

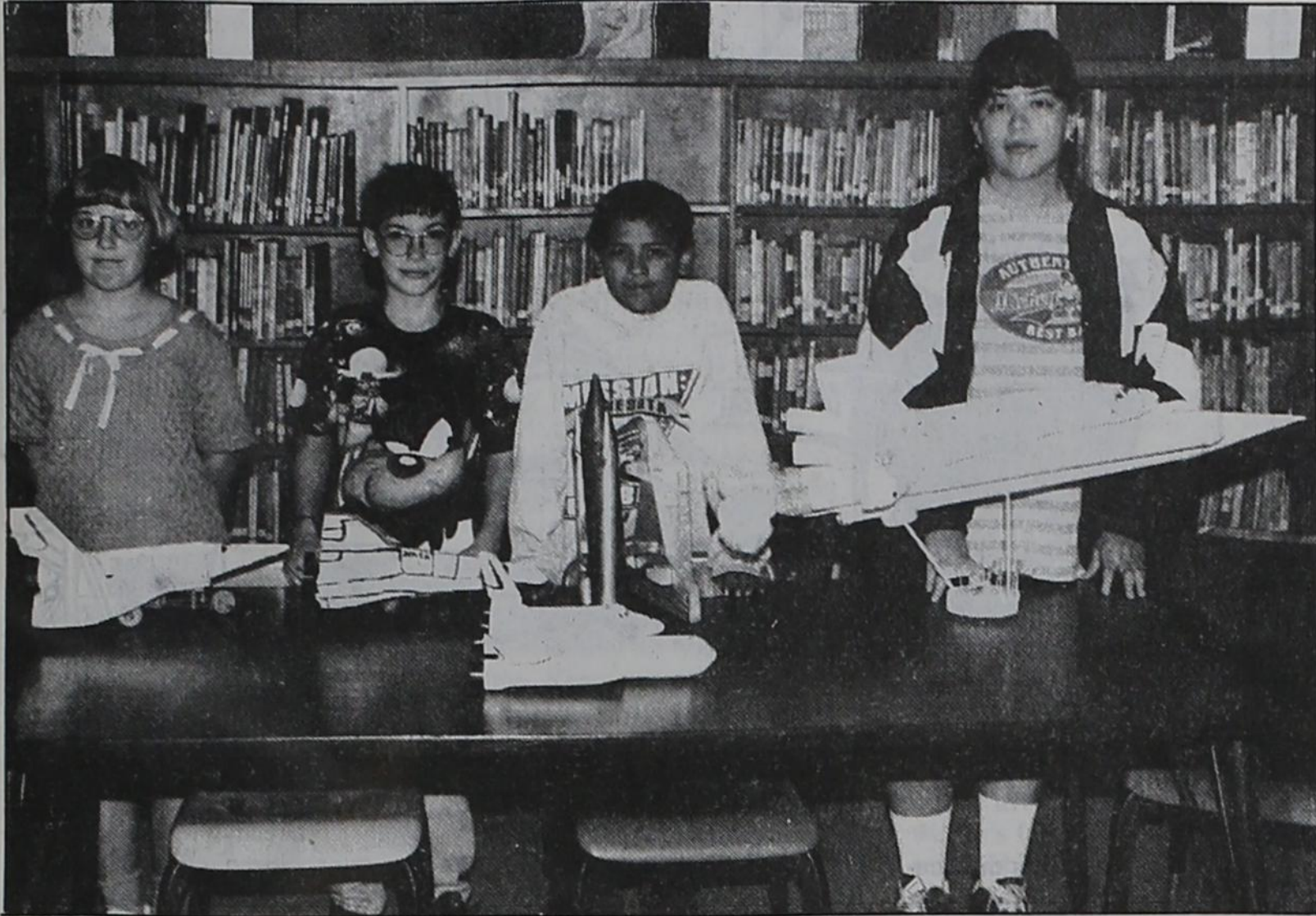
# The Castro County News

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**FIRST PLACE WINNERS** in the shuttle model contest held for Dimmitt school students in grades 3-8 included these youngsters. The top three place winners in each grade level will be honored at assemblies Thursday during the visit of USAF Lt. Col. Rick Husband, Astronaut. The public is invited to attend the assemblies at which Husband will speak today

(Thursday). Winners are (from left) third grader Darcy Fisher, fifth grader Jake Wright, fourth grader Carlos Escamilla and eighth grader Jessica Salinas. Shown in front is the model made by sixth grader Valerie Martinez, who was absent. Also not shown is first place seventh grade winner Ryan Hays.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Astronaut to 'land' here today

The public is invited to hear USAF Lt. Col. Rick Husband, astronaut, speak at the Dimmitt schools today (Thursday).

Invited by the Gifted/Talented students of DISD, Husband will speak to four different student assemblies, as well as four group gatherings during the day.

Recognition will be given to Dimmitt Middle School students who entered the Shuttle Model Contest, sponsored by the G/T program and DMS science teachers. Top winners from each grade level will have their photograph taken with Husband.

Husband is slated to arrive at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday). At 9 a.m. he will speak to an assembly of third, fourth, and fifth graders, and at 10 a.m., he will speak to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

He will be honored with a soft drink party by the G/T students at 11 a.m. At noon, he will eat lunch with the Rotary Club and give a presentation.

Husband will speak to Dimmitt High School students at 1 p.m., and at 2:15, he will speak to an assembly of kindergarten, first and second grade students.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

Yogi Berra was right. Just over a year ago, in the issue of March 14, 1996, we carried this front-page headline:

**Appeal denied  
It's over!**

The US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals had just affirmed a ruling by Federal District Judge Mary Lou Robinson to limit to \$22,000 the amount of fees that the plaintiff's attorney, Judith Sanders-Castro, and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) could collect in the lawsuit challenging the realignment of Castro County's voting precincts.

Sanders-Castro and MALDEF had requested \$250,000 in attorney fees.

As it turned out, we jumped the gun with that headline.

On last week's front page, this:

**County to pay \$280,960 for attorney fees, costs**

That decision came from the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit after Sanders-Castro and attorney Jose Garza had filed another appeal.

The county already had paid its own attorneys \$376,000 in fees when the redistricting lawsuit was settled in 1994.

That's a grand total of \$656,960 that it has cost the taxpayers of our county to draw, re-draw and affirm the cockamamie new boundaries of our four voting precincts, then fight

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He will tour Dimmitt and visit with Terri Louder and her family from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., he will speak to the Dimmitt Youth Group in the home of Gene and Shari Bradley.

Husband was born in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1975. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University in 1980 and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from California State University,

Fresno, in 1990.

On Friday, he will be honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech.

After graduating from Tech in 1980, Husband was commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF and attended pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, graduating in 1981.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Aerial

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## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

# CPS working to stop abuse in area

Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured and secure. Unfortunately, some children endure abuse or suffer from neglect.

The Castro County Child Protective Services Board hopes to increase public awareness of child abuse, a growing problem plaguing society, during April, which has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The CPS board has several community activities planned during April to promote the observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Currently, there are 10 children from Castro County who are living under foster care because "their homes present a risk of continued substantial abuse or neglect," according to CPS Caseworker Donna Stump.

"Each of these children has experienced life threatening abuse and/or neglect and they range in age from 5 to 17."

The CPS board helps fund these children's basic needs, including purchasing clothing and paying for other basic needs that arise in the daily life of a child. The board also provides Christmas and birthday gifts for the children, and helps fund other special needs like expenses to attend the prom and other special occasions, class pictures, summer camps.

CPS is able to fund many of these needs because of the generosity of Castro County citizens, especially during its annual Christmas fundraising drive.

"During 1996, you provided the following to these children: \$3,136.72 for clothing, \$1,859.89 for Christmas and birthday gifts and \$376 for medical needs," said Stump.

"Some of the special needs met this year have been fees for summer camp, Special Olympics enrollment, contact lenses not covered by Medicaid, emergency medical evaluations, driver's education classes, prom dress, school photos, graduation pizza party, high school class ring, travel expenses for a child to visit a mother's grave site, developmental toys for a delayed child, sponsored parenting classes and more. The list is endless," Stump said.

She added that under most circumstances, the older children are responsible for costs of special needs.

"We try to encourage their responsibility and maturity," Stump said.

"All of the teenage children from our county who are in substitute care maintain part-time jobs."

Less than one in 20 reports of abuse or neglect will result in a child being removed from the home, according to Stump.

"CPS primarily works with children and their family in an attempt to maintain the home and help the parents provide a safe, nurturing environment," she said. "During 1996, Castro County provided investigative and/or family preservation services to approximately 215 children. There are currently 28 children in the county receiving such services."

During April, the CPS board plans to ask businesses to display awareness posters. With the assistance of youth civic groups, awareness information pamphlets will be distributed, door-to-door, to most homes in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. The information will offer helpful tips on positive parenting and creating a loving relationship with children while still setting and enforcing limits.

Members of the CPS board are volunteers from each of the four county precincts. Currently serving are Joan Aalbers from Pct. 1, Gloria Hernandez and Frances Smith from Pct. 2, Bobbie Bruegel, Paula Graham, Joe Josselet, Jackie Smothermon and Darlene Walters from Pct. 3 and Connie Wilhelm from Pct. 4.

Aalbers serves as president of the group.

Ex-officio members include the five licensed foster home providers, Castro County Judge Irene Miller and representatives from the sheriff and police departments.

There is currently a need for two additional members to serve on the board—one from Pct. 1 and another from Pct. 4. Anyone wishing to serve may contact any board member or attend the monthly meeting for more information. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at First United Bank in Dimmitt. Meetings are open to the public.



**APRIL PLANS**—Members of the Castro County Child Protective Services Board met last week to plan activities during April, which has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Among the activities planned are the group's annual fiesta dinner, a contest for school children and more. Board members

present were (from left) Paula Graham, Jackie Smothermon, Gloria Hernandez, Bobbie Bruegel, CPS Caseworker Donna Stump, County Judge Irene Miller, Frances Smith and Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Hospital district revenues running \$1.2 million ahead

The hospital district has increased its revenues by \$1.27 million in the last 10 months while increasing its expenses by only \$473,633.

Business Manager Vada Wilcox told the hospital board at its March meeting last Thursday night that much of the increase has stemmed from the Home Health Agency, which has built its revenue from \$566,418 during the same period last year to \$1.46 million in the first 10 months of the current fiscal year.

Also showing marked increases in revenue during the last 10 months were the physical therapy department, ambulance service and extended care program.

The district has an operating loss

of \$1.058 million so far this fiscal year, but revenues from property taxes and Medicaid Disproportionate Share Funds offset the loss and leave a year-to-date net profit of \$459,600, vs. \$96,800 during the same period last year.

The district's current assets (mostly cash and investments) stand at \$3.9 million, although \$1.6 million of that amount is past-due debts—many of them dating back several years.

The board appointed judges and clerks for the trustee election to be held May 3, and candidates drew for positions on the ballot.

Candidates for the three board seats open are Carolyn Sides, Jerry

Annen and Henry Ramaekers. Sides and Annen are incumbents, and Ramaekers was appointed to fill the position left vacant by the death of longtime trustee James Welch.

