanna Duke of Friona Post 1413. Finishing third were Ted Stubblefield and Tommy Lee of Dimmitt Post 8056.

Five teams competed in the cook-off.

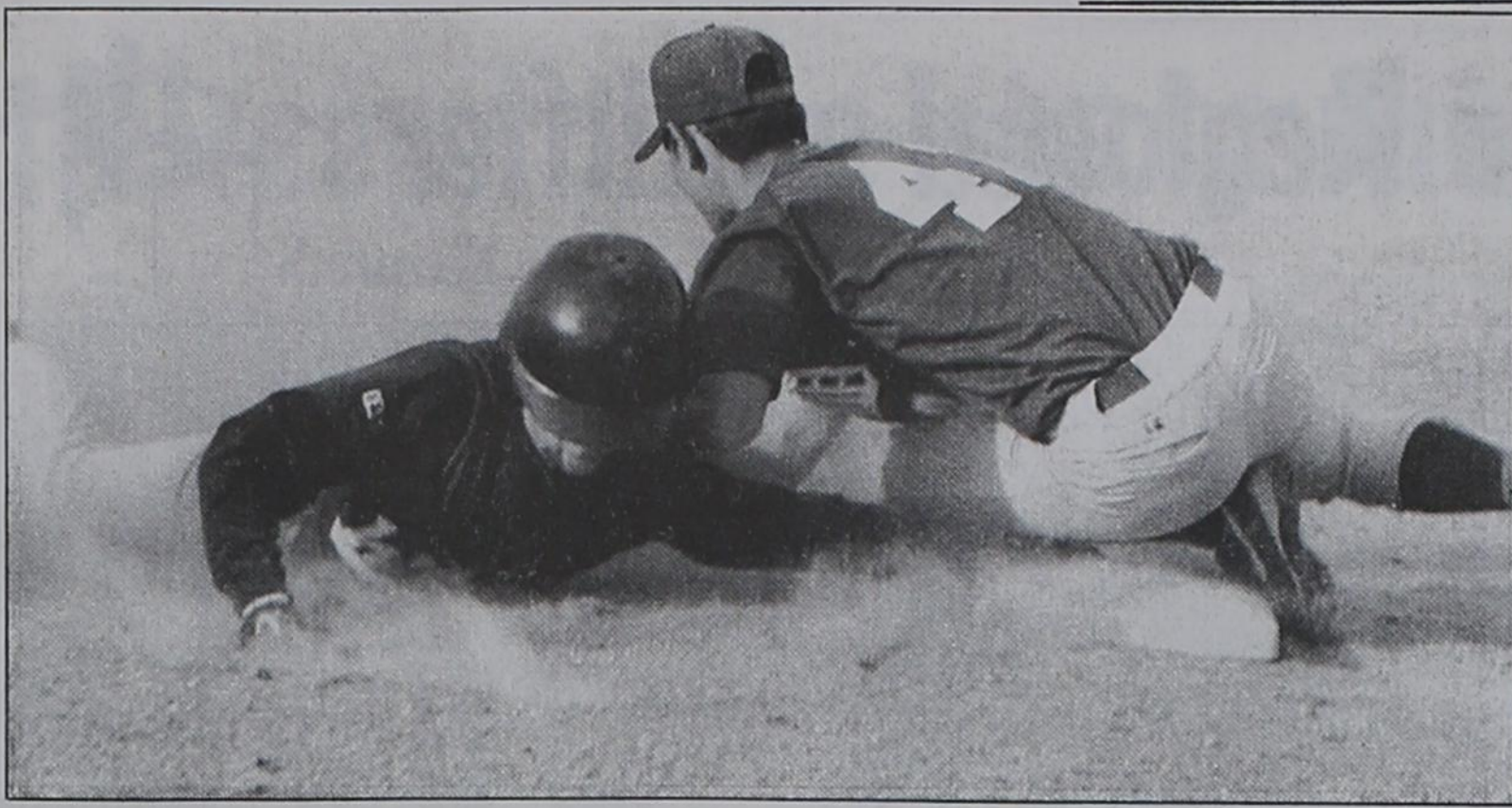
After the chili judging, District 13 held an auction and made \$533. Only VFW posts from Dimmitt, Tulia and Friona donated items for the auction. "It's not too late for the rest of the

district to donate," said a spokesperson for VFW. "The next convention will be in Hereford May 3 and 4."

The District 13 officials and members of the local VFW post thank Greg George for serving as auctioneer.

A raffle of tools raised \$247 and another \$160 was made from the chili cook-off for a total of \$940 for the day's activities. The money will be divided between the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary in District 13.

"If every post and auxiliary would have been represented here, or would have donated, just think how much money could have been raised for District 13," the spokesperson said.



AND HE'S OUT—Dimmitt Bobcat third baseman Michael Pedroza makes the tag on a River Road Wildcat in district game action in Dimmitt Friday. A

series of homeruns boosted the Wildcats to a 17-7 victory over the Bobcats. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mother's Day dinner planned

A Mother's Day dinner will be held Sunday, May 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

The meal will include ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread and chocolate cake. Tickets are available at the nurses' station at Plains Memorial Hospital for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is presented to qualified individuals pursuing a career in nursing. Mrs. McDermitt was a beloved registered nurse involved with Plains Memorial Hospital for many years.

Kite festival set May 3

Children will have a chance to display their creative talents on May 3 when the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club holds its second annual kite festival.

Activities on May 3 will begin at 9 a.m. with a kite-making class for children. There will only be 25 kite kits available for the class. Children also are invited to bring their own kites.

Then at 10 a.m. a professional kite flying demonstration will be given by Eddie Miller.

The festival will be held at the vacant lot west of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Awards will be given to children 16 and under in the following categories:

"Best Homemade Kite," "Ozone Layer Kite," which is for the kite that flies the highest; "Crash and Burn Kite," the greatest looking kite that just won't fly; "Longest Tail Kite;" and "Cool Kite."

A concession stand will offer soft drinks and hot dogs during the festival. The Faith Group from the Catholic Church will assist the Kiwanis Club with activities throughout the day.

The event is free and open to the public.

All proceeds generated by concessions stand sales will be donated to local charities in Dimmitt.

Marker to list war casualties

On the Fourth of July, the Castro County Historical Commission will dedicate a marker in honor of the county's war casualties.

Any residents from the county who were killed in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict will be listed on the marker, which will be placed on the courthouse grounds.

The Historical Commission has obtained the following names from government and family sources: Greer H. Estes, Arthur Holland

Webb, Emilio Nino Jr., John Ray Stephens, Joe Bailes, Bradie Bronell Bills, Raymond Theodore Dirks, Carl Turner Adams, Gene Easley, Robert Daniel Truelock, Roy Nelson, Vance Herwood Murphy, George E. Wall, Billy Graef, Russel Slough, and Cyrus Andrews Jr.

Additional names may be added if they are reported by May 1. Those knowing of additional names that need to be included should call Becky Stovall at 647-2524, or write her at 115 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, 79027.

WIFE members travel to Austin

Members of WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics) traveled to Austin last week to meet with legislators concerning issues that are important to agriculture.

Issues of concern included the home equity bill, deregulation of electricity and ground water rights.

Attending from the Castro County WIFE Chapter were Marilyn Higgins, who is second vice-president

of the Texas WIFE organization; Joan Clevenger, publicity chairman of the local chapter; and Lois Wales, Pat Bagley and Frances King.

A spokesperson said WIFE members feel that the changes being considered on the issues of concern, if made into law without safety nets for farmers, will drastically affect family farming in the South Plains and Panhandle regions of Texas.

"While we were there, Nelda Laney, wife of Speaker of the House Pete Laney, gave us an in-depth tour of the area of the Capitol that has been recently restored and renovated," the spokesperson said. "We also enjoyed a delightful luncheon in the Speaker's quarters."

Mrs. Laney explained the processes involved in getting a bill to the Senate and House, and Laney came and visited with the group for a short time before the House reconvened for the afternoon. The Texas WIFE organization presented Laney with a plaque in appreciation for his services.

WIFE members from the Hale-Lamb Chapter who attended were: Jo Ann Stroepe, president of Texas WIFE; Doris Howell, first vice-president of Texas WIFE; Wanda Horsford, Cotton Commodity Chairman; Alice Scarborough, Rural Health Chairman; and Glenda Barrett and Mary Marecek.