Because of the numbers the candidates drew, their names will appear on the ballot in alphabetical order.

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## Dietze discusses agricultural issues

Johnny Dietze, legislative assistant to US Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas), and Sondra Ziegler, Gramm's West Texas staff assistant, were in Dimmitt last Thursday to hear concerns of those involved in agriculture, as well as concerns with other issues.

The Conservation Reserve Program, Farm Service Agency reorganization, the farm bill, health care costs, and utility deregulation were among the issues mentioned by the small group who attended the session at 2 p.m. in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Raymond Schlabs, an area farmer, told Dietze he is concerned with the

economy of farming, particularly as it applies to young farmers or farmers who are just starting out. He said those trying to start out in agriculture either have to "marry into it or inherit it" in order to afford it.

FSA County Executive Director Trish Elliott said it is too expensive to get into farming now. Schlabs said the new farm bill has made the risks much higher. He also said he felt that land placed in the CRP program should be allowed to stay in the program.

Uncertainty over the CRP program was a concern mentioned by several at the meeting. Dietze said congress has been monitoring the CRP signups carefully.

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## Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday so you will be on time for all activities on Sunday.

## OM teams head to state

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from the Dimmitt schools are going to the state contest Friday and Saturday in Houston, after winning first place honors at the regional contest.

The Dimmitt Middle School Classics "Can You Dig It?" team placed first for Division II (Middle School), with a total score of 329.10 out of a possible 350, and also won a team Ranatra Fusca award for the spontaneous portion of the competition.

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

The two "Double Trouble" teams from Dimmitt also both won first place honors in their divisions in the structure competition at regional.

The Dimmitt High School team (Division III) posted a perfect score of 350 with a structure that held over 663 pounds, and won a Ranatra Fusca team award in the spontaneous portion of the competition.

Team members are Timothy Proffitt, Andy Hill, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Michael Keith and Jared Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

The DMS structure team took first in Division II, with a structure that held over 300 pounds of weight, scoring a total of 324.84. Team members are Daniel Proffitt, Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick, and Cherie Norman. Coaches are Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

## Grand Jury indicts one

The 64th District Grand Jury met in Dimmitt March 20, and issued one indictment.

Steven Stiles was indicted for burglary of a building and his bail was set at \$5,000. The charge alleges that Stiles burglarized a building at DeBruce Grain, Inc., on Feb. 20 or 21, and removed items valued at \$267.50, including a welder, drill, welding rods, gasoline and a padlock.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	66	27	
Friday	75	38	
Saturday	69	37	
Sunday	79	22	
Monday	62	24	
Tuesday	64	31	
Wednesday	74	44	

March moisture	.00
April Moisture	.00
1996 moisture (Adjusted)	.94

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

# Extension offers course for new child care givers

They will meet the needs of children on a day-to-day basis, but new child care givers also have a need—one being filled by a Texas Agricultural Extension Service educational program.

A recently enacted state requirement that all licensed child care providers undergo eight hours of training is the focus of Extension's new Child Care Provider Program: Preservice Training for Child Care workers.

The program, being tested in 27 Texas counties for possible statewide expansion, offers providers a variety of tools to learn more about their profession. The program is active in the following counties: Angelina, Aransas, Brown, Crockett, Dallam, Dawson, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmitt, Eastland, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hartley, Leon, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Menard, Navarro, Panola, Pecos, San Patricio, Swisher, Uvalde, Wise and Young.

"It's just starting, but I'm pleased that we've been able to put together the best of what is offered in this country for care givers," said Jacqueline Gramann, project manager and Extension assistant in family development and resource management.

"It was very important that we search from one end of the country to the other to find the best balanced information we could."

Gramann led the effort to put together a collection of written material, videotapes and other educational items that are part of an eight-hour, self-study program. Child care providers can use it to meet the requirement for preservice training with the state's Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The Extension Service contracted with the department to develop the kits after it was found that many areas of the state did not have easy access to such training, said Bill Carver, standards specialist in child care licensing with the department.

The department reviewed and adopted the standards in 1994.

"Before, any 18-year-old with a high school diploma could walk into a center and be put in charge of a roomful of 3-year-olds," Carver said.

The department visits all child care providers at least once annually to check for compliance with standards and will cite centers or providers without proof of preservice certification for new workers without training or experience.

"Community colleges, private

businesses, and some care givers provide training programs, but the Extension Service is the only organization the department has worked with directly to provide training," Carver said.

"I think they're just doing a great job," he said. "We've worked with them on projects before. They're thorough and they know their business."

Gramann began putting the program together last August. Education kits are now available in limited areas throughout the state, and evaluation of the program's first-year success will be undertaken in early June, Gramann said.

Providers who check out the material from their local county Extension offices receive a copy of the self-training manual—which they can keep—along with six videos, almost two dozen pieces of reading material, a laminated fold-out activity chart, three behavior guidance books and a booklet on the state's new training guidelines for providers, which took effect in 1995.

After working through the material, providers go through several self-test exercises to reinforce what they have learned. Upon finishing the program, they receive a certificate of completion from the Extension office.

The Extension Service worked cooperatively with the Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services to ensure the program would meet requirements, Gramann said.

The department has licensing offices in all regions of the state, and there are county Extension offices with the kit in each of the state's 12 Extension districts except District 9, which includes the main Texas A&M campus.

The Extension program is only one of several being offered to meet the regulatory needs, Gramann said.

"Everyone has been scrambling to find ways to meet the new requirement," she said.

The kits were mailed out to 27 counties in late January, and each county office may use them in ways they judge suitable.

"A child care center may need to check it out for a week to have all its new employees go through the learning process, while individuals might come in and use it for one day in the county office," Gramann said. "We've suggested a week for the checkout period, but we'll evaluate the different ways it is used."

There is a \$25 fee for use of each kit, but \$10 is refunded when users return the kit.

Besides possible statewide use of the Child Care Providers Program, other training programs may be in the works for Extension, Gramann said, because all care givers must undergo 15 hours of training every year they are employed.

"This is just a first step in trying to improve care giver education," she said.

Dr. Zerle Carpenter, director of the Extension Service, commended the state- and county-based faculty for implementing this program, which meets an important need. He also said the program is an excellent example of resourceful partnering with another state agency and local communities through their county Extension system.

"Texans are fortunate to have this base capacity of the Extension system serving every county in Texas," Carpenter said. "We are making every effort to work with the state legislature and county government to keep this system in place."

## Workshop to cover nematode detection

Nematode detection and control will be a featured topic at the Producer Information Workshop scheduled from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 11 in Lubbock.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station nematologist, will be a keynote speaker at the cotton workshop. Wheeler has worked to develop guidelines for nematode control. At the workshop, she will focus on soil sampling for nematodes, which is the only way to accurately identify infestation and appropriate control measures.

The workshop is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Show at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Other topics will include the boll weevil economic impact study, preventing sticky cotton, and record keeping for pesticide use. Continuing Education Units will be offered.

The symptoms of nematode infestation can include stunted plants, yellowed leaves, wilting and stress. But because the soil-borne pests are difficult to diagnose, these symptoms are often mistakenly attributed to other problems.

In 1996, American cotton producers lost more than 763,000 bales to nematodes, a loss valued at over \$290 million. These microscopic organisms feed on the roots of cotton plants, robbing them of nutrition they need to mature properly. In West Texas, it is estimated that 9.5% of the area's crop is lost each year to nematodes.

## More about 1:1

# 1:1

(Continued from Page 1) the whole thing out in court after court.

That's just attorneys' fees. The total doesn't include the work of everyone involved in trying to draw up new precinct boundaries that they thought would be reasonable, convenient and fair-minded.

The redistricting issue pitted present and former county commissioners against each other, as well as race against race and the county against the US Justice Dept.

With a little reason, cooperation and mutual respect, this fiasco could have been settled at several points along the way.

Instead, there seemed at times to be only bullheadedness, finger-pointing and legal gouging on all sides—to the point that most of us got sick of it.

Standing up for principle is one thing. But flushing taxpayers' money—or allowing it to be flushed—to prove a point, feed a temper or save an ego, is another.

I hope that we've all at least learned something from this expensive lesson.

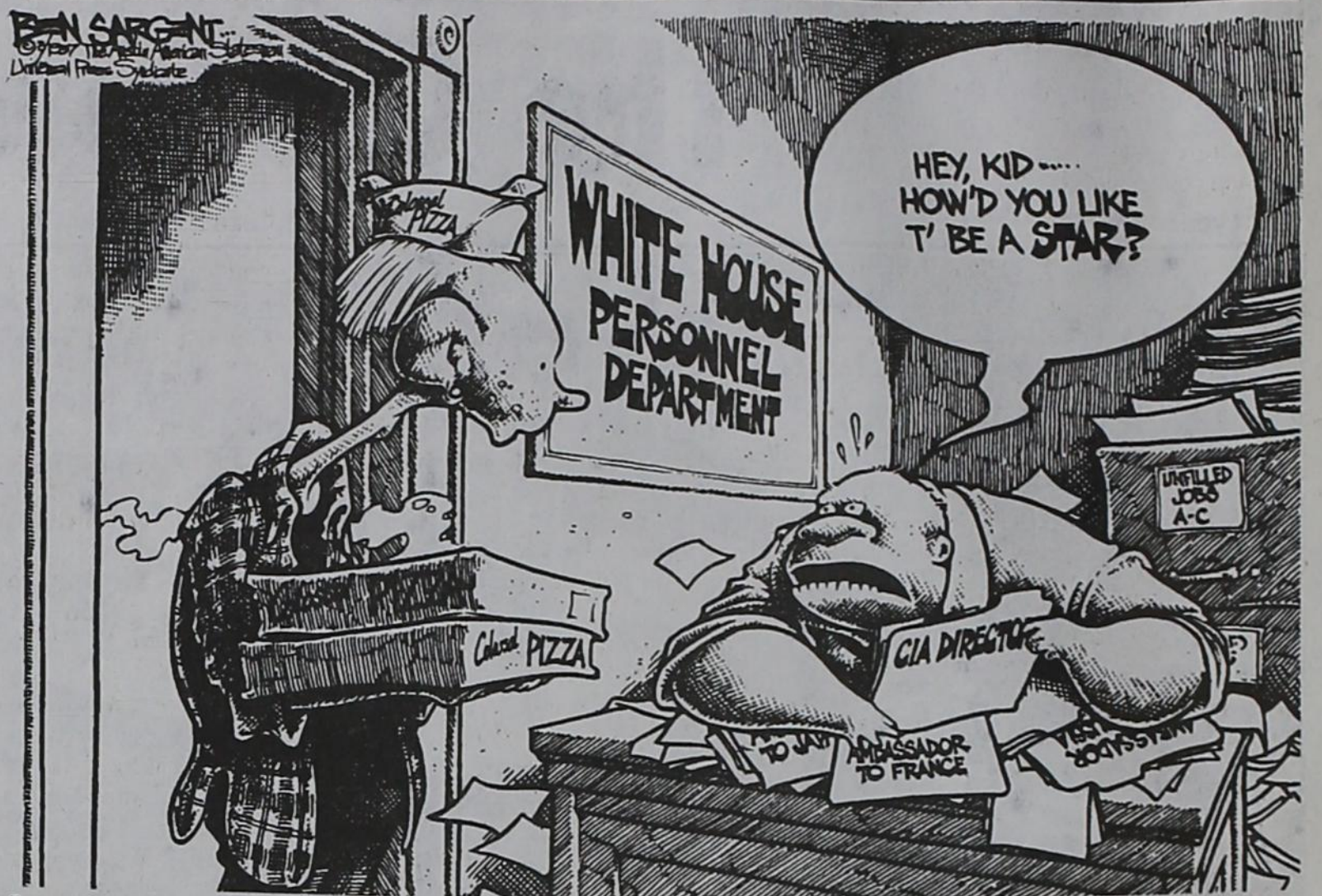
Yogi was right. It ain't over 'til it's over.

And the way this legal roller-coaster has careened off the track and on again, I wouldn't bet that it's over yet.

Many alert readers have combed through their old music books and brought me copies of "Yankee Doodle." Thanks.

I'm giving the subject a rest right now, and will get back to it later. Meantime, don't forget to wash your hands.

## Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



### Letter

## 'Crisis in health care is false'

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concerns over a bill pending in the Texas legislature.

House Bill 3, the "Texas Healthy Kids Corporation," is a bill to set up a government-run health insurance corporation to provide health insurance for 1.3 million additional uninsured Texas children. Though it sounds noble, this bill is based on the false notion that there is a crisis

in children's health care in Texas. Passing this bill would be bad for Texas.

There are several reasons why this bill is a bad idea that would make even worse law in the hands of a brand-new bureaucracy.

First of all, though supporters of this bill try and raise the specter of uninsured poor children going without care, this image simply isn't true. Public assistance programs like

Medicaid already provide coverage for poor citizen children. Public hospitals already provide health care for the uninsured. This bill would needlessly set up a big bureaucracy to do what is already being done.

This idea is also squarely opposed to the concept of the free market. It would force parents into a state-run program. Rep. Hugo Berlanga (D-Corpus Christi) has asked for \$50 million to start this program, but I seriously doubt that even he believes that a mere \$50 million of our taxpayer dollars could insure 1.3 million children, for every problem from a runny nose to major surgical procedures. This is basically the national HillaryCare health insurance program in kiddie clothes... the first step to socialized medicine, only through the back door.

Of course, like most big-government programs, it would have its own special rules. It wouldn't be subject to the licensing requirements for other insurance companies. It would be exempt from the franchise tax. And the "corporation" is provided immunity from liability.

Finally, this bill, if passed, could destroy other methods of coverage that we have all come to rely on. For example, if the state provided some health care for every child, it would encourage employers to drop plans paying for their workers' dependents.

Please join me in opposing this unnecessary bill. Call your state representative and state senator and tell them to vote "No" on HB 3.

HOLLIS CAIN

### Letter

## 'Emperor has no clothes'

Dear Editor:

The Emperor has no clothes.

The success of democracy and capitalism depend on the character and integrity of its leaders. They must be truthful and trustworthy, not just law abiding, or democracy and capitalism will fail. Christianity has been a key to developing these necessary traits.

The Clinton Administration is mocking Christianity by pretending the title, but act otherwise when the President condones questionable campaign practices that border on treason in order to "keep the opposition from taking control," and the Vice President explains that "there is no controlling authority" to cover his actions.

Democracy (political), capitalism (economic), and Christianity (religious) have combined to produce the greatest nation this world has ever known and that nation warrants our support. Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism are very important things that hold the door in place and allow it to function, but Christianity is the key that unlocks the door. I worry that we have given the Clinton Administration so much of our time and attention.

The failure of the new government in Albania is one of the latest examples of the result of democracy and capitalism in the absence of Christianity. I believe Christianity to

be the most important, because it's the base, the foundation, for a successful republic with a capitalistic economy. Without character and integrity in our leaders, the law defines right and wrong. I'm not sure any form of government can survive long under those conditions.

In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed April 30 as the "National Fast Day." Lincoln wrote, "It is the duty of nations, as well as of people, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. The awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

In this era, Thursday, May 1, is the National Day of Prayer.

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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## More about Hospital district . . .

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with Annen first, Ramaekers second and Sides third.

Named to conduct the trustee election were:

Dimmitt: Yvette Barrera, judge; Corina Montalvo and Alice Aguilar, clerks.

Hart: Lula Hanes, judge; Aurelia Perez, Angelia Ramirez and Shelly Hanes, clerks.

Nazareth: Margaret Ann Brockman, judge; Dorothy Kleman and Leona Myer, clerks.

Early voting will begin April 14 at the hospital business office, with Tisha Rice as the clerk for early and absentee voting.

The board approved a budget for fiscal year 1997-98 that anticipates \$9,457,100 in revenues and \$9,857,002 in expenses and depreciation. The public hearing and final

adoption of the budget will be Thursday, April 24.

(The News will publish a detailed account of the proposed budget prior to the public hearing.)

After an executive session, the board voted to renew Joe Sloan's contract as hospital administrator and chief operating officer of the hospital district through May 2000. Sloan's salary stays the same, and is negotiable annually.

In other action, the board:

—Learned from Sloan that the hospital is ready to go on the Internet and will have its own "home page" soon.

—Postponed adoption of an updated employee handbook until board members have time to review all the recommended changes.

—Discussed the agenda for an upcoming study retreat for trustees.

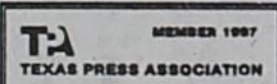
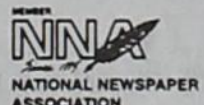
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**ACROSS**

- Gov. Pat (21-25) who never tasted tea, coffee or liquor
- Valley-grown medicinal plant
- TXism: "less about which horse he saddles" (thief)
- TXism: "no \_\_\_ for a stepper" (simple)
- "\_\_\_ riot, one Ranger"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ of (many)"
- TX Pride's "My Eyes Can Only See \_\_\_ Far As You"
- TX \_\_\_ has a five-pointed lone star
- JFK spent his last night in Fort Worth \_\_\_ Regency
- Santa's word
- discredited group in TX: \_\_\_ Klux Klan
- hub of Brazosport area
- TXism: "brave as \_\_\_ grade teacher"
- TX Horton Foote's role in "Tender Mercies" script
- having a definite limit
- Michigan State chant for TX Smith: "\_\_\_, Bubba, Kill!"
- Buddy's wife: Maria \_\_\_ Holly
- TXism: "missed by a \_\_\_"
- eyed amorously
- Gov. Price ('56-'62)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "you big \_\_\_ (clumsy)"
- TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't \_\_\_"
- pen name of TX Sandra Brown: \_\_\_ St. Claire
- TX Carrell, the "Super Handyman"
- this Lanny won '73 Byron Nelson Golf Classic
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the \_\_\_ (finalize)"
- TXism: "that'll \_\_\_ nicely"
- poppa's mate
- Astro SS Eric
- TV show: "The \_\_\_ Woman"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ high to a grasshopper" (short)
- TXism: "bend your \_\_\_ (talk)"
- TX group: Asleep \_\_\_ the Wheel
- TXism: "checking my eyelids \_\_\_ (taking a nap)"
- TXism: "I \_\_\_ like death warmed over"
- "\_\_\_ hal"
- LBJ line: "\_\_\_ Americans . . ."
- TXism: "you gotta \_\_\_ your spurs"
- "World Champion Hopkins County \_\_\_ Contest"
- TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_ (jukebox)"
- TXism: "busier than \_\_\_ boomtown"
- saddle weariness
- this B-50 began 1st non-stop global flight from Carswell AFB (2 wds.)
- early settler
- North Amer. Free \_\_\_ Agreement
- Capt. \_\_\_ Lucas drilled Spindletop \_\_\_ champ
- Sea \_\_\_ State Park
- TX actor Wallach
- TXism: "\_\_\_ horn" (amateur)
- TX Tarzan Ely (init.)
- Lorenzo newspaper
- once a town in so. Harding Co. - now part of Luberton
- SMU diver Steve \_\_\_ who won silver in '92
- Dallas FM station
- TXism: "sticks out \_\_\_ sore thumb"
- TX Garson starred with this Robert in "Goodbye Mr. Chips"

# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Aline Kirby and Alice Bruton's nephew, Charlie Summers and family, wife Carol and daughter Katie and sons Chad and Ryan, have been visiting relatives recently. Vade Kirby gave them a tour of the county and then they all enjoyed lots of food and visiting.

It was good to see Janet Brigrance of Canyon and her daughter, Katie, who was in Dimmitt visiting her sister June Norman and other relatives. Janet has a Home Health Service in Hereford and Amarillo. Janet's son, Eric, and Charity have a new baby, Madison, who is 7 weeks old.

Maxine Myers entertained her cousins, O.C. and Wilma Hammit of Boulder, Colo., and Fern Hill, also of Boulder. Maxine enjoyed their visit since she has been convalescing from hip surgery.

Ruth Cochran spent part of her Spring break in Texarkana visiting her aunt, who is in a nursing home. Driving on her way, she saw some animals in a pasture, and just to be sure what she really saw, she turned around and went back, and sure enough, they were camels. Evidently someone is raising them for some reason. Can someone tell us about these animals? Has anyone else seen them?

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Karen Ahlerick of Bedford, who came with her dad, Moss Howell. Guadalupe, Juventino and Richard Bella of Hereford, and Mark and Michelle, Mark A., Shelby R., and McKenzie N. Bella, all of Canyon, also visited.

Helen Braafladt was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. The members bring a brown bag lunch each week. This week, Helen served a delicious vanilla pound cake with chocolate chip ice cream for dessert. Alma Kenmore won high score, with Virginia Crider winning second. Other playing were Susie Reeves, Louise Mears, Bernice Hill, Bill Thornton, Neva Hickey, Emily Clingsmith, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates and Edith Graef.

Patricia Braafladt flew to Dallas to visit her twin sister, Porcia, and visit with her sons, Todd and Christian, as well.

The board members of the Castro County Museum Association held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening, with Dale Winders presiding over the business meeting and Clara Vick reading the minutes. Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix served ham sandwiches with colored Easter eggs, assorted crackers with cheese spread and soft drinks. The table held an Easter basket and a crocheted basket with a rabbit and more eggs. Others present were Madge Robb and George Sides.

I drove to Amarillo on Easter Sunday to be with my family, Mary Lynn Lankford, Kevin Neely, Adria, Matt and David Lankford, all of Amarillo, and Dale and Lauren Feazell and children, Caleb and Jacob of Houston. We enjoyed watching the little ones hunting the Easter eggs. Sue Vaughan called from Dallas to wish us all a "Happy Easter."

Bobby and Wanda Murdock went to Hart to enjoy Easter Sunday with Wanda's father, W.H. Felder. Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson drove

in from Amarillo for all the fun. Alyson had fun with an Easter egg hunt. Just as I drove in from Amarillo, Doug and Debbie were hiding Easter eggs in the Murdock yard, so I went to watch her hunt her Easter eggs.