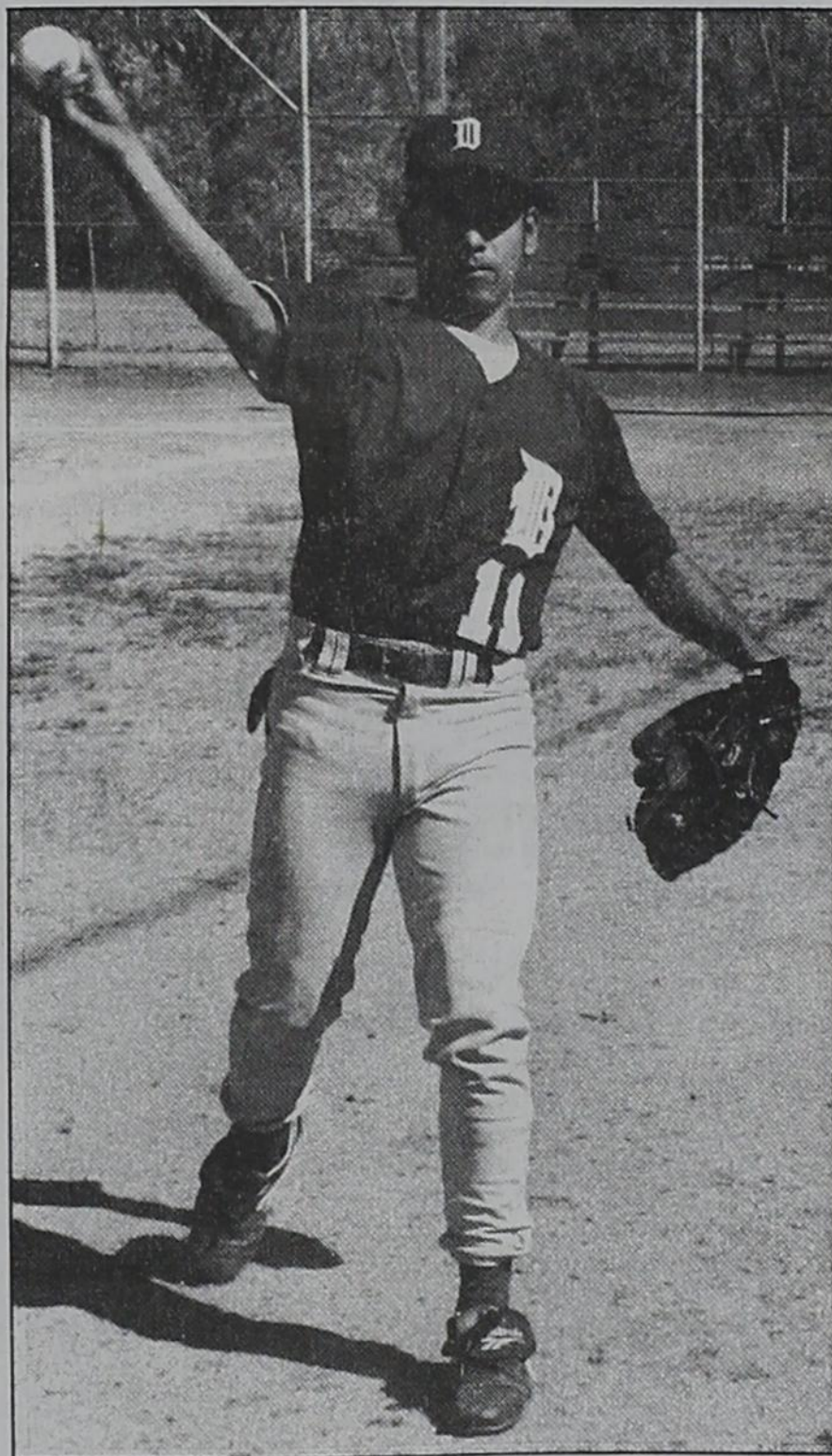
Kiwanis donate to CV and OM

The Kiwanis Club of Dimmitt has donated \$200 to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home and \$200 to the Dimmitt Independent School District's Odyssey of the Mind program.

The nursing home will use the money to help pay for patio furniture while the donation to the OM program will help defray costs of sending two Dimmitt OM teams to the World competition later this year.

Kiwanis are planning their second annual kite festival and children of all ages are invited to attend.

"There will be plenty of kites, food and soft drinks," said a spokesperson for the club.



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Our Regional qualifiers

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HART RUNNERS ISELA MINJAREZ (left) and Lisa Rincon hope for trips to the Class AA state track meet as they compete in the Region 1-AA meet in Abilene this week. Minjarez will run in the 800-meter dash while Rincon will compete for regional titles in the 3,200 and 1,600.

Photo by David Knox



DIMMITT'S SPRINT RELAY TEAM, including (from left) Stuart Sutton, Jerry Thomas, D.J. Fleeks and Zack Matthews finished second in the District 1-AAA track meet and will compete at regional in Odessa this week.

Photo by David Knox



REGIONAL DISCUS QUALIFIER
... Charley Sanders of Dimmitt

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NAZARETH'S K'LYNN GERBER (left photo) and Amy Pohlmeier (right photo) earned the District 1-A championship recently and hope to continue their success through the regional tournament this week. The



pair will be competing in the Region 1-A meet at Levelland. Both are juniors.

Photos by Brenda Schulte



DISTRICT CHAMPS—Dimmitt's mile relay team featuring (from left) D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews, Kalem Thomas and Joey Flores topped the field in the District 1-AAA meet and will compete in the regional track meet this week in Odessa.

Photo by Anna Acker



RACING TO REGIONAL—These Dimmitt runners will compete in a combined seven events at the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa this week. They are (from left) Zack Matthews, Joey Flores, D.J. Fleeks and Jerome Larra. Matthews will run the 100-meter dash and is on the Bobcats' 400 and mile relay

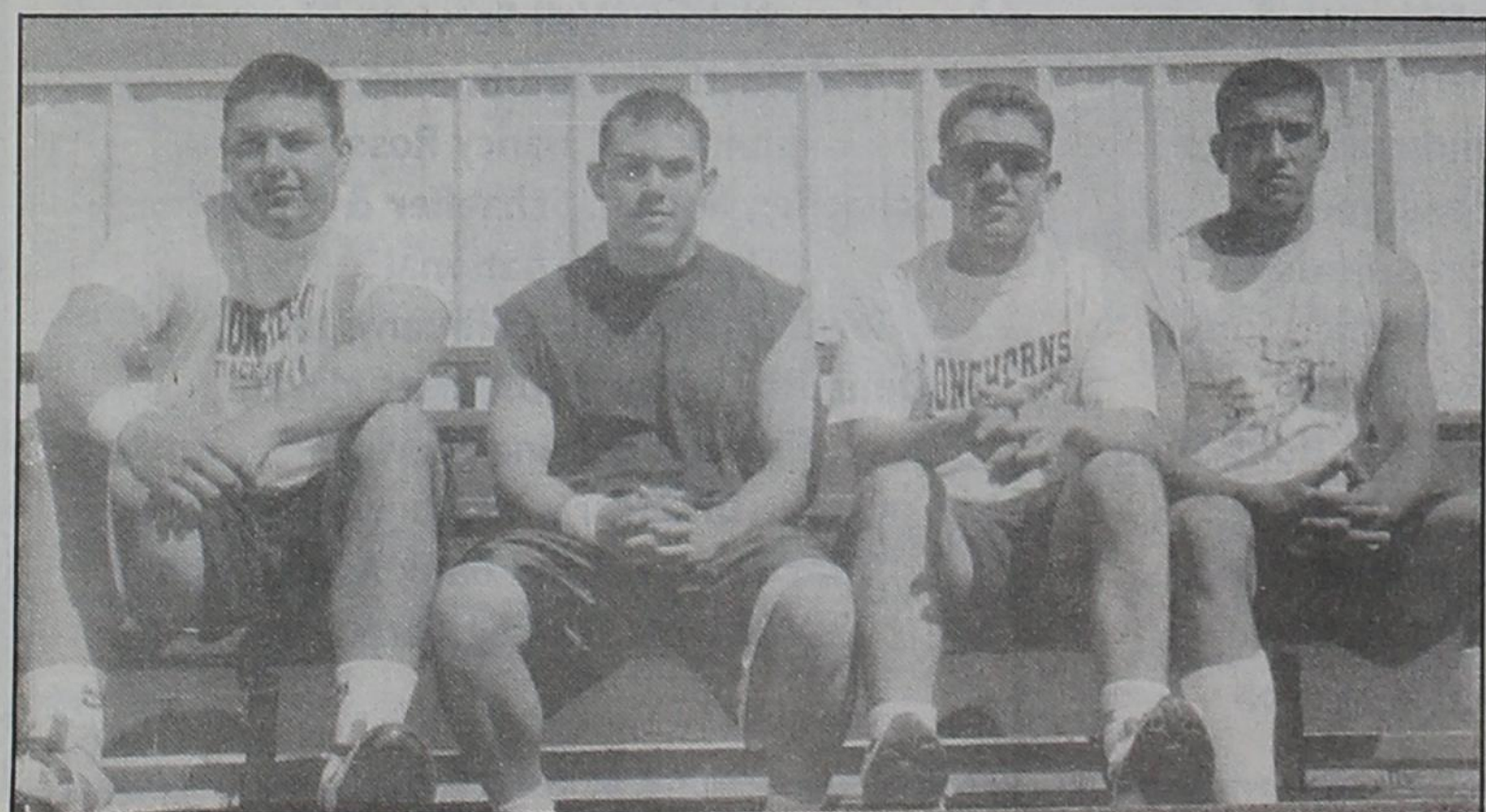
teams. Flores will compete in the 400 and 800 and also runs a leg on the mile relay team. Fleeks will challenge Flores in the 800 and also runs on the mile and 400 relay teams. Larra will compete in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

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NAZ'S DARREN HUCKERT
... Will run the mile at regional

Photo by Brenda Schulte



← THE HART LONGHORNS qualified five individuals for the Region 1-AA track meet in Odessa this week. They include (from left) Dusty Ortiz in the shot put and discus; Armando Minjarez in the shot and discus; Eric Montemayor in the 3,200 and 1,600; and Lupe DeLaFuenta in the 110 hurdles.