Jeff Isaacs visited Oleada Hance and Jake Isaacs in Dimmitt recently. Jeff is the manager of J. Crew Clothing Store in Santa Fe, N.M. While he was in Dimmitt, he visited with Ruby Ramsey and Phoebe Clayborn, as well. One day, Jeff and Oleada drove to Hereford and ate at the Sirloin Stockade.

Easter Sunday Phoebe Clayborn entertained her son, Billy Joe, and his daughter, Vickie and her son Billy, all of Amarillo.

Charles and Jean Pitts of Amarillo were guests in the home of his mother, Ruby Ramsey, on Easter Sunday. Oleada Hance went over for a short visit while they were in Dimmitt.

On Easter Sunday evening, the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church, along with other community singers, presented the program "Jesus Shall Reign!" This 35-member choir was directed by Wayne Proffitt and Charles Axtell, with Walter Maynard, pianist, and Ruth Wayland, organist. Jack Edwards was the narrator and Paul Wayland was the sound technician.

This was a service of song and celebration for our risen Lord, by Mary McDonald. Randy Gressett gave the invocation and welcome, and the benediction was by Rusty Dickerson. This choir sounded like a big church choir. It was wonderful, and we hope they will have another service in song again sometime! The songs they sang were *Jesus Shall Reign, Blessed Redeemer, Christ Will Be Lifted Up, City of Light, Welcome Home, Crown Him, Be of Good Cheer*, and Wayne Proffitt and Laura Wayland sang *They Could Not*.

Several tennis buddies met at Breckenridge at the Parsons' "Hull"

on Palm Sunday weekend for tennis and a reunion. Kay Kellar and Janet Hand Smith, Deanne Clark and Linda Langford, Margaret Parsons and Jane O'Kelly played tennis and shopped and enjoyed the water of Hubbard Lake. Shorty Barlow and his wife live there, and FUMC Dist. Supt. Earl Blair and his wife, Jackie, were there working on their lake house.

Gary Langford came on Monday to fish and get Linda to go on to Nacogdoches to spend the remainder of the Spring break with their children, Jeremy and Amber. Jeremy and some of his friends had stopped by Dimmitt the prior weekend en route to Ruidoso to ski. "Watch the Lamb," a musical drama presented by the Baptists of Albany, was viewed by the tennis ladies on Palm Sunday night.

Ten young men and women were confirmed in the Methodist Church Sunday. Holly Lane, Shawna Kenworthy, Robbie Martin, Kris Lindsey, Caitlin Buckley, Matthew Sanders, Katy Louder, Caleb Dickerson, Adam Wright and Trey Robb became members of the church. Connie Dickerson transferred her membership from Snyder. Kris and Heather Lindsey and Trey Robb elected to be immersed at the Baptist baptistry Sunday afternoon.

Several families had out-of-town guests over the Easter weekend.

Allen and Peggy Webb had their clan. Bill and Joann Snider had their daughters, and John Cook accompanied Lindsae Snider to church. Dorothy Sheffy had her Tulia and Amarillo bunch. Lyman Schroeder had his sister, Diane, from Oklahoma, as well as his mother and aunt.

Jack Flynt had his granddaughter, Abigail Flynt of Stephenville. Stanley Nelson's family and his mother-in-law were with him. Donna and Doyle Underwood visited for Kris's confirmation. Gerald and Susan Seale (parents of Tyler's beauty queen) were visiting his mother, Mattie Seale.

Mary Alice Lane had her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lane of Dimmitt, and her mother and aunt of Clayton, N.M.

The G.L. Willis family was together. Roxie Louder and her mother came for Katy's confirmation. Rusty Dickerson's parents from Lubbock were in attendance, as was Joyce Wright's mother from Amarillo. Jamie Mendoza and Tory Baker were with Jim and Sandy Baker. Frances Rochelle of Houston was a visitor at FUMC. She was in town visiting with Fred and Joyce Bolton. (Fred celebrated his 50th birthday Sunday!) Paul and Holly Axtell joined Charles and Diane for the Easter Sunrise service on the FUMC lawn.

Approximately 30 to 40 Methodists gathered on the church lawn at 6:30 a.m. for worship and singing.



Jo B. Prather

## Prather receives literacy award

Jo Beecher Prather, daughter of Dimmitt resident Kate Beecher, recently received the Mississippi Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy Award for 1996.

Nominated for the honor by the Crossroads Reading Council, Prather was recognized at the 1996 MSA annual conference Dec. 4-6 in Biloxi, Miss. Over 1,200 participants attended the gathering.

Prather was honored for her efforts in several areas during the past year.

She has participated in storytelling and story reading in the Kids Count 1996 program, and does story reading at the Madison Public Library. She also headed "Project Read" for the Pat Fordice Reading Commission. In addition to being the keynote speaker for the Missouri Young Authors State Conference, she also has given presentations on literacy for the Federal Women's Organization, the Mississippi Library Association's LAMP Tour, and to Delta Kappa Gamma.

"Jo B. Prather is a wonderful ambassador for Mississippi literacy. She exudes enthusiasm as she goes about the state promoting the love of reading," an association spokesperson said. "Every day she celebrates literacy through her volunteer efforts and through her passionate desire for all children to learn to read and to find joy in doing so."

## State is introducing new vehicle registration forms

Texas motorists whose vehicle registrations expire in May will be among the first to see the state's new and improved registration renewal notice.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation has dramatically changed the form to make it more customer-friendly. Distribution of the new renewal notice begins the first week of April.

Gone is the multi-part card Texans have received since 1970. The new renewal notice is a standardized 8-1/2" x 11" document, similar to a credit card statement or tax or utility statement. Information is arranged in a format that is easier to read.

"The state has developed a renewal notice that is convenient to use," said Billy Hackleman, Castro County Tax Assessor-Collector. "The form has many features that weren't available before."

The new forms simplify registration. Key pieces of information are highlighted in red, including special instructions, fees, and proof of insurance requirements. Space is available for TxDOT to print important messages if the need occurs. Also, the name, address and phone number of the local tax assessor-collector is printed on the form, providing a local contact for registration questions. Each mailing address on the renewal notice is printed with barcode technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system. And for the first time, a payment envelope is enclosed for customers who wish to renew by mail.

Some Texans already have seen a prototype of the new forms. TxDOT showed the form to several public focus groups last summer in the

Dallas-Fort Worth area. Input also came from the state's 254 county tax assessor-collectors, who are TxDOT's statutory agents.

TxDOT's VTR Division mails out more than 1 million registration renewal notices each month. VTR registers 15 million vehicles per year and issues 4.5 million vehicle titles annually.

"We wanted to give Texas motorists a renewal notice that is convenient to use," said Jerry Dike, Director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division. "The new form has brought many improvements without adding significant operational costs."

"We believe the public will agree that the final product is more effective," Dike said.

An insert with a graphical explanation of the new form will be included with each renewal notice. Anyone with questions about the new renewal notice should contact Hackleman's office at 647-5336.

## 4-H schedules clothing project meeting April 24

A clothing project meeting will be held Thursday, April 24, 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.

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# People



ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE

... Hereford Community Concerts to host Amarillo Little Theater Show on April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

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## Little Theater to present Cline musical in Hereford

The Amarillo Little Theater will perform its traveling show, *Always... Patsy Cline* for the Hereford Community Concert Association on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium.

Because this is an added show to the association's season, the group is charging admission for this show.

Members who purchase advance tickets will pay \$5 to attend while

non-members will be charged \$7. Admission at the door will be \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Advance tickets may be purchased in Dimmitt from Ed and Betty Freeman or Doris Flynt.

The Community Concert Association board agreed to sponsor the Amarillo Little Theater's traveling show each year and hopes that in the future it will be able to host the concert with no admission charge.

For more information, contact Amy Gililand at (806) 364-3717 or Bera Boyd at (806) 364-5345.

## 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.



Hospice Care team members include Connie Nutt (seated), director; and (standing, from left) Shelly Rice, patient care coordinator; Jim Hardwick, pastoral coordinator; and Cindy Rohrbach, staff nurse.

## Hospice Care

Our Hospice Care Unit is now licensed by the state, having completed a lengthy "survey" process, and is ready to serve terminally ill patients in Castro and seven other counties.

The Hospice is for anyone who is terminally ill and has a limited life expectancy of six months or less, and who wants or needs intermittent care.

Most Hospice services are provided in the patient's home. They also are available to nursing home patients.

We have a team of professionals to provide caring assistance to the terminally ill. Our team includes the Hospice director, Connie Nutt; a medical director, Dr. Matthew Houseal; a patient care coordinator, Shelly Rice; two staff nurses, Cindy Rohrbach and Trudy Jackson; a pastoral coordinator, Jim Hardwick; and a social worker, Bill Fernihough.

Everyone on the team has had special training in their specific Hospice responsibilities.

The Hospice program also requires trained volunteers from our service area. If you could spare some time to serve as an office clerk, a "gofer," a hairdresser, etc., or if you could help with child care or patient care, please contact us. These volunteer services are required by the state, and they're very important in the overall Hospice program.

Until now, all hospice care provided here came out of Plainview or Amarillo. But now, those who need this special care can receive it from local people who know them and care about them.

We're here when you need us. Our office is located in the Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones St. Our phone number is 647-3785.

## Hospice Care

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## School sets picture day

Photographers have been lined up to take "spring casual day" pictures at Dimmitt schools on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students are invited to have their pictures made alone, with a friend, family member(s) or even their pet.

Those who wish to have their pictures made should contact Kathy West at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105, to set up an appointment.

## Community revival set

Lee Street Baptist Church will host a community revival April 13-18 and Gary Morgan will be the featured speaker.

Kevin Wood, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, describes the revival as "an attempt to do something new. A revival is usually an in-house church event, but we are attempting to expand our vision and our hopes. We want to share this revival with our other brothers and sisters in Christ."