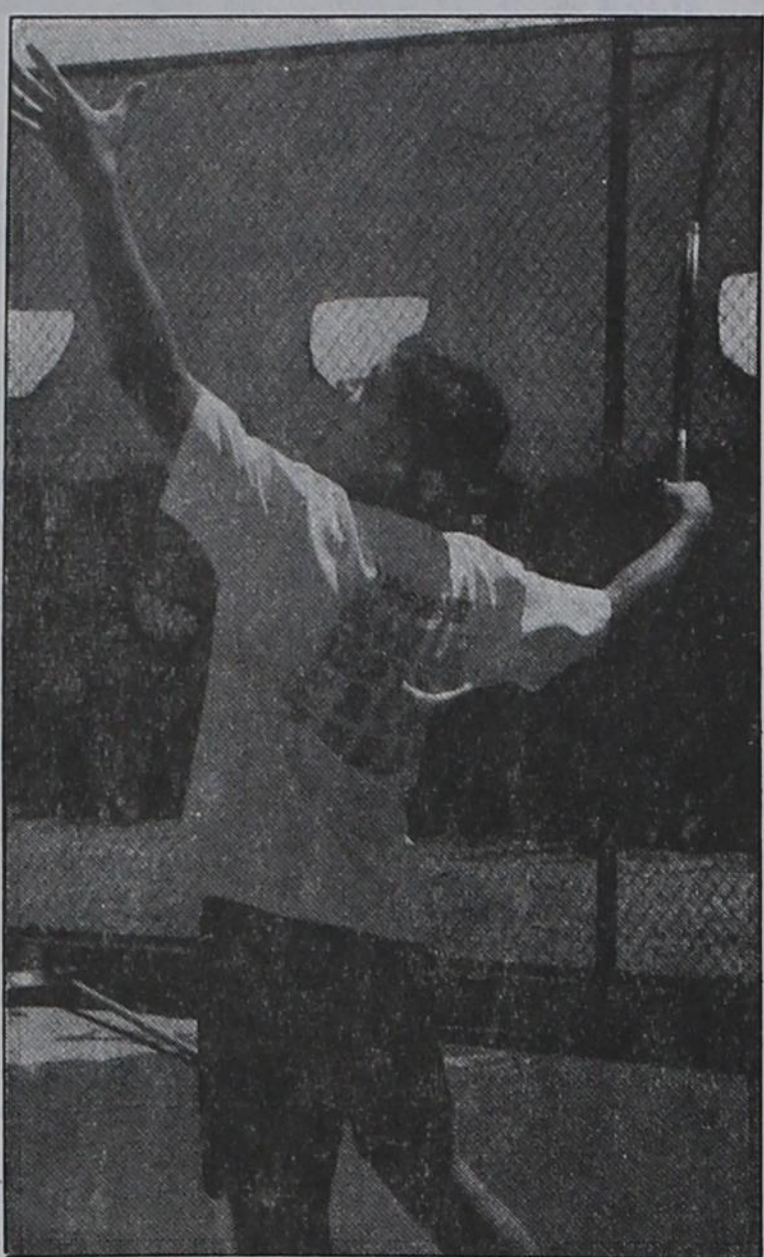
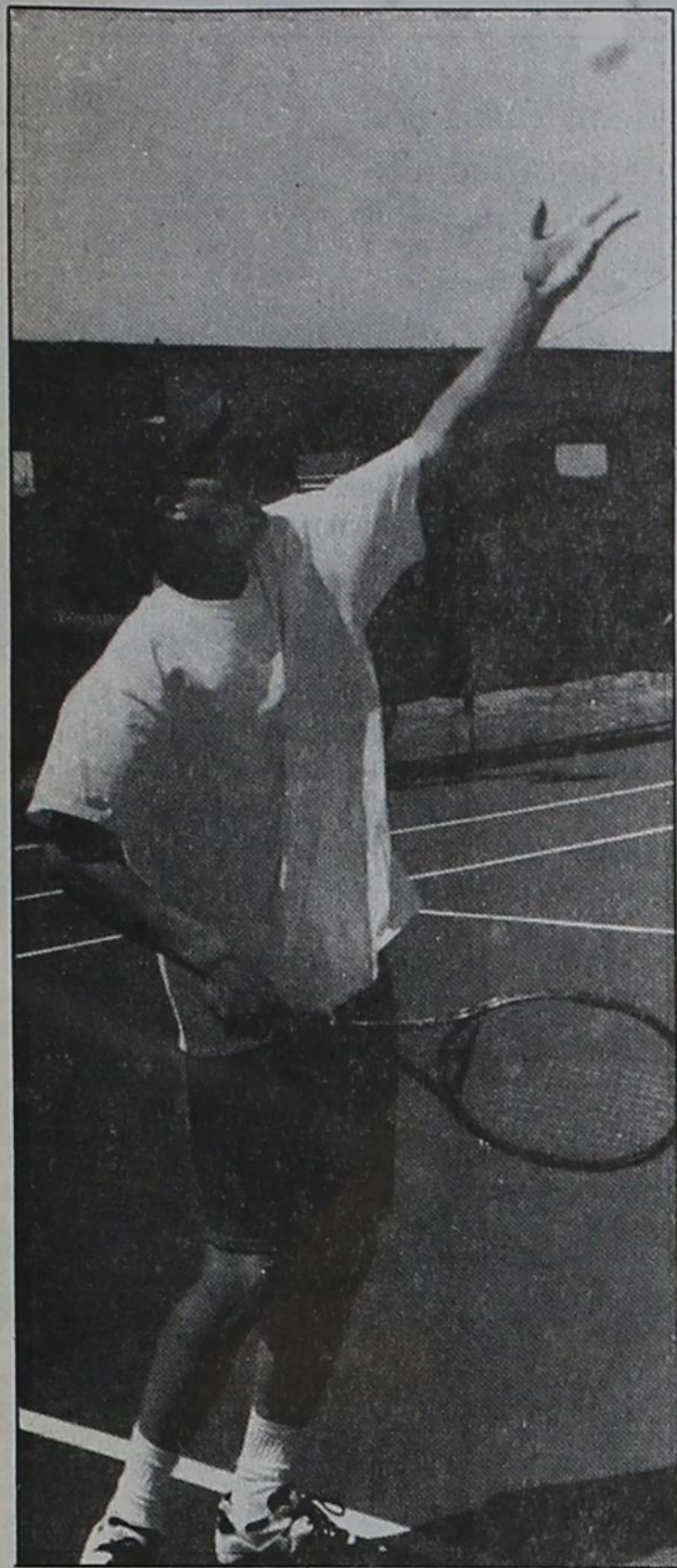
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JASON BURNAM OF NAZARETH hopped, skipped and jumped his way to the Region 1-A track meet by finishing first in the triple jump in district. The regional meet will be held this week in Levelland.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Battling for tickets to the state meets



MARCUS BROCKMAN (left photo) and Billy Don Cannon (top photo), a boys' doubles team from Nazareth, earned a trip to the Region 1-A tennis tournament in Levelland by finishing second at district recently. Brockman and Cannon lost in the championship match but bounced back to win a playback for second place over Nazareth's Kit Schulte and Mitchell Brockman.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



THE HART LADY HORNS claimed the team district championship with 162½ points and nine individuals in 10 events and the Lady Horns 400-meter relay team advanced to the regional track meet, which will be held in Abilene this week. Those qualifying for the regional meet are (back, from left) Monica Rodriguez in the shot put, Adelita Dozal in the discus, Charbra Lee in triple jump, 400 relay and

hurdles, Lisa Rincon in the 3,200 and 1,600, Nikki Lee in the shot and discus and Amanda Ethridge in the 300 hurdles; and (front, from left) Veronica Gonzales, member of the sprint relay team, Isela Minjarez, 800-meter dash, Ysa Rodriguez in the 100-meter dash and sprint relay, Valerie Key in the 400-meter dash, and Angelica Peralez, member of the sprint relay team.

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DISTRICT 1-A BOYS' SINGLES CHAMPION ... Barry Hoelting of Nazareth

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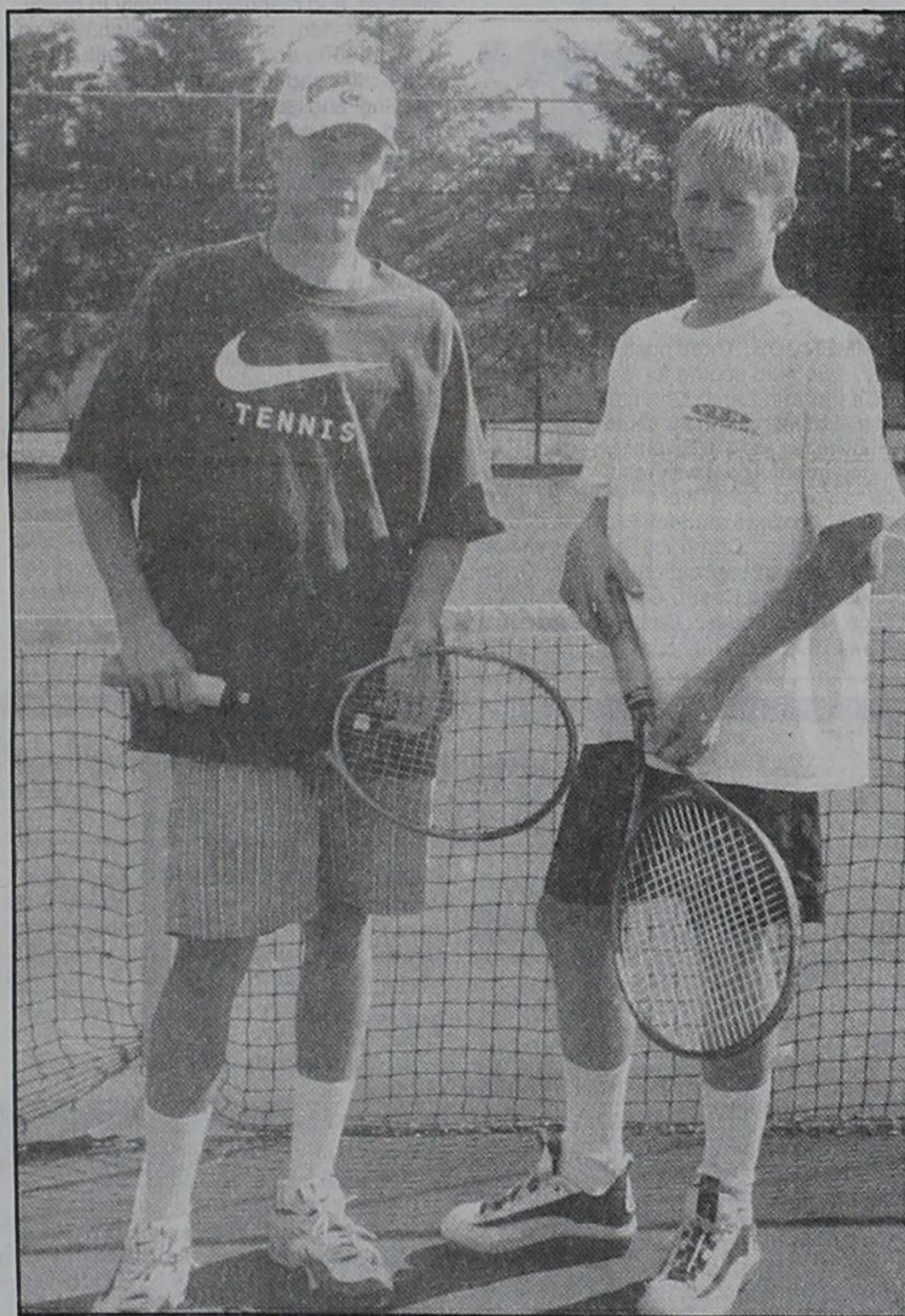
BRYAN BRADDOCK OF NAZ ... District Runner-Up in singles

Photo by Brenda Schulte



DISTRICT RUNNER-UP—Nazareth's Tanya Wethington will compete in the Region 1-A tennis tournament in Levelland this week after finishing second at the district level in girls' singles.

Photo by Brenda Schulte



DIMMITT NETTERS Brad Beck (left) and Wesley Mays claimed the top two spots in boys' singles in the District 1-AAA tennis tournament last week. Beck beat Mays in the finals to finish as district champion. The two will represent Dimmitt in the regional tournament in Odessa this week.

Photo by Anne Acker



HART NETTERS HEADED TO REGIONAL—Hart virtually ran away with the District 3-AA tennis tournament recently, claiming all but one of the top two places in each division. Those qualifying for regional include (back, from left) Lupe DeLaFuente,

Osbaldo Carrasco, Matt Huerta, Jared Aven, Sergio Martinez and Chris George; and (front, from left) Valerie Key, Ysa Rodriguez, Veronica Gonzales and Raquel Garcia.

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CELINA BRADDOCK of Nazareth finished second in the 3,200-meter run in the District 1-A track meet last week and will compete at regional this week.

Photo by Naz Annual Staff



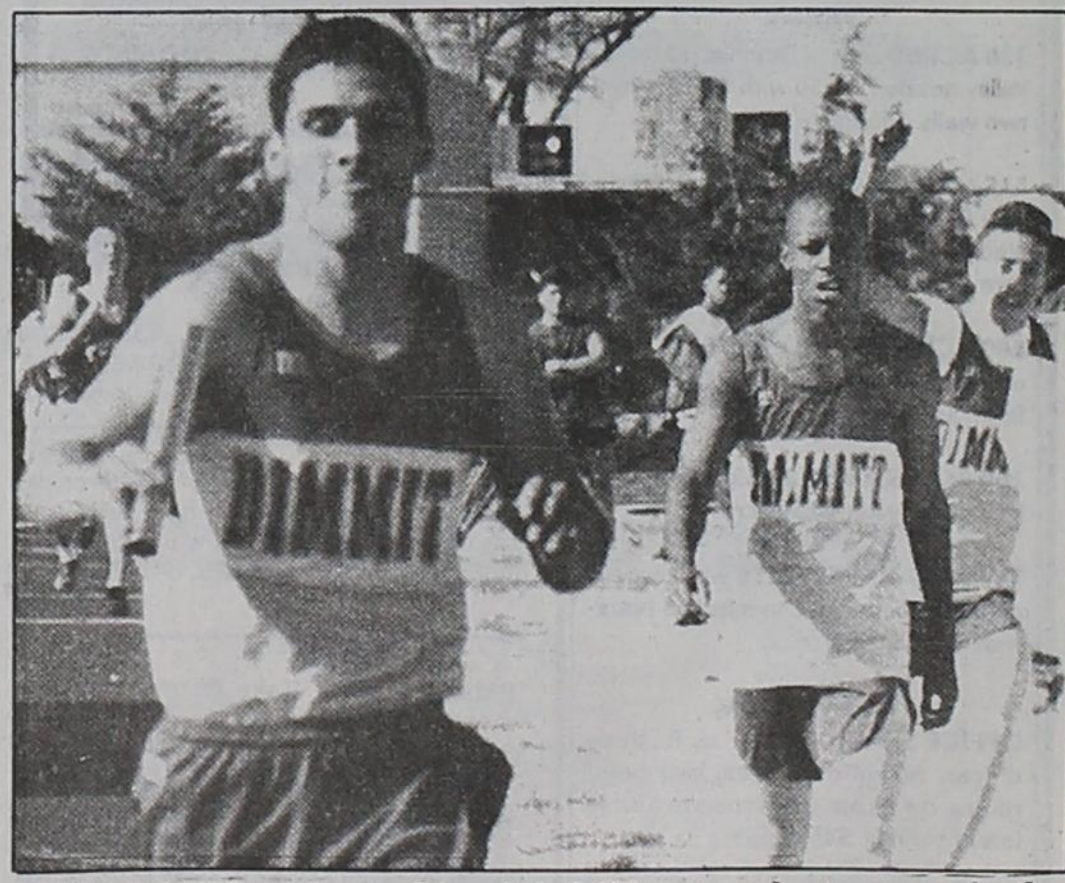
MONICA ORTIZ (left) and Kristin Doss of Dimmitt had to settle for second place in District 1-AAA girls' doubles competition, but the netters earned the right to advance to the Region 1-AAA tournament in Odessa with the placing.

Photo by Anne Acker



T.R. GEORGE OF HART cleared 11-0 in the pole vault to finish second in district and he will join several other Longhorns in the Region 1-AA track meet this week in Abilene.

Photo by Neoma Williams



JOEY FLORES, anchoring Dimmitt's 1,600-meter relay team, carries the baton across the finish line to give the Bobcats the gold medal while teammates D.J. Fleeks and John Paul Ramos cheer him on. The relay team won district and will compete at regional this week. Also on the relay team is Zack Matthews.

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MAPLE STREET, 2,515 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, newly remodeled kitchen and living area, corner lot, sprinkler system. \$107,000 with hot tub.

REDUCED—RUSKIN CIRCLE— Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, nice size kitchen, closed in patio, large backyard. \$59,000.

FIVE BEDROOMS, two baths, extra large kitchen, office, game room, one car garage, cellar inside, carpet through, apartment in back with one bedroom, one bath, large living area, nice kitchen, 3075 total living area. \$55,000.

DARLING two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, nice size kitchen, approximately 1300 sq. ft. \$28,000.

FARMS

330 ACRES west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60" spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

615+ ACRES west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, five wells—two gas and three electric. Highway on two sides. \$550/acre.

300 ACRES close to town, three wells, one quarter mile pivot, perfect cattle farm. \$425/acre.

160 ACRES in the Sunnyside area, sprinkler, good water. \$850/acre.

TWO 10 ACRE TRACTS with one well per tract, between Dimmitt and Nazareth. \$15,000 per tract.

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE—1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

SCOTT MORRIS

112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3734, Office 647-3686, Night 647-9325, Mobile

1—Real Estate Homes & Land

VERY NICE three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage, built-ins, fireplace and more. Good neighborhood. \$57,000.

GOOD three bedroom, one bath brick with lots of extras. \$40,000.

MUST SEE! Three bedrooms, two full baths, two car garage, on large lot. Fireplace and more. \$75,000.

GOOD STARTER! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, in great condition. \$52,000.

REDUCED! Three bedrooms, one bath, central heat, brick with carpet. Nice Morgan building. \$30,500.

THREE BEDROOMS, two baths, two large living areas and lots of built-ins. \$53,000.

VERY NEAT three bedrooms, one bath, one car garage, living, kitchen and den, and utility. Good price \$36,500.

NICE, three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, two living areas. Assumable loan. \$48,000.

FARMS

EIGHT MILES EAST of Dimmitt on 194. 120 acres, one well. \$800 per acre.

GOOD FARM NE OF HART, three wells. \$900 per acre.

GEORGE REAL ESTATE

S. Hwy 385 647-4174

Jimmie R. George, Broker 647-3274

Mary Lou Schmucker.....945-2679

HOUSE FOR SALE: Three bedroom, garage, carport. 307 NW 8th. 647-4238. 1-3-2tp

FOR SALE: Three bedroom, two bath, brick, fireplace, carport, Heat Pump, refrigerated air, new carpet, new roof. 1,650 sq. ft. \$58,000. 1010 Grant. 647-2594. 1-1-tfc

SINGLE PARENT PROGRAM. Special financing on new/used mobile homes. Call 1-800-372-1491. 1-1-3tc

3—Real Estate For Rent

Stafford Apartments

One, two and three bedroom apartments. Call for availability. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

622 N.W. 5th ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT Call 647-2638 S&S Properties

5—For Rent, Misc.

RENT TO OWN

NEW TY'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES No credit checks. KITTRELL ELECTRONICS 647-2197 Dimmitt

6—For Sale, Misc.

CAMCORDER with stand, \$350. Lane Recliner, \$200. Broyhill 4-drawer chest, \$200. Call (806) 289-5936. 6-3-1tp

FOR SALE: Century Zenith TV, 19" color, \$115; king-size Bassett bed with box springs and frame, \$375; white Whirlpool small washer (new), \$125. 647-0824. 6-52-tfc

SMALL PIANO. Take on monthly payments. Will arrange to see locally. Call 1-800-343-6494. 6-3-1tp

7—Garage Sale

HOLD ON TO YOUR JUNK! City-wide Garage Sale is coming June 7. 7-2-tfc

9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

WANT TO BUY 71 Series John Deere planter, 6- or 8-row; and International planters. 647-4238 after 7 p.m. 9-3-2tp

FOR SALE: Five-inch irrigation pump, 25HP, vertical electric motor with panel. 647-3400 or 748-1260. 9-50-tfc

10—Agricultural Services

ROUND BALE HAULING. Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING. Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call David Schulte, 647-7740, or (806) 965-2489. 10-51-16tp

13—Livestock, Pets

FOR SALE: Border Collie male puppy, seven weeks old. 647-2867. 13-2-tfc

14—Automobiles

Scott's Trading Post

Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

1995 BUICK LeSABRE LIMITED 4-Dr., all electric equip, one owner, only 14,000 miles, like new

1994 CHEV. SILVERADO Extended cab, S/B, all equip, white, very nice

1990 GMC SIERRA S/W, all electric equip, lots of extras, clean

1991 BUICK PARK AVE. 4-Dr., white. A very nice luxury car!

1984 GMC 1/2 T PICKUP With shell. Very clean for the model.

1990 FORD CUSTOM 1/2 T 6-cyl., good miles

1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY 4-Dr. Very nice economy car.