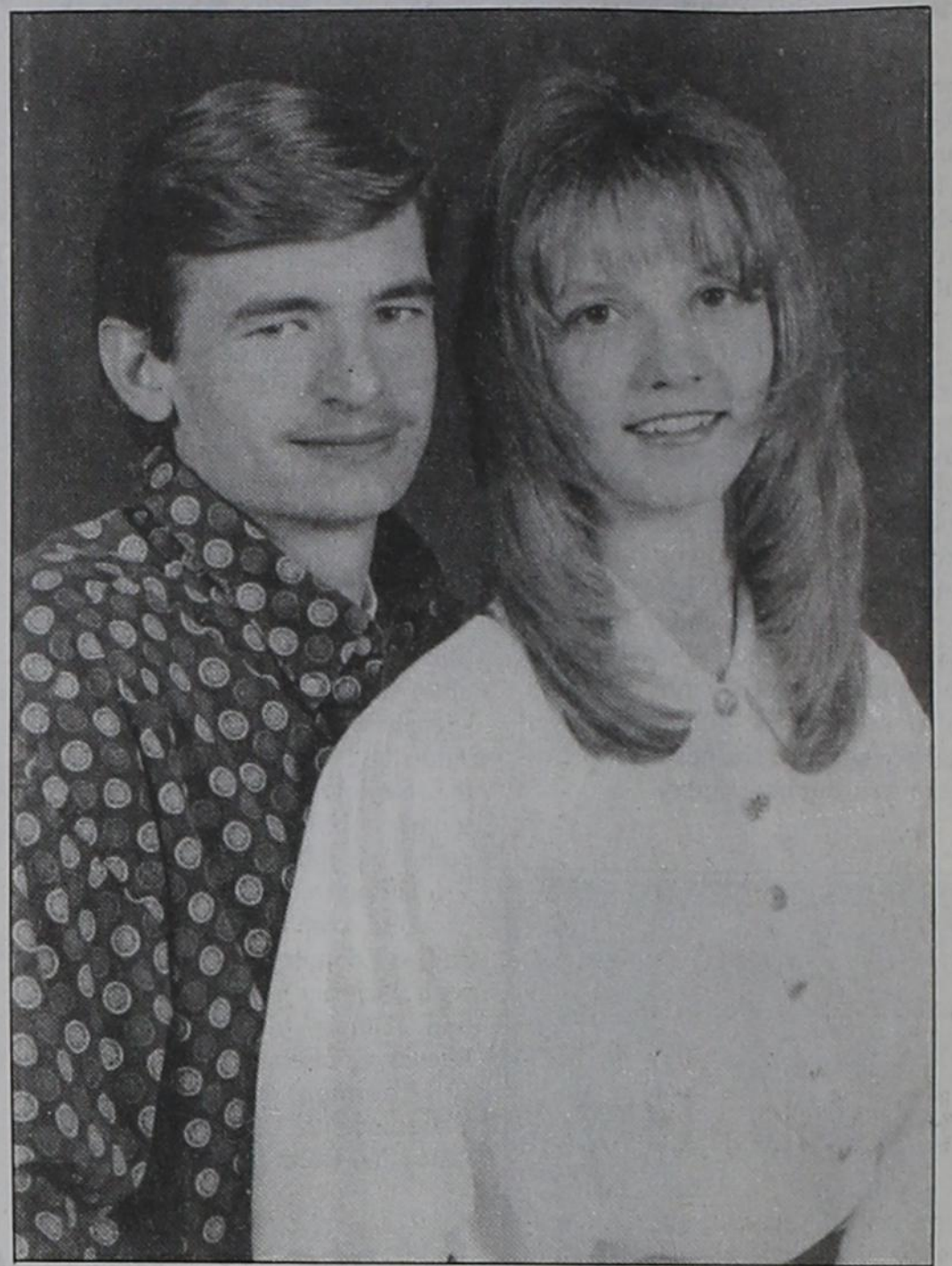
Theme of the revival is "One Calling in Christ." Morgan is described as "an outspoken proponent of breaking down barriers that limit the influence of the gospel."

Wood says the revival is "all about beginning to eliminate these barriers."

Individuals and choirs from several local churches will be participating. Black gospel singer Richard Miller is scheduled to perform along with local singer Hector Martinez.

A children's supper is planned for April 14.

For more information contact the church at 647-5474 or Wood at 647-3665.



Shawn Christian and Christy Birkenfeld

## Couple plan May 24 wedding

Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina Catherine, to Shawn D. Christian, son of Niel and Geneva Christian of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-to-be graduated from Nazareth High School in 1992. She attended South Plains College and Amarillo College. She is employed at Boatmen's First National Bank in Amarillo.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in the fall of 1996 with a bachelor's degree in plant science pest management.

**Who's New!**

### PLAINS MEMORIAL

Luis Pena and Georgina Garcia of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Aubrea Marisol Pena, who was born at 10:15 a.m. on March 28 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 ozs., and was 19 inches long. She has a big sister, Christal Maria Garcia. Paternal grandparents are Luis and Lori Pena of Dimmitt and Janie and Maria Aguilera of Hereford. Maternal grandparents are Aida and Tony Torres of Hereford and George Lopez of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Elmina Garcia of Hart and Luis and Elvira Pena of Nazareth.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Jeff and Katrina Armes of Wilson. Their daughter, Cierra Lynn Armes, was born at 8:21 p.m. on March 24. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Teresa Armes of New Home. Maternal grandparents are Francis and Bea Acker of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Clarence and Odelia Schulte of Nazareth and Melba Armes of New Home.

## 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 April 28.

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.

## County Roundup is slated Monday

Castro County 4-H will hold its annual County Roundup Monday beginning at 5 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

The 4-H Parent/Leaders have made a few changes in the Roundup. There will be no pot luck dinner this year, and 4-H'ers must call the Extension office and set up a time to present their Method Demonstrations.

The District 4-H Roundup will be held at Levelland Middle School on May 3. A District 4-H Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the roundup and any senior 4-H'er who will be 16 or older on Jan 1, 1998, is eligible to attend.

For more information call the Extension office at 647-4115.



Pvt. Lewis Scott Heck

## Heck finishes basic training

Army Pvt. Lewis Scott Heck has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Heck is the son of Linda and Lewis Heck of Dimmitt and he is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

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Larry Robb and Cyrilla Brockman

## Robb, Brockman to wed

Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cyrilla, to Larry Robb, son of Jean Robb of Dimmitt and Ted Robb of Idalou.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows May 31.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from West Texas State University in 1983 with a degree in marketing. She worked the past 13 years at Southwest Airlines.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1976. He is engaged in farming at Nazareth.

The couple plans to reside at Nazareth after the wedding.

## Third graders are recognized

Richardson Elementary School has recognized third graders for making the A honor roll, being good citizens and hard workers during the most recently completed nine-week grading period.

Students honored are:

### AXTELL'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Tucker Self, Bianca Torres, Greg Calderon, Kristy Reyes, Kathy Amador and Ashley Roberts.

**Best Citizens:** Amador, Jennifer Montes, Tabitha Sullivan-Ramos and Torres.

**Hardest Worker:** Chris Velasquez.

### STANTON'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Samantha Neri and Alejandra Silva.

**Best Citizens:** Elizabeth Marrufo, Maria Quintana and Sandra Favela.

**Hardest Workers:** Ana Sias, Luis Dominguez and Alma Reyes.

### KOCH'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Kendra Puente, Hayli Wise, Nicholas Ortiz, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Shelley York and Vincent Casas.

**Best Citizens:** Wise and Puente.

**Hardest Workers:** Emilio Mendoza, Monica Dozal, Sabrena Patlan and Aaron Herrera.

### UPSHAW'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Zjhon Smothermon, Daniel Jackson, Ryan Hunter, Clarissa Herrera and Garrett Behrends.

**Best Citizen:** Sarah Lopez.

**Hardest Workers:** Pedro Velez,

Ester Velasquez and Smothermon.

### MERRITT'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Vanessa Caballero, Billy Dollar, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Sergio Saucedo and Shenea Wright.

**Best Citizen:** Heard.

**Hardest Worker:** Haydee Villalba.

### BAIN'S ROOM

**Honor Roll:** Sean Hunter, Ross Hunter, Laura Rasor and Brittany Williams.

**Best Citizens:** Sean Hunter, Ross Hunter and Stephanie Enriquez.

**Hardest Workers:** Enriquez, Ross Hunter, Sean Hunter, Natasha Rodriguez, Desiree Sanchez and Williams.

## Book Club will meet

Zetha Blackburn will present the book review at the April 9 meeting of the Dimmitt Book Club.

The public is invited to hear the review, which will begin at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Blackburn is the guest reviewer for Oleta Gollehon.

**Classifieds gets results**

## To the Patrons of the Medical Center of Dimmitt:

After a fair trial period of maintaining late hours at the clinic two nights a week, the Hospital Board has concluded that this practice is not financially feasible.

Therefore, the Medical Center of Dimmitt is no longer open after 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings.

The clinic has reverted to its regular hours of 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, and 9 to noon on Saturday.

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## Second graders name top award winners

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary recently named honor winners for the third nine week grading period. Those honored are listed by classroom:

### Luna

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Gerardo Reyes, Gladys Ruiz, Edith Velasquez.

**SPELLING:** Karla Aguero, Humberto Aguilar, Joshua Cano, Jaime Esqueda, Dario Luna, Jorge Quintana, Reyes, Ruiz, Marisela Saucedo, Velasquez, Isidro Villalba.

**PENMANSHIP:** Aguero, Arthur Castaneda, Angelica Flores, Luna, Lorena Mendoza, Wendy Olivas, Ruiz, Saucedo, Edgar Vazquez, Velasquez.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Aguero, Abraham Alvarado, Luna, Carlos Ontiveros, Quintana, Reyes, Ruiz, Villalba.

### Evan

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Adam Lopez, Angelica Zambrano.

**SPELLING:** Omar Soto, Roger Ramirez, Thelma Medrano, Jessie Lara, Anna Brockman, Brittany Heard, Cassandra Garcia, Anthony Flores.

**PENMANSHIP:** Brockman, Lopez, Daniela Zepeda, Medrano, Yvette Arce, Heard, Lara, Roxanne Martinez, Garcia, Jessica Wagner.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Arce, Brockman, Soto, Zepeda, Medrano, Heard, Flores.

### Collins

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Aaron Arcos, Alfredo ByGoytia, Jose Chavez, Haley Lunsford, Victor Ortiz, Manure Rodriguez, Candis Rodriguez, Diego Salinas.

**SPELLING:** Jessica Arguijo, ByGoytia, Alondra Castillo, Chavez, Natasha Jordan, Lunsford, Ortiz, Bryce Parker, Brandy Smith.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Lunsford, Manure Rodriguez.

**PENMANSHIP:** Smith, Lunsford, Jordan, Arcos, Parker, ByGoytia, Arguijo, Salinas, Chavez, Julia Falcon.

### Matthews

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Jerry Acevedo, Debra Flores.

**SPELLING:** Acevedo, Kim Back, Rudy Corrales, Celena Gregory, Zane Matthews, Carmen Pena, Clarissa Sanchez, Vikki Sanchez, Kayla Saenz, Jason Dones, Jayme Flores, Tabatha McAllister.

**PENMANSHIP:** Back, Jayme Flores, Gregory, Matthews, McAllister, Peña, Saenz, Sanchez.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Back, Rudy Corrales, Jayme Flores, Matthews, Jeffrey Nino, Wesley Nutt, Sanchez.

### Thames

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Daniella Covarrubia, Joslyn Harmonson, Samantha Howell, Seth McLain.

**SPELLING:** Arica Cisneros, Kirsti Edwards, Harmonson, McLain, Stephen Hernandez.

**PENMANSHIP:** Raul Casas, Edwards, Michelle Gonzales, Harmonson, Howell, McLain, Clynt Moyers, Eloy Salinas, KaShondra Sherman, Isela Velo, Hernandez.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Edwards, Moyers, Velo, Hernandez.

### Brown

**HARDEST WORKER:** Randi Cates.

**SPELLING:** Chelsea Buckley, Cates, Scott Martinez, Eric Saenz, Micaela Salinas, Dana Sandoval.

**PENMANSHIP:** Buckley, Cates, Sasha Rodriguez, Martinez, Salinas, Sandoval.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Jessica Castillo, Cates, Rafael Gonzales.

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## Clark places first in state in NCGA national contest

H.J. Clark of Dimmitt placed first in the state in the Irrigated Class of the 1996 National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC) sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

Clark registered a yield of 268.18 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was NC-7117.