Kent's Auto Sales

116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027 (806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561

1993 Chev. Corsica, 4-Dr, 50,000 miles, V-6, AT, PS, PB, AC, tilt, cruise.

1993 Ford Tempo, 4 cylinder, AT, PS, PB, AC, 31,000 miles.

1991 Buick LeSabre Custom, 4-Dr, loaded, 52,000 miles.

1991 Dodge Dynasty, 4-Dr, V-6, AT, PS, PB, AC, tilt, cruise, locks, AM/FM, tape, 48,000 miles.

1991 Dodge Spirit, 4-Dr, loaded, 30,000 miles, red.

1990 Oldsmobile Regency 98, 4-Dr, loaded, nice, leather interior. Come see!

1985 Chev. Suburban, trailer puller, 454 engine, transmission cooler, AT, PS, PB, front and rear AC, heavy duty Michlen tires, 73,000 actual miles. Has been used to pull travel trailer. Also has tilt, cruise, electric windows, locks, AM/FM tape. Local one owner.

1989 Mercury Sable, 4-Dr, loaded, nice.

FOR SALE: 1992 GMC SLE Suburban. Nice. \$14,500; 1994 Chevy Silverado Extended Cab pickup, nice, \$14,900. 647-3260. 14-1-tfc

18—Services

Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair

Hi-Plains Irrigation
ZIMMATIC PIVOTS
Olton, TX
1-800-687-3133
SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

RIDDICK'S APPLIANCE REPAIR, 420 E. Broadway, Tulla, 995-2337. We work on all major brand appliances and will come to Dimmitt or Nazareth. Call and leave a message. We also buy and sell used appliances. 18-43-tfc

18—Services

George's Service Station

FULL SERVICE
Oil Changes
Car Washes
647-4641
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Paper Dolls, Etc.

Paper Hanging
Miscellaneous Painting
Signs
Diana Wilhelm
945-2507
Nazareth

FRANK ROSSI PAPERHANGING

806-995-3030 Tulla, TX

MARY KAY CONSULTANT, contact Harriett Goodwin, 302 Locust in Dimmitt. Call 647-3512 for appointment or orders. 18-2-tfc

DOUBLE D ELECTRIC—For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-tfc

20—Help Wanted

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

SUMMER JOB: Three positions are available. Two field scouts for checking crops in Castro and Lamb Counties. One demonstration technician for Castro and Lamb Counties to help the Extension Agent-Pest Management Agent with result demonstration research plot work. Ideal for high school or college student. Must have own transportation. Come by the Extension office to fill out application. Contact Greta Schuster at the Castro County Extension Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, at 647-4116. 20-3-1tc

Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:

647-3123

What your ad will cost:

- ✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).
- ✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.
- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

Where to find ads:

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| 2. Farms for sale | 15. Recreational vehicles |
| 3. Homes and apartments for rent | 16. Auto parts and supplies |
| 4. Things people want to rent | 17. Business opportunities |
| 5. Miscellaneous items for rent | 18. Services |
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| 7. Garage sales | 19. Students seeking work |
| 8. Household goods for sale | 20. Help wanted |
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20—Help Wanted

SUMMER JOB: Part-time (17 hours per week) demonstration technician for assisting County Extension Agent in implementing, conducting, monitoring and harvesting field trials in Castro County. Help county staff with data collection and field monitoring. College graduate or some college completion preferred with training in agriculture. Ability to communicate in writing and speech, cooperate as a team member, and respond positively to policy, administration and supervision. Farm background and familiarity with crop production and irrigation desired. Record keeping and some computer skills preferred. Must have own transportation with proof of insurance for travel in area with paid mileage. Applications will be accepted immediately until the position has been filled. Opening date for position is June 1. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons interested in being considered as an applicant should contact the Castro County Extension Office, 100 E. Bedford, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, (806) 647-4115, or come by for an appointment. 20-3-1tc

20—Help Wanted

TEAM AND SINGLE DRIVERS wanted. We offer an excellent benefit package. 401K with company contribution. \$2,000 sign-on bonus. Competitive wage package. Health/Dental/Life Insurance. Retention bonus. Uniform requirements are 2-year semi-driving experience. CDL and Pass DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry. Apply at Steere Tank Lines, Inc., Dimmitt, Texas. (806) 647-3183. 20-52-4tc

DUE TO GROWTH, Swisher Memorial Hospital District has the following positions open:

HOME HEALTH: One LVN, one part-time LVN and one RN.
HOSPITAL: Three RNs and one DON, experience required, DSN preferred.
If interested, send resumes to Swisher Memorial Hospital, Human Resources Dept., P.O. Box 808, Tulla, Texas 79088. 20-2-2tc

THE DIMMITT POLICE DEPT. Is currently accepting applications for the position of Secretary/Dispatcher. Job consists of answering telephone, filing reports, typing and dispatching officers on calls. Computer experience preferred. Applications may be picked up at the Dimmitt Police Dept., 200 E. Jones. 20-3-1tc

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK TexSCAN

TexSCAN WEEK OF 4-20-97 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

AMERITEL PAYPHONES \$150K yearly potential! Local sites available. Lowest prices. Min. investment 7K. Get all the facts fast. Call toll free 1-800-800-3470 24hrs.

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LOG HOME DEALERSHIP. Excellent earning potential part/full time. Protect territories, leads, training. Sell kits, dry-ins or turnkeys. Must purchase or sell home start at \$19,425.00. Call C. T. McFarland, Southland Log Homes, 1-800-845-3555, Ext. 137.

DRIVERS WANTED

\$2,000 HIRE ON bonus-experienced OTR flatbed drivers. All KW conventionals. Xint. benefits. Average \$30K/year. Trainee positions available. CDL, 23+, TSE 1-800-548-3120, ext. D-102.

ARROW TRUCKING COMPANY *flatbed and van operation *regional or long haul *Houston - Dallas - Lonestar Terminals *assigned conventionals *experienced drivers - owner operators. 1-888-277-6937, CDL training available, 713-956-6259, EO.

DIESEL MECHANICS; FRIEGLTLINER dealership has all shifts available for top mechanics. Relocation expenses to Kansas/Nebraska plus 32K-45K 1st year. Call Scot King 1-800-365-0440.

DRIVER, ATTENTION DRIVER! The best get better by paying you more! Team drivers and driver trainers, it would pay for you to call and find out. Covenant Transport. Experienced drivers and owner/operator teams 1-888-MORE-PAY. Graduate Students 1-800-338-6428.

DRIVER - CALARK INTERNATIONAL offers great pay, benefits and the chance to get home more often! Must be 22 with CDL and HazMat endorsement 1-888-422-5275.

DRIVER...OWNER OPERATOR and company driver opportunities pulling van trailers available at Dalworth. Operate regionally in 8 states around Texas/Oklahoma. Call 1-800-333-3064 for information.

DRIVERS - BEEN THERE, done that? Now it's time to come home to Dallas Carriers. You need a CDL-A and 1 year OTR. Call 1-800-727-4374. EO.

DRIVERS & OWNER-operators needed. Good freight. Competitive pay. Run middle US and local. Call 1-800-801-0386 or 409-642-2092 for more info.

DRIVERS - FLATBED 48 state OTR. Assigned new conventionals, competitive pay, benefits. \$1,000. Sign on bonus, rider program, flexible time off. Call Roadrunner Trucking 1-800-876-7784.

DRIVERS WANTED E.L. POWELL & Sons, Tulsa, OK. We offer late model equipment, good insurance, mileage pay. One year verifiable flat bed experience. 918-446-4447, 1-800-444-3777.

HAROLD IVES TRUCKING needs motivated individuals to enter our Training Program. Call 1-800-270-1676 for complete information. Now taking owner operators \$81 empty/loaded call: 1-800-842-0853.

RAPID FREIGHT OF TEXAS, a Texas based carrier seeking OTR teams & singles. 95 or newer conventionals. Call Chuck at 1-800-607-5695.

SRT - DRIVERS/OTR - avg. pay 37k to 40k. Conv. trks, ins. 401K (co match), good home time & more. Call toll free 1-888-778-8185.

SUNSET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS owner-ops located in East Texas, D/FW, Houston, San Antonio metroplex to haul scrap metal. Trailers available. Home weekends! Year around hauling 98% Texas, 100K potential 1-888-215-HAUL.

EDUCATION

BECOME A MEDICAL transcriptionist. Opportunity to work in an office typing for doctors. Home study. Free literature. P.C.D.L. Atlanta, Georgia. 1-800-362-7070, dept. YYG722.

EMPLOYMENT

DIESEL MECHANICS; FRIEGLTLINER dealership has all shifts available for top mechanics. Relocation expenses to Kansas/Nebraska plus 32K-45K 1st year. Call Scot King 1-800-365-0440.

GRAND CANYON McDONALD'S Now hiring. Looking for hardworking, energetic & smiling people. Good pay. Low economical dorm housing available. Contact Grant 520-638-2862 or send application to P.O. Box 3026, Grand Canyon, AZ 8603.

POOL COMPANY IS accepting applications for experienced roustabouts, floorhands, derrickworkers, and crane operators to work on offshore rigs every Monday thru Friday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM and 1:00PM to 4:00PM. You may apply at Pool Company, 3640 Peters Road, Harvey, LA or call 504-365-3243 to request that an application be mailed to you. Provide addresses and telephone numbers of previous employers. Should possess willingness for hard work under harsh conditions. Clean drug and alcohol screen is a condition of employment. E.O.E. - minority/female/disabled/veteran. Qualified individuals only need apply!

EXCHANGE STUDENT

MAKE A STUDENT'S dream come true. AISE is seeking host families for foreign exchange students from over 40 countries world wide. All students speak English and have their own insurance and spending money. American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation. Call now 1-800-SIBLING.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

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FOR SALE

CAN'T AFFORD THE home you need? Get more home for your money with minimal downpayment. Complete financing if qualified. DeGeorge Home Alliance, 1-800-343-2884.

GARDEN TILLERS ... TROY-BILT re-tine tillers at low, direct from factory prices. For free catalog with prices, special savings now in effect, and model guide, call toll free 1-800-520-0400, Dept. 17.

PRESSURE CLEANERS. 2000 PSI \$

20—Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING for receptionist. Full-time, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Plains Memorial Hospital Home Health Agency. Apply in person. 213 W. Etter, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. EOE. 20-3-2tc

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS. Now hiring game wardens, security, maintenance, park rangers. No exp. Necessary. For application and info call 800-299-2470, Ext. TX707C, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days. 20-3-2tp

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-52-4tc

23—Lost & Found

LOST in Nazareth area, small, white female dog. Call 945-2553. 23-3-1tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express how grateful we are to everyone in the Sunnyside, Springlake-Earth and Dimmitt area. We deeply appreciate all of the calls, cards and especially the superb luncheon last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended. We are so glad to be a part of this great community.
THE KELLEY GREER FAMILY
24-3-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
We cannot begin to thank the great people of Dimmitt who gave of themselves, their time and love to us during the struggle of Bill's illness. Having been all over the United States, I am so thankful we were here when Bill took ill. We are truly blessed to have such friends as you.
Thank each and everyone of you that were just there to give us support, who called just to say "we love you and are praying for you," to all the people who came with food—and there were so many—and for all the beautiful flowers and cards of love.
Above all the thanks we bestow, the most appreciated is the loving, tender care the hospice nurses did for Bill. Dimmitt is so truly lucky to have such loving and dedicated people running the Hospice program. Shelly Rice is truly an angel. We know—we have seen her wings. She stayed through all the dark times at the end and was such a comfort.
Thanks to Cindy Rohrbach who came and stayed so Shelly could get some rest; to Connie Nutt, who came by just to check on us; and to Jim Hardwick, who came so faithfully and gave us such encouragement.
Thank you to all the ladies at the First Baptist Church who prepared the meal for us, and the ladies of Maxine Tidwell's Sunday School Class who came to the house and prepared a meal for us.
Thank you to the staff at Foskey Funeral Home who made our difficult task so much easier. Thank you to the board of directors of the Castro County Farm Bureau who have been so understanding about my dashing out from work many times. Thanks to the office staff who have stood behind us so faithfully.
There are so many good people in Dimmitt that I have not thanked, but who prayed for our comfort and were just there with a hug. We will never be able to repay all of the love and kindness you have given us. God bless each of you.
KAYE STEVENS & FAMILY
SHERRY, KORTNEY & GODY OLIVER
WANNIE STEVENS & FAMILY
BARBARA, TONI & STEVEN WHEAT
THE PINER STEVENS FAMILY
THE L.V. THOMAS FAMILY
24-3-1tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
THE ESTATE OF
EVELYN WINDERS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EVELYN WINDERS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of EVELYN WINDERS, Deceased, were issued to RANDY MICHAEL WINDERS, KENT DUDLEY WINDERS and KERRY MATT WINDERS on the 10th day of March, 1997, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: RANDY MICHAEL WINDERS, HCR 2, Box 49-A, Earth, Texas, 79031; KENT DUDLEY WINDERS, Box 272, Elida, N.M., 88116; and KERRY MATT WINDERS, HCR 4, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. 25-3-1tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt I.S.D., Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. on May 3, 1997, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Place 1 and Place 5.
Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Monday, April 14, 1997, and ending Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, Early Voting Clerk, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027 (806) 647-3101. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 25, 1997.
PAUL GARCIA, President
Dimmitt ISD Board of Trustees
25-3-1tc

NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS ON APPRAISAL DISTRICT DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given as provided in Sec. 6.09 of Property Tax Code (V.T.C.S.) that the Castro County Appraisal District Board of Directors at its regular meeting on May 1, 1997, will receive bids from banking institutions in Castro County that may desire to be selected as the depository of Appraisal District funds. Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on April 29, 1997. Bidders should indicate specifically the methods and frequency of calculation of interest rates payable on Appraisal District accounts during the term of the contract. The bid must detail all proposed costs for printed checks and deposit slips, service charges and any other contemplated charges. Bidders are notified that most Appraisal District Funds are in the form of trust accounts with service charges prohibited.
Release of government securities during the term of the contract will be transacted as formal agenda items in regular meetings of the Appraisal District. Successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with the Castro County Appraisal District and be approved by the appraisal District Board of Directors within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract. All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application.
The Castro County Appraisal District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
JERRY HELLER
Castro County Chief Appraiser
25-2-2tc

Social Security affects more local residents than any other program

Since its inception in 1935, the Social Security program has come to directly affect more Americans than any other government program. It also affects more Castro County and Texas residents than any other single government program.

Major changes are now being proposed for the Social Security program and these could have far reaching implications for Castro County residents.

The basic problem facing the Social Security program is a simple one. At current levels of benefits and taxes, the Social Security program will start to run out of money as the baby boomer generation retires.

Current projections indicate that the Disability Trust fund will be exhausted by the year 2016. By 2029, the Retirement Trust fund will only have 75% of revenues it needs to maintain benefits.

The elderly—individuals aged 65 years or older—are expected to be the fastest growing group among the population after 2011. The social and political consequences of the Social Security program running out of money are enormous. At the same time, many economists and politicians fear that maintaining the current system without changes will not be possible.
Except for certain exempted fed-

eral, state and local government employees, almost everyone who is part of the labor force pays Social Security taxes. According to the Social Security Administration, 43,386,897 residents of the United States, or 16.6% of the nation's population, received Social Security benefits by the end of 1995. The Social Security Administration estimates that this number has increased.

This same report indicated that 1,237 residents of Castro County (14.4% of the county population) received Social Security benefits at that time while 2,470,558 residents, or 13.2% of the Texas population, received Social Security benefits at that time.

The majority of Social Security recipients are retired workers and their dependents. According to the Social Security Administration's most recent report, there were 815 retired workers and dependents in Castro County receiving Social Security benefits at the end of 1995. These accounted for 66% of local Social Security recipients at that time. Of those receiving retirement benefits, 625 were retired workers, 160 were spouses of retired workers and 30 were children of retired workers.

National figures showed that there were 30,141,246 retired workers and dependents who accounted for 69.5% of all Social Security recipients at the end of 1995. Of these, 26,673,692 were retired workers, 3,025,985 were spouses of retired workers and 441,569 were children of retired workers.

Figures for Texas showed 1,649,494 retired workers and dependents who accounted for 66.8% of all Social Security recipients in the state. Of these, 1,409,332 were retired workers, 208,491 were spouses of retired workers and 31,761 were children of retired workers.

Survivors of deceased retired and disabled workers accounted for another 315 of local Social Security recipients or 25.5% of all persons receiving benefits in Castro County in December 1995. Survivors are the widows, widowers and children of retired or disabled workers. Survivors make up the second largest group of Social Security recipients in Castro County at that time.

The Social Security Administration indicated there were 255 widows or widowers and 60 children of re-

tired or disabled workers receiving benefits in December 1995.

In Texas, there were 496,499 survivors of deceased workers in December 1995 who made up 20.1% of all Social Security recipients in the state. There were 358,096 widows and widowers and 138,403 children of deceased workers in Texas at that time.

Disabled workers and their dependents accounted for the remaining 105 or 8.5% of Social Security recipients in Castro County in December 1995. The Social Security Administration showed that 60 disabled workers, along with five spouses of disabled workers and 40 children of disabled workers, received benefits.

Nationally, 5,857,567 disabled workers and dependents received benefits in December 1995. These were 13.5% of all Social Security recipients nationally. Of these, 4,185,225 were disabled workers, 263,530 were spouses and 1,408,812 were children.

In Texas there were 324,565 disabled workers and dependents receiving benefits in December 1995. These were 13.1% of Social Security

recipients in the state. Of these, 220,140 were disabled workers, 18,598 were spouses and 85,827 were children.

The overwhelming majority of Social Security recipients in Castro County, 905 or 73.2% of all beneficiaries, were 65 or older. Of these, 545 were female while 360 were male.

Nationally, 31,452,810 of all Social Security recipients were 65 or older. According to the Social Security Administration's report, 93.3% of all Americans 65 or older received benefits in December 1995. Of these, 18,773,627 or 59.7% were female and 12,679,183 or 40.3% were male.

In Texas, 1,734,405 of all Social Security recipients were 65 or older and the report showed that 90.6% of all elderly persons in Texas received benefits in December 1995. Of those, 1,028,077 were female while 706,328 were male.

Together We Can

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
THE ESTATE OF
WALTER L. HANSON, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WALTER L. HANSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of WALTER L. HANSON, Deceased, were issued to FLOY BELLE HANSON on the 15th day of April, 1997, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that she now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law to the following address: FLOY BELLE HANSON, HCR 4, Box 225, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. 25-3-1tc

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36 Months \$199 Per Month
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STEVENS Discount - 1,923.66
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36 Months \$239 Per Month
MSRP \$13,562.00
STEVENS Discount - 578.42
SALE PRICE \$12,983.58
36 payments of \$239 per mo. with a final payment of \$6,918.62. The final payment may be refinanced at the same payment & interest rate, W.A.C. Consumer also has the option of returning the vehicle with no further obligation. The financing for the smart buy is at 11.90% with \$500 rebate down or trade plus T.T. & L. Based on 15,000 mi. per year.

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36 Months \$349 Per Month
MSRP \$21,239.00
STEVENS Discount - 1,630.00
SALE PRICE \$19,609.00
5.9% APR
W.A.C. Consumer Financing Available
36 payments of \$349 per mo. with a final payment of \$11,893.84. The final payment may be refinanced at the same payment & interest rate, W.A.C. Consumer also has the option of returning the vehicle with no further obligation. The financing for the smart buy is at 11.90% with \$2,500 cash down or trade plus T.T. & L. Based on 15,000 mi. per year.