Clark's operation was one of 482 state winners named in nine classes in the 1996 contest. Nearly 3,700 growers from throughout the nation's corn-producing areas entered the competition, up from just over 3,300 entrants in 1995. The average yield for all contest entrants was 188 bushels per acre. The 482 winners produced an average yield of 203 bushels per acre.

"Those kinds of yields show how amazing our crop is," said Wallie Hardie, NCGA president. "On average, the weather in the western Corn Belt helped produce some impressive yields, but really tested growers in the east. Farmers in many states east of the Mississippi River experienced a rainy spring in 1996, which delayed planting. Similar weather conditions reoccurred last fall, which stretched out harvest.

The goal of the National Corn yield contest is to encourage corn growers to develop new, efficient production techniques that improve corn profitability. The highest average yields were produced by growers who used reduced tillage practices.

Yield data demonstrate that the NCYC winners are achieving a higher level of efficiency. For example, the winners applied an average of only .96 lbs. of nitrogen per bushel of yield, significantly less than the agronomic requirement of 1.1 to 1.2 lbs. of nitrogen per bushel. All contest entrants applied an average of only .99 lbs. per bushel of yield.

Other agronomic data gleaned from the 1996 contest include:

- ◆ Contest entrants planted 464 different hybrids. The 482 winners planted 135 different hybrids.

- ◆ 47% of entrants planted their contest field after soybeans; 23% planted after corn.

- ◆ 54% of entrants ran a soil test on their entry field before planting.

- ◆ 48% of entrants used both herbicides and mechanical cultivation to control weeds.

- ◆ Average moisture at harvest for all entrants was 20.9%; 20.2% for winning entrants.

- ◆ Average population per acre at planting was 29,458 for all entrants; 29,428 for winning entrants.

- ◆ Average harvest population was 27,642 for all entrants; 27,919 for winning entrants.

Contest winners were honored and awarded custom-designed trophies on Feb. 28 at the 1997 Commodity classic, a combined convention of the National Corn Growers Association and the American Soybean Association, held in Tampa, Fla.

The 1997 Corn Yield Guide lists all 482 winners and summarizes their yields and production practices. The guide will be published in the March issue of Farm Journal magazine. Additional copies of the 1997 Corn Yield Guide, along with entry forms and rules for the 1998 contest, can be obtained by calling the NCGA at (314)275-9915.

## Tischler completes training program

Delton Tischler of Dimmitt graduated from the Professional Applicator Institute (PAI), which was held in Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 4-5. Tischler is associated with Flagg Fertilizer.

PAI is taught over a two-day period. The seminar is designed to increase the efficiency, improve the ability and enhance the professionalism of applicators, farm supply employees and agricultural producers who custom-apply crop protection materials and plant nutrients.



**NEW MANAGER**—The ALCO Store in Dimmitt has a new manager, Al Campbell (left), who began his duties here March 4. Here, he is speaking with customer Gloria Hernandez. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## ALCO has new manager

The ALCO Store in Dimmitt has a new manager. Al Campbell began work here March 4, following former manager Ron Gruhlke, who moved to Illinois.

Campbell had been the assistant manager at an ALCO store in Tucumcari, N.M. before being offered the manager's position here. He has been with the ALCO company for almost a year.

His previous work experience includes working as a manager and district manager with Family Dollar Stores, in addition to managerial experience with an "Everything's a

Dollar" store in Oklahoma City, Bargain Time in Derby, Kan., and T.G.&Y.

Campbell is a widower, and has two children, a daughter, 19, and a son, 22, both of whom are students at Oklahoma State University.

"I have been well received here in Dimmitt," Campbell said. "I'm very happy to be here. The people I work with are great, and there are good people in Dimmitt. I intend to carry on the work here and continue to work with our community as the store has in the past."

Campbell said he is a Baptist.

## Pre-plant crop conference set

A pre-plant crop conference will be held in Dimmitt Friday, and producers attending the meeting will be offered five continuing education units (CEUs).

The conference is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Corn Producers Board, and will begin with registration at 8 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Doughnuts and coffee will be served in the morning.

Three of the CEUs will be available to those attending the morning session the other two will be offered during the afternoon session.

A free lunch will be provided by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations with Greta Schuster or Pammy Millican at 647-4115.

## Correction

In a story about Castro County's new Extension agent last week, a typographical error resulted in the incorrect spelling of the new agent's name.

In the first reference to the agent, his name was listed as Reben Lee Royall. He was correctly identified later in the story as Rebel Lee Royall. The new Extension agent will begin working here on May 1.

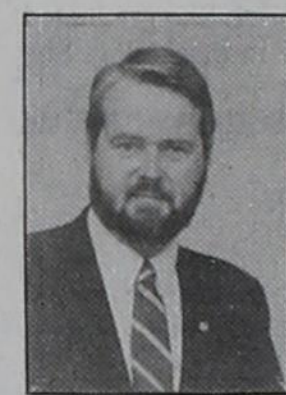
The News regrets the error.

At 8:30 a.m. the program is slated to begin, featuring several speakers including Wayne Wyatt, Dr. Dan Kreig, Dr. Wayne Keeling, James Esty, Dr. Tom Fuch, Polly Vann, Dr. Tom Archer, Dr. Pat Morrison and Dr. Carl Patrick.

In addition to the five CEUs which will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial applicators; producers attending also will be entitled to licensed Certified Crop Advisors credit.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



### Marketing basics: Follow the money

According to Greek legend, King Midas had the power to turn everything he touched into gold. If you want to grow your business you may find that marketing is your "Midas Touch."

I believe that success in any venture is the long-term result of doing simple things well. Since marketing is a critical element of business success, you must understand the basics and do them well. The following questions will help you understand where money comes from and how to keep it flowing into your business.

### 10 Marketing Questions

1. **Where does cash come from?** The source of cash—sales, revenues, income—is your customers. Once you know the source, you should focus on keeping the source from drying up. Therefore, the next nine questions will guide you toward serving your customers more effectively.

2. **Who are my customers?** If you're in an existing business you have at least six types of customers. These include current, potential, former, most profitable, somewhat-profitable and unprofitable customers. The key is to know which customers are helping you achieve your business goals.

3. **How can I define (describe) them?** There are two main ways to categorize customers: demographic and psychographic. Demographics include age, gender, income levels, education, location, etc. Psychographic factors include attitudes, lifestyles, preferences, prejudices, etc. Knowing your customers' characteristics will help you find ways to serve them better.

4. **What are my customers thinking?** There are four sub-questions you need to ask: What are they thinking about our products and services? What are they thinking about our business practices? How do they feel about our employees? How do they feel about me?

5. **Where are they?** This question is aimed at pinpointing the exact location of your customer base. Most important is the geographic location of your best customers. These are the ones who spend the most with you and generate the most profit for your firm. This information is critical in answering question six.

6. **How can I reach my customers effectively and efficiently?** How can we deliver a strong marketing message for the lowest possible cost? What media and methods will serve us best? We can use newspapers, radio, television, direct mail, yellow pages, billboards, etc. What message do we want to send? What format will we use to drive the desired message home? See question eight for more on the message.

7. **What are our customers buying?** First, what are they buying from you? You can get this information from your sales records. Second, what are they buying from others? Here we're looking for general patterns and trends in your industry.

8. **What can I offer my customers that they can't get from anyone else?** This is your position. The future strength of your business depends on this point. The only advantage you have in the marketplace is what you offer your customers that no one else can. You may offer better pricing, higher quality products, faster service and follow-up, better work or quicker response. These advantages become the cornerstones on which you build your promotional message.

9. **What are they likely to be looking for next?** Anticipating your customers' future needs will help you position your business for success. You can get a jump on this by talking candidly with your customers, analyzing future trends and studying tomorrow's needs and wants.

10. **Which products or services from question nine would be natural blends with, or extensions of your current offerings?** This is your future market direction. Finally, items that work well with your current mix will help you keep a leg up on the competition. Tomorrow's profitable decisions will depend on the answers to the questions you ask today.

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

## Kuntz finishes training at PAI

Ricky Kuntz of Dimmitt, manager at Flagg Fertilizer, recently graduated from the Professional Applicator Institute in Kansas City, Mo.

This Professional Applicator Institute taught over a two-day period is presented by the Agricultural Retailers Association in sponsorship with several manufacturers of agricultural products.

The seminar is designed to increase the efficiency, improve the ability and enhance the professionalism of applicators, farm supply employees and agricultural producers who custom-apply crop protection materials and plant nutrients.

PAI graduates experience the latest technologies in the application process from basic equipment, electronics, global positioning systems (GPS) and other related application technologies. Participants receive continuing education units towards the Certified Crop Adviser program.

"Most applicators receive training, but farmers should inquire of their custom applicator or retail farm supply outlet to make sure the applicators they're using are professionals with knowledge of recent regulatory changes, safety standards and advanced application technology," said Cindy Kissinger, ARA director of retailer training, education and development.

The Agricultural Retailers Association works to enhance the knowledge, image, value and business success of agricultural and green industry retailers.

## Cotton Talks

Members of Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) board of directors and the Boll Weevil Steering Committee met recently to discuss the future of the High Plains Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program.

The group decided to plan a series of meetings to obtain additional input from High Plains cotton producers on what they would like to see from the program.

The first meeting was held in Dimmitt Monday and others have been planned throughout the area through Wednesday.

"The first goal of these meetings will be to reach agreement on whether or not cotton growers in this area believe we now have a resident, thriving boll weevil population," said PCG President Jackie Burris, a cotton grower from Wellman. "If we can agree on the problem we face, I believe the concerned producers attending these meetings will be able to provide a variety of workable, alternative ideas for funding and carrying out this program."

Burris adds that there is now a high level of awareness on the part of producers and several alternatives that have already been put forth by producers for consideration by the PCG board and Boll Weevil Steering Committee.

Unfortunately, any future action to reaffirm the current structure or select an alternative by referendum is in limbo until the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the program.

Despite the pitfalls that could emerge from the Supreme Court ruling when it comes, Burris explains that the PCG board and Boll Weevil Steering Committee are united in the belief that the decision-making process must move forward.

"Whether we stay with what we have in place now or develop an alternative does not change the fact that the boll weevil is moving further afield every day," said Burris. "The combination of last year's underfunded program and estimates that boll weevil survival rates this winter will be at best equal and likely be higher than in 1996 puts us in a serious situation."

Burris notes that he believes a key to this area's success against the boll weevil, at a reasonable cost to producers, will be what type of effort can be mounted in 1997.

"This year is going to be pivotal to the future of the High Plains cotton industry," said Burris. "At stake is the future of the High Plains cotton industry and the ability of cotton growers to protect themselves against the boll weevil."

## DHS yearbook sales underway

The Dimmitt High School yearbook staff will be accepting orders for the 1996-97 edition of the yearbook through Friday.

Those who wish to reserve a copy should send \$20 to Kathy West at DHS or give it to any yearbook staff member before Friday.

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# Water board hopes new program will increase precipitation chances

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 board of directors has unanimously approved a \$432,460 contract to Weather Modification, Inc. of Fargo, N.D. to operate a precipitation enhancement program within the Water District's 15-county service area this spring and summer.