1997 CHEVROLET LUMINA \$18,545.40
36 Months \$349 Per Month
MSRP \$18,485.00
STEVENS Discount - 1,383.34
SALE PRICE \$17,101.66
4.8% APR
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1997 CHEVROLET VENTURE \$18,539.01
36 Months \$399 Per Month
MSRP \$25,579.00
STEVENS Discount - 2,018.00
SALE PRICE \$23,561.00
36 payments of \$399 per mo. with a final payment of \$16,114.77. The final payment may be refinanced at the same payment & interest rate, W.A.C. Consumer also has the option of returning the vehicle with no further obligation. The financing for the smart buy is at 11.90% with \$2,297.30 rebate down or trade plus T.T. & L. Based on 15,000 mi. per year.

1997 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT. CAB \$18,532.01
36 Months \$299 Per Month
MSRP \$23,937.00
STEVENS Discount - 2,564.48
SALE PRICE \$21,372.52
7.9% APR
W.A.C. Consumer Financing Available
36 payments of \$299 per mo. with a final payment of \$15,878.81. The final payment may be refinanced at the same payment & interest rate, W.A.C. Consumer also has the option of returning the vehicle with no further obligation. The financing for the smart buy is at 11.55% with \$3,000 cash down or trade plus T.T. & L. Based on 15,000 mi. per year.

Obituaries

Mary Cotter

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Cotter, 79, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in Coulter Road Baptist Church with Robert E. Field of Southeast Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo. She died April 18.

She was born in Broken Bow, Okla., and had lived in Amarillo since 1929. She had lived in Dimmitt with her daughter for one year.

Mrs. Cotter had worked for the Latour Apartments before retiring. She also had worked for Creney Drug, Skaggs, Crysler Drug Service and Ben Franklin, and was a cashier for the base exchange at Amarillo Air Force Base. She also did subsidiary nursing at Northwest Texas Hospital.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Bernie Glen Hollis in 1945, Raymond L. McCabe in 1974, and Texas Austin Cotter in 1986.

She is survived by a daughter, Loretta Carol Warren of Dimmitt; a son, R.L. McCabe of Amarillo; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Rose Ann Schulte

Rose Ann Schulte, 88, of Tulia, died at 3:25 p.m. on Friday at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

A prayer service was held Sunday evening at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia.

Services were held Monday morning at Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia with Father John Salazar-Jimenez, pastor, officiating, assisted by Msgr. Harold Waldow, chaplain at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schulte was born May 2, 1908, in Bow Valley, Neb., and was raised and attended schools there. She married Adolph H. Schulte on Jan. 20, 1930, in Bow Valley.

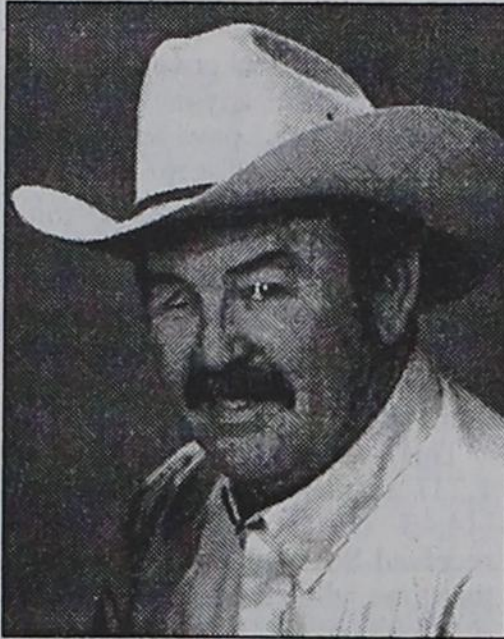
She moved to Tulia in 1932 and worked in the Tulia Public School System for 23 years. She was a member of Swisher County Senior Citizens. She was a member of Church of the Holy Spirit and belonged to its Ladies Altar Society. She taught religious classes in Tulia and Happy for 17 years. She was named "Woman of the Year" for the Diocese of Amarillo's Council of Catholic Women in 1984. She was a volunteer at Swisher County Archives.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 16, 1969, and a son, Hubert Schulte, on Feb. 8, 1956.

Survivors include four daughters, Caroline Dietz of Happy, Mildred Callas of Amarillo, Betty Lou Sharp of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rosella Curry of Amarillo; a son, Gerald Schulte of Tulia; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Keith Dietz, Stanley Dietz, John Callas, Sam Sharp, Kevin Sharp and Jeff Maynard.

The family suggests memorials be to the building fund for Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia, Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth or a favorite charity.



Billy Joe Stevens

Billy Joe Stevens, 55, of Dimmitt, died Friday in his home after a brief bout with cancer.

Services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Randy Gressett and Jim Hardwick officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Stevens was born Dec. 16, 1941, in Canyon. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1961 and attended South Plains Junior College and West Texas State University, where he was on the rodeo team; and Texas Tech University. He was a Methodist, but attended the Barn Church in Westway.

He married the former Kaye Williams on July 14, 1964, in Dimmitt. He rodeoed throughout the southwest and was a professional race horse trainer for 27 years. He raced horses in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana and Florida. At the time of his death he was employed at Bar G Feedyard in Summerfield.

Survivors include his wife; four children, Barton Joe Stevens of Borger, Shane (Button) Stevens of El Paso, Scott Stevens of Dimmitt and Sherry Oliver of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Justin and Tucker Stevens of Hauva Sue City, Az., and Kortney and Cody Oliver of Amarillo; his mother, Wannie Stevens of Dimmitt; and a sister, Barbara Wheat of Albuquerque, N.M.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Barber, Sam Kennedy, Johnny Nix, Norris Stevens, Tony Gabel and Richard Nall.

The family requests memorials be to the Texas Race Track Chaplaincy, 421 Eddy, Joshua, Texas 76058, First Christian Church of Dimmitt or a favorite charity.

Clara Youts Gladden

Clara Youts Gladden, 93, of Dimmitt, died at 6:32 p.m. Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Gladden was born Sept. 28, 1903, in Maude, Okla. She lived in Shawnee, Okla., before moving to Dimmitt in 1930. She married Lester Gladden on Sept. 15, 1928, in Shawnee. He died in 1980.

She was a past member of the Home Demonstration Club and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include a sister, Dollie May of Shawnee; and several nieces and nephews including Thelma Moore and Phyllis Mooney of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027; or Plains Memorial Hospital Hospice, PO Box 278, Dimmitt 79027.

Gerald David Smith

Funeral services for Gerald David Smith, 70, of Panhandle, the brother of Ralph Smith of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in the Panhandle High School auditorium with Leonard Harper of Crosbyton and Ernie Bishop of Panhandle Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Smith died April 18.

He was born in Hereford and married Mary Hagler in 1961 in Dumas. He was a retired band director at Panhandle, where he had taught for 30 years. He had been a band teacher for 36 years.

Mr. Smith was a member of Phi Beta Mu and was inducted into the organization's Band Masters Hall of Fame in 1992. He was named Panhandle's Citizen of the Year in 1985, and also had been named Texas Teacher of the Year for 1984 and had been honored as PTA Teacher of the Year.

He was named an Honorary Life Member of the Texas PTA in 1995 and was named a Classroom Terrific Teacher, Outstanding Band Achievements, in 1964. He was assistant band director at West Texas State College before moving to Panhandle. He also had taught band at Hale Center, Dalhart and McLean. He was a member of Panhandle Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Debbie Gilchrist of Memphis; a brother, Ralph Smith of Dimmitt; and a grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Panhandle Church of Christ Student Scholarship Fund; P.O. Box 669, Panhandle, 79068; or to Garretson Retirement Center, P.O. Box 1239, Panhandle, 79068.

Dominga Rodriquez

Funeral services for Dominga Torres Rodriquez, 50, of Amarillo, the mother of Ronnie Rodriquez of Hart, were held Saturday in St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo with Rev. Pat Hoffman officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rodriquez died April 18.

She was born Feb. 16, 1947, in Lockhart, and attended school in Olton. She moved to Amarillo five years ago from Hart. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Honorio Rodriquez; three sons, Ronnie Rodriquez of Hart, Chris Rodriquez of McKinney and David Rodriquez of Amarillo; a daughter, Susan Rivera of Plainview; a brother, Marcelino Torres Jr. of Plainview; a sister, Frances Hines of Lufkin; and eight grandchildren.

Oakley Sisk Jr.

Funeral services for Oakley J. Sisk Jr., 67, of Plainview, the father of Daphne Reed of Hart, were held Wednesday morning in Wood-Dunning Funeral Home Colonial Chapel in Plainview with Rev. Don Robert, son, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church of Plainview, officiating.

Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Sisk died April 21 in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

He was born July 7, 1929, in Aspermont, and moved to Plainview in 1942. He was a US Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and he was a member of the American Legion. He was a bookkeeper.

He is survived by a son, Bruce Sisk of Plainview; three daughters, Shelda Rogers of Plainview, Daphne Reed of Hart, and Cheryl Edwards of Lockney; his mother, Edna Sisk of Odessa; three sisters, Anne Caraway of Odessa, Imogene Brooks of Yuma, Ariz., and LaQuita DeBusk of Odessa; a brother, Eugene Sisk of Odessa; and eight grandchildren.

OM teams plan car wash

The Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt Independent School District will hold a car wash Saturday.

Proceeds from the event will help fund a trip to the World competition for two of the school's OM teams.

The car wash will begin at 9 a.m. at the Pizza Hut parking lot and at Thrasher's Auto Sales.

The group is asking for donations for each car it washes Saturday.

Sales tax rebates drop

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$24,535.15 in monthly sales tax payments to Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Rebates were down in Dimmitt and Nazareth for April 1997 when compared with payments issued a year ago in April, but Hart's rebate was 1.27% higher.

Dimmitt received a check for \$15,365.84, 32.19% lower than the April 1996 payment of \$22,661.68. For the year, Dimmitt is facing a 10.63% deficit over payments issued through April of 1996. Year-to-date payments total \$86,195.70 while the 1996 total was \$96,448.89.

Nazareth's rebate of \$656.57 is 18.17% lower than the \$802.42 issued a year ago. This year Nazareth has received \$3,626.79, compared with \$3,452.62 (a 5.04% increase) through April 1996.

Hart's slight increase totals 1.27%, from \$1,071.05 in 1996 to \$1,084.68 this month. Hart's total for the year is \$5,007.84, which is 7.72% higher than the January-April 1996 total of \$4,648.94.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

Riggs places at UIL meet

Jeff Riggs of Dimmitt tied for sixth in Literary Criticism at the Region 1-AAA UIL Literary Meet held last week in Odessa.

Riggs earned the trip to regional by finishing first in the event at district.

Also competing at regional was Dimmitt's Monica Ortiz, who was second in Feature Writing at the district level.

Tracy Grand was an alternate in Editorial Writing after finishing fourth at district.

Promise Keepers rally set Saturday

Tim Sheppard, a Dove award-winning contemporary Christian recording artist, will provide music at the Amarillo-area 1997 Promise Keepers wake-up rally Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.

Sheppard will perform a short selection of songs during the midpoint of Saturday's event, the fourth area-wide wake-up rally sponsored by the Amarillo Regional Promise Keepers Task Force.

Sheppard has long been regarded as one of contemporary Christian music's most dynamic communicators. His songs have been recorded by such notable artists as Dallas Holm, the Imperials, Larnelle Harris and Cynthia Clawson. His six solo albums have gained prominent positions on the respected charts of the contemporary Christian music field.

All six radio singles from his latest release entitled, "I Am Determined" have reached Top 20 status nationwide.

The Promise Keepers Rally gathers men from different denominational, ethnic and cultural backgrounds for a time of worship, renewal and recommitment.

Tim Anderson, youth pastor of The Potter's House in Dallas, and Fred Campbell of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, will be the featured speakers at the rally.

Rev. Campbell is making a return visit to Amarillo, having served as a speaker at last fall's Foundations for Effective Men's Ministry Seminar. Pastor Anderson will be speaking at the event for the first time.

The event will open with a praise and worship time from 4 to 4:30 p.m., followed by the rally until 7

p.m. Last year's rally drew 4,000 men from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

In addition to his ministry at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Rev. Campbell is involved in an independent pastoral/teaching ministry, Living Grace Ministries, which he founded. He served for 22 years as the senior pastor at Faith Bible Church in DeSoto, and started a men's ministry in that church.

Pastor Anderson currently is serving as youth pastor at the Potter's House in Dallas under the leadership of Bishop T.D. Jakes. He travels extensively across the country preaching, teaching and expounding from the Word of God to youth and adults.

Police Calls

A Dimmitt man was stabbed around 1:15 a.m. April 15 in an incident on Old Dump Ground road. The victim told police a car pulled in front of his pickup as he was driving into Dimmitt. A man then assaulted him with a knife. The police report said the victim required 75 stitches to close a wound on his right thigh. Investigation is continuing.

A man is being sought by police after he evaded arrest or detention Monday night. He had been stopped in the 400 block of Southwest Sixth for spinning the tires of his vehicle in gravel, and took off on foot before officers could apprehend him. Investigation is continuing.

A 38-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested the night of April 15 for disorderly conduct in the 600 block of West Dulin.

Leslie Davis of Hart told deputies that someone took irrigation equipment valued at \$275 from a farm east of Hart on the night of April 16.

An incident of criminal mischief was reported to police early Sunday. A window was broken out at Jesus and the Love of God Church in Dimmitt in the 300 block of Northeast Seventh.

An incident of dogbite was reported to deputies by Ortercia

Mijares of Hart last Thursday evening.

Bob McLain reported to deputies that someone drove off without paying for some gas on April 9.

A fingernail kit valued at \$3.79 was reported taken from the ALCO store in Dimmitt Saturday afternoon.

Three people were jailed on charges of violation of probation: on Monday, a 38-year-old Dimmitt woman who was on probation for DWI, second offense; on Saturday, a Hart man, 18, on probation for burglary of a motor vehicle; and April 16, a Dimmitt woman, 25, on violation of probation stemming from DWI charges.

A Lubbock man, 38, was jailed Friday night on charges of theft by check.

Sunday, a 24-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for driving with license suspended.

A 1988 gray Ford Crown Victoria driven by Irene Cox Carpenter struck a parked, unattended 1992 Ford pickup owned by Blanca Iracheta of Dimmitt around 10:39 a.m. April 15 in the parking lot at Plains Memorial Hospital. Police reported that Carpenter had been trying to park next to the pickup and misjudged the distance. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Screening set May 1

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic May 1 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

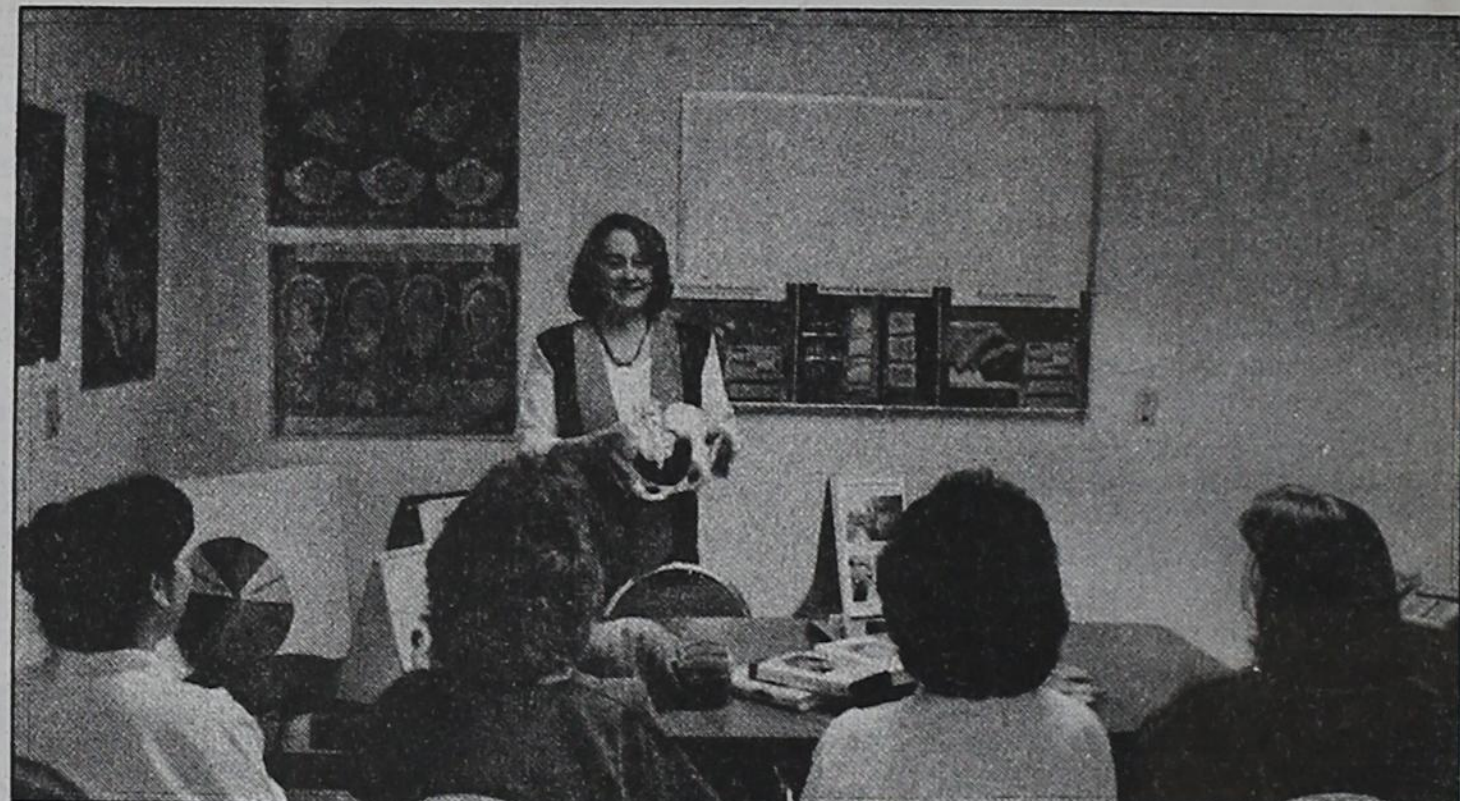
The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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

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

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Belinda Crow, R.N., teaches a phase of her Prepared Childbirth Class in her pre-natal classroom at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. The PC class is being held on Tuesday evenings, and is one of two classes she teaches for expectant mothers and couples.

Before the birth, see Belinda Crow

If you're expecting a baby—especially if it's your first one—Belinda Crow, R.N., can be a tremendous help to you.

An obstetrical nurse, Belinda teaches two classes at the Medical Center of Dimmitt that are intended to alleviate much of the fear, apprehension and risk of childbirth.

In her Pre-Natal Class, she teaches diet, exercise, health-safety precautions, fetal development, and other basic subjects that promote a healthy pregnancy.

In her Prepared Childbirth Class, she teaches parents-to-be how to best cope with childbirth itself—the different phases of labor, proper breathing technique, the role of the mother's support person, etc.

"Prepared childbirth" means simply being prepared to cope with the pains of labor," she explained. "A lot of times, fear is the biggest enemy. If a woman is prepared on what to expect, it helps her stay on top of the situation in the delivery room—to know what's

happening, to control her contractions and responses."

Classes are scheduled for the convenience of the expectant mothers. Currently, they're being conducted on Tuesday nights in two-hour sessions. The Pre-Natal Class includes six hours of instruction; the Prepared Childbirth Class is 12 hours in all.

"Our classes aren't just for women who will have their babies in our local hospital," she said. "Most doctors everywhere either suggest or insist that their patients enroll in such a program."

In addition to her extensive classroom materials, she has excellent videotapes, audio tapes and literature available for home study.

"The Hospital Auxiliary purchased the biggest share of the materials that we have available," she said. "Some of the videotapes are available in both English and Spanish."

If you're going to have a baby, you need to see Belinda. You can contact her at 647-2194.

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