The program's target area includes all of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer Counties as well as part of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall Counties.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to encourage clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by introducing seeding agents, such as silver iodide.

The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei which can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large raindrops that can survive the fall through the dry subcloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

"The Water District Board of Directors considers precipitation enhancement to be a tool to help enhance the surface and groundwater resources of the area," said Board President James P. Mitchell of Wolforth. "Certainly, any additional rainfall generated as a result of this program would help reduce groundwater pumpage, increase natural recharge and extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer."

The Water District conducted meetings last week in each of its five district directors' precincts to inform the public about precipitation enhancement and to obtain feedback regarding precipitation in such a program. About 96% of those attending the meetings indicated support for the program.

Weather Modification, Inc., was awarded the precipitation enhancement contract based upon the type and performance of aircraft to be used; silver iodide flare unit cost; and their previous performance record.

Under the contract, Weather Modification, Inc., will operate the precipitation enhancement program using its own pilots, meteorologists and three aircraft mounted with silver iodide flares. The contractor will also be responsible for liability insurance and for obtaining the necessary operation permits from the

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin.

Notices of intent to conduct cloud seeding will be published in general circulation newspapers within the Water District.

Following the decision, Water District officials will soon meet with Weather Modification, Inc., representatives to finalize the district's contract and also to negotiate terms for cloud seeding operations in the New Mexico counties adjacent to

the Water District's western boundary. This would allow clouds to be seeded in New Mexico to benefit producers in western Deaf Smith, Parmer, Bailey and Cochran counties.

Additional information about the precipitation enhancement program is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.



THE CLARENDON COLLEGE LADY BULLDOGS, including Tiffany Wilcox of Dimmitt and Jodi Card of Hart, finished as runners-up in the National Small College Athletic Association national tournament, held recently in Salina, Kan. The Lady Bulldogs entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed, but

were upset by defending national champion, Kansas Wesleyan University, 80-57. Wesleyan is a four-year university. The Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 52-44 win over Mount Scenario, then beat Michigan Christian University, 70-52, in the semifinals.

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## Kid's Inc. basketball schedule

Here is the schedule for the coming week for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball program.

All game times are p.m.  
Major league games are played at the Dimmitt High School gym and minor league games are played at Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Gym at the middle school.

### TODAY (THURSDAY)

**Major Boys**  
6—Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt vs. Gary's Engine  
7—Dimmitt Consumers vs. Wright & Sons

**Minor Boys**  
5:30—Castro County News vs. Hereford Federal Credit Union  
6:30—Ceresstar vs. Dimmitt Ready Mix  
7:30—Hi Plains Oil Co. vs. Flag Fertilizer

### FRIDAY

**Major Girls**  
5:30—Bobcat Barber Shop vs. First

**Bank**  
6:30—Mr. Burger vs. Seale Florist & Gifts  
7:30—Lane Dirt vs. Pancake House

**Minor Girls**  
6—Plains Memorial Hospital vs. Paxton Tire & Service  
7—Big M's & One Bullet vs. First United Bank

### MONDAY

**Major Boys**  
5:30—Gary's Engine vs. Goodpasture  
6:30—Wright & Sons vs. B&W Aerial Spray  
7:30—Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt vs. Dimmitt Consumers

**Minor Boys**  
5:30—Hi Plains Oil Co. vs. Dimmitt Ready Mix  
6:30—Dimmitt Agri Industries vs. Castro County News  
7:30—Hereford Federal Credit Union vs. Ceresstar

### TUESDAY

**Major Girls**  
5:30—Lane Dirt vs. Seale Florist & Gifts  
6:30—First United Bank vs. Bobcat Barber Shop  
7:30—First Bank vs. Mr. Burger

**Minor Girls**  
5:30—Paxton Tire & Service vs. Novartis Seeds  
6:30—First United Bank vs. NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment  
7:30—Plains Memorial Hospital vs. Big M's & One Bullet

## Local WIFE finalizes plans for trip

WIFE members in Castro County finalized plans for their upcoming trip to Austin, scheduled a bake sale and heard a report on crop insurance during their March meeting.

The group met March 24 at the Texas Corn Growers Office in Dimmitt.

Dewayne Brown, an insurance agent from Hart, spoke on different types of crop insurance and explained some aspects of each type of insurance.

Some members of the group are planning to travel to Austin April 14-15 to visit with legislators about issues "that vitally concern the agriculture industry," and they finalized plans for their trip during the March 24 meeting.

Plans also were made to have a bake sale on May 3.

Anyone who would like to place a special order for baked goods should call Fran King at 647-3297 or Marilyn Higgins at 938-2342.

## Pvt. Medrano finishes course

Army Pvt. Claudia D. Medrano has graduated from the light-wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the course, students were trained to perform maintenance and assist in the repair of automotive vehicles and associated equipment.

Medrano is the daughter of Bartolome Medrano of Dimmitt and Juana M. Cozbe of Hereford. She is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

## Alco reports sales increase

Duckwall Alco Stores, Inc., has reported sales of \$86.2 million for the fourth quarter ended Feb. 2, 1997, a 10.3% increase over sales of \$78.1 million in the fourth quarter of last year.

Net earnings advanced \$501,000 over the prior year to \$3.4 million, or 67¢ per share, compared with net earnings of \$2.9 million, or 73¢ per share in the prior year's fourth quarter. Weighted average number of common shares outstanding were 5.1 million, compared with four million shares in the prior year's fourth quarter.

For the year ended Feb. 2, 1997, the company reported sales of \$278.8 million, a 8.7% increase over sales of \$256.6 in the prior fiscal year. Net earnings were \$6.1 million, or \$1.40 per share, compared with net earnings of \$5.1 million, or \$1.28 per share in the prior year. Weighted average number of common shares outstanding were 4.3 million shares compared with four million shares in

the prior year.

"I am pleased with the overall operating results for the quarter and year," said Glen L. Shank, president and chief executive officer of the company. "By staying focused on our operations and executing our growth strategy, we have been able to drive better than 18% growth in net income."

"During this fiscal year we eliminated five major promotional circulars that, while having a negative impact on same store sales, improved both our gross and operating margins by reducing the associated promotional markdowns and advertising costs. In addition, the Christmas selling season was one week shorter than the prior year, which also had a negative impact on same store sales."

During the year Alco opened 30 stores and closed one. At year end the company had 137 or 74% of its 185 stores located in non-competitive markets. The company plans to open 40 new stores in the next fiscal year.

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**HART MILERS**—Hart's Isela Minjarez (left) and Lisa Rincon pace themselves early in the 1,600-meter run Saturday during the Hart Invitational Relays. Minjarez finished third in the event with a time of 6:09.93. Minjarez also placed second in the 800 Saturday. Rincon was second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:41.80. Hart girls won the meet. Photo by David Knox

## Naz netters finish second to Caprock

Nazareth netters took home second place team honors in the Amarillo Invitational Tennis Tournament last weekend, finishing with 101 points—50 from the boys' division and 51 from the girls' division.

Caprock won the team title with 115 points, Palo Duro was third with 94, Artesia was fourth with 88 and Dimmitt was fifth with 71.

Caprock and Nazareth finished one and two, respectively, in each division. Netters from the two schools met in the finals of the girls' doubles and boys' doubles.

The tournament opened with a qualifying round, and winners in the first round advanced into the A Division. Losers dropped to a B Division. Each individual or team played all other opponents in their respective division and the winner was decided based on each won-loss record.

Nazareth's Billy Don Cannon and Marcus Brockman were second in boys' doubles to Caprock's Garcia and Ragha while Swiftettes Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber finished second behind Caprock's H. Gossett and H. Hand. Both Nazareth teams finished with 3-1 tournament records.

Barry Hoelting of Nazareth also earned second place honors after losing to Artesia's Joshua Olguin in boys' singles. Brad Beck of Dimmitt finished third in the division.

In girls' doubles, Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker of Nazareth were third.

In the B Division, Wesley Mays of Dimmitt was sixth (or tops in that division) in boys' singles while Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt finished sixth in girls' doubles. Tanya Wethington of Nazareth finished sixth in girls' singles.

### Qualifying Round Results

**Girls' Singles:** Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt lost to Stephanie Bailey of Artesia, 6-0, 6-2; Mindy Hoelting of Nazareth lost to Jan Littlejohn of Caprock, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Tanya Wethington of Nazareth lost to Noo Sadakhoune of Palo Duro, (score not available); Miranda Turner of Dimmitt lost to Celeste Soto of Palo Duro, 6-0, 6-0.

**Boys' Singles:** Barry Hoelting of Nazareth beat Wesley Mays of Dimmitt, 6-3, 6-1; Brad Beck of Dimmitt beat Bryan Phelps

of Caprock, 6-2, 6-4; Bryan Braddock of Nazareth lost to Joshua Olguin of Artesia, 6-0, 6-0.

**Girls' Doubles:** Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker of Nazareth beat Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt of Dimmitt lost to H. Gossett and H. Hand of Caprock, 6-0, 6-1; K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth beat M. Bonham and L. Mitre of Artesia, 6-0, 6-1.

**Boys' Doubles:** Billy Don Cannon and Marcus Brockman of Nazareth beat Hyde and Patel of Caprock, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Kit Schulte and Mitchell Brockman of Nazareth beat Mixaydy and Phrasazath of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-1; Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt lost to Phansana and Allen of Palo Duro, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

**A Division First Round**  
**Boys' Singles:** Hoelting beat Paul Mendez of Caprock, 6-3, 6-1; Beck beat Michael Little of Palo Duro, 6-3, 6-2.

**Girls' Doubles:** Schmucker and Schmucker lost to Gossett and Hand, 6-0, 6-2; Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Catano and Wilmet of Caprock, 6-4, 6-1.

**Boys' Doubles:** Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Olguin and Doporto of Artesia, 6-1, 6-0; Ml. Brockman and Schulte lost to Phansana and Allen, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

**B Division First Round**  
**Girls' Singles:** Hoelting beat Schulte, 6-0, 6-1; Christi Gwynne of Artesia beat Wethington, 7-5, 0-6, 6-2; Miranda Turner of Dimmitt had a bye.

**Boys' Singles:** Mays beat Milton Dang of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-4; Braddock drew a bye.

**Girls' Doubles:** Doss and Ortiz beat Welch and Merritt, 6-0, 6-1.

**Boys' Doubles:** Portwood and Portwood lost to Mixaydy and Phrasazath, 6-2, 6-2.

**A Division Second Round**  
**Boys' Singles:** Hoelting lost to Olguin (score not available); Beck drew a bye.

**Girls' Doubles:** Schmucker and Schmucker beat Catano and Wilmet, 6-4, 6-4; Gerber and Pohlmeier drew a bye.

**Boys' Doubles:** Ma. Brockman and Cannon lost to Garcia and Ragha of Caprock, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Ml. Brockman and Schulte lost to Olguin and Doporto, 6-2, 6-3.

**B Division Second Round**  
**Girls' Singles:** Wethington beat Schulte, 6-0, 6-0; Hoelting beat Turner, 6-2, 6-0.

**Boys' Singles:** Braddock beat Mays 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

**Girls' Doubles:** Doss and Ortiz beat Phongsazang and Rodriguez, 6-1, 6-4; Welch and Merritt beat Ly and Mendosa of Palo Duro, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5).

**Boys' Doubles:** Portwood and

Portwood drew a bye.

**A Division Third Round**  
**Boys' Singles:** Beck beat Mendez, 6-2, 6-2; Hoelting drew a bye.

**Girls' Doubles:** Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Schmucker and Schmucker, 6-2, 6-3.

**Boys' Doubles:** Ml. Brockman and Schulte lost to Garcia and Ragha 6-1, 6-3; Ma. Brockman and Cannon drew a bye.

**B Division Third Round**  
**Girls' Singles:** Schulte lost to Gwynne, 6-3, 6-0; Wethington beat Turner, 6-0, 6-1; Hoelting drew a bye.

**Boys' Singles:** Braddock lost to Zamarron, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; Mays drew a bye.

**Girls' Doubles:** Doss and Ortiz beat Bonham and Mitre of Artesia, 6-0, 6-0; Welch and Merritt drew a bye.

**Boys' Doubles:** Portwood and Portwood beat Mendez and Tensionn, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

**A Division Round Four**  
**Boys' Singles:** Hoelting beat Beck, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

**Girls' Doubles:** Schmucker and Schmucker beat Hammer and Johnson, 6-1, 6-2; Gerber and Pohlmeier lost to Gossett and Hand.

**Boys' Doubles:** Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Phansana and Allen, 6-0, 6-2; Ml. Brockman and Schulte drew a bye.

**B Division Round Four**  
**Girls' Singles:** Schulte beat Turner, 6-2, 6-3; Hoelting beat Gwynne, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; Wethington drew a bye.

**Boys' Singles:** Mays beat Phelps, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; Braddock beat Dang, 7-6, 4-6, 6-2.

**Girls' Doubles:** Doss and Ortiz beat Ly and Mendosa, 6-2, 6-1; Welch and Merritt beat Bonham and Mitre 6-4, 6-4.

**Boys' Doubles:** Portwood and Portwood lost to Hyde and Patel, 6-3, 6-3.

**A Division Round Five**  
**Boys' Singles:** Hoelting lost to Little, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Beck lost to Olguin, 6-4, 6-4.

**Girls' Doubles:** Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Hammer and Johnson, 6-2, 6-0; Schmucker and Schmucker drew a bye.

**Boys' Doubles:** Ma. Brockman and Cannon beat Ml. Brockman and Schulte, 6-2, 6-3.

**B Division Round Five**  
**Girls' Singles:** Wethington beat Hoelting, 6-1, 6-1; Turner lost to Gwynne, 6-2, 6-1; Schulte drew a bye.

**Boys' Singles:** Mays beat Zamarron, 7-5, 6-3; Braddock lost to Phelps, 7-5, 6-3.

**Girls' Doubles:** Welch and Merritt lost to Phongsazang and Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-4; Doss and Ortiz drew a bye.

**Boys' Doubles:** Portwood and Portwood beat Hines and Wilson, 6-0, 6-0.



Shea Bennett

## Bennett named all-conference

Shea Bennett of Hart earned honorable mention all-Western Junior College Athletic Conference honors for her play for the South Plains College Lady Texans this year.

Bennett, a 5-11 sophomore wing, averaged 8.7 points and 3.6 rebounds per game this year. She ranked third in the WJAC in individual free throw shooting proficiency, hitting 70.6% of her shots from the charity stripe. In addition, Bennett averaged 2.9 assists and 1.5 steals per outing.

SPC Coach Lyndon Hardin was named the Conference Coach of the Year. Other Lady Texans earning all-conference honors were Angie Braziel, 6-3 sophomore post from Odessa, Alea Johnson, 6-1 freshman post from Dallas, and Christy Kirkland, 5-2 sophomore point from Amarillo.

## Bobcat golfers are fourth after first four rounds

The Dimmitt golf team is in fourth place after the fourth round of District 1-AAA play.

The Bobcats completed the fourth round Monday at Muleshoe Country Club. Travis Crow fired a 79 over the 18-hole course to lead Dimmitt. That was his best round, to date, and brings his four-round total to 325., just two shots out of the medal race.

Crow's scores over the first three rounds were 82, 84 and 80.

Other Dimmitt team members and their scores from the first rounds follow: Andy Hill 91-103-102-95=391; Hank Morgan 116-110-100-97=423; Van Jeter 99-112-105-111=428; and James Jackson 105-110-108-115=438.

Dimmitt's Brandon Allison is competing as a single player and his total to date is 106-111-110-114=441.



**NAZARETH'S DARREN HUCKERT** (left) won the 1,600-meter run at the Hart Invitational Relays Saturday while Hart's Eric Montemayor (right) finished second. Huckert's time in the race was 5:01.69 while Montemayor posted a second-place time of 5:08.44. Montemayor won the 3,200 earlier in the day with a time of 11:16.20. Photo by David Knox

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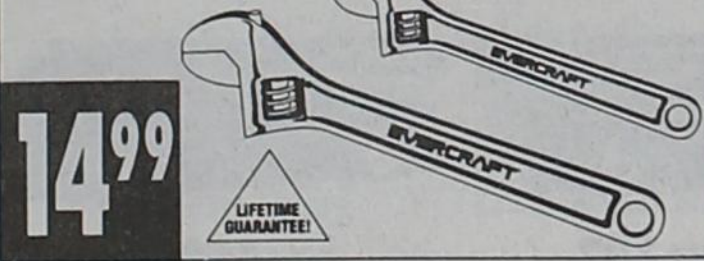
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## Raymond Falcon receives bachelor's degree at UTEP

Raymond Falcon, a 1988 graduate of Nazareth High School, graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in December.

He received his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in mathematics education.

Falcon was a member of Cardinal Key National Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society, with qualifications for both based on GPA and other criteria.

He received the Partnership in Excellence for Teacher Education National Science Foundation Teaching Scholar Award, and was elected president of the Student Organization for Future Educators at UTEP.

Falcon is the son of Maria Falcon of Dimmitt and Julian Falcon of Ferris. He is employed by the El Paso Independent School District as a substitute teacher.

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# Bobcat Relays slated Saturday

Some of the top athletes in the area will perform in Dimmitt Saturday, hoping to lead their respective teams to championships in the 1997 Bobcat Relays.

The annual track meet features varsity girls and boys divisions as well as a junior varsity boys division. It will begin Saturday morning at Bobcat Stadium.

Friona, Tulia and Dimmitt are among the favorites to take the title in Division I (varsity boys) while the Hart Lady Horns and Dimmitt Bobbies have good shots in Division III (varsity girls).

Division I also includes teams from Hart, Nazareth, Floydada, Lockney, Boys Ranch, River Road, Claude and Clarendon.

Division III features Dimmitt and Hart as well as Tulia, Boys Ranch, Friona, Floydada, Lockney, River Road, Borger and Claude.

In Division II (junior varsity boys), teams include Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Tulia, Friona, Floydada, Lockney, Boys Ranch, River Road, Claude and Marshall freshmen.

In all field events there will be three preliminary tries with the best seven individuals advancing to the final attempts.

Medals will be awarded for the top three places in all divisions. Trophies will be presented to first and second place teams and relay champions. Plaques will be presented to high point individuals in each division.

The meet will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with a scratch meeting in the DHS cafeteria.

The day's first event will be the 3,200-meter run, which starts at 8:30 a.m. Field events begin at 9 a.m. and the running preliminaries start at 9:15 a.m. Running finals will begin

at 3 p.m. Here's a schedule of the events Saturday.

### FIELD EVENTS

**9 a.m.:** Division I long jump and shot put; Division II pole vault and triple jump; and Division III high jump and discus.

**10:30 a.m.:** Division I pole vault, high jump and discus; Division II shot put and long jump; Division III triple jump.

**12 noon:** Division I triple jump; Division II discus and high jump; Division III long jump and shot put.

### RUNNING PRELIMS

**8:30 a.m.:** 3,200-meter run (final event).

**9:15 a.m.:** 400-meter relay.

**10 a.m.:** Division I, II and III 100-meter dash; Division I and II 110-meter high hurdles and Division III 100-meter low hurdles.

**11 a.m.:** 400-meter dash.  
**12 noon:** Division III 300-meter low hurdles.

**12:20 p.m.:** Division II and I 300-meter intermediate hurdles.  
**1 p.m.:** 200-meter dash.

### RUNNING FINALS

**3 p.m.:** 400-meter relay.  
**3:15 p.m.:** 800-meter dash.  
**3:45 p.m.:** Division III 100-meter low hurdles.

**3:50:** Division I and II 110-meter high hurdles.  
**4 p.m.:** 100-meter dash.

**4:15 p.m.:** Division III 800-meter relay.

**4:30 p.m.:** Division II, I and III 400-meter dash.

**4:45 p.m.:** Division III 300-meter low hurdles.

**4:50 p.m.:** Division II and I 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

**5 p.m.:** 200-meter dash.

**5:15 p.m.:** 1,600-meter run.

**6 p.m.:** 1,600-meter relay.

All races will follow the order Division III, II and I, except where noted.

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## Braddock and Bradley make G-N Super Team

Nazareth's Bryan Braddock and Dimmitt's Carrie Bradley have been named to the *Amarillo Globe-News'* 1997 Super Team.

Both made the second team on the honor squad, which was announced Sunday.

Braddock, a 5-9 senior point, was one of the Swifts' leading scorers this year, averaging 19 points per game. He hit 40% of his shots from three-point range, setting a school record with 118 made threes. He directed the Swifts through the play-offs and into the Class A state championship game. Nazareth lost the title game to Wortham. Braddock was named to the all-state tournament team and is a first-team TABC all-state selection. He was also all-district, all-regional and all-South Plains.

Bradley, a 5-10 senior wing, was Dimmitt's leading scorer this year, averaging 15.5 points, five rebounds and two steals per outing. She suffered a season-ending knee injury with four games left on the district schedule, but her team picked up the slack and made the playoffs. The Bobbies knocked off highly-ranked Slaton in bi-district and won their area game before losing in the regional semifinals. She was District 1-AAA MVP, all-region and all-South Plains.

First-team honorees for the boys include Randall's Kevin Clayton, Tascosa's Paul Lewis, Tulia's Tim Marshall, Plainview's Matt Robertson and Amarillo High's Brandon Wolfram. Joining Braddock on the second team are Stephen Bentley of Canyon, Ryan Davis of Stratford, Brandon Smith of Palo Duro and Jimmy Webb of Randall.

Coach of the Year is Tommy Miller of Tulia and Clayton was named Player of the Year. Sophomore of the Year is Brandon Campbell of Palo Duro, and Mikey Marshall of Tulia is Freshman of the Year. Surprise Team of the Year honors went to the Higgins Coyotes, who were undefeated until Nazareth beat them in the area round.

Girls' first-teamers include Jenny

Blades of Amarillo High, Katrisa O'Neal of Plainview, Julie Rampley of Hereford and Courtney Sims and Valeree Valdez, both of Canyon. Other second-teamers are Jody Avent of West Texas High, Becky Gregory of River Road, and Lindy Lombard and Candi White, both of Canyon.

Marcia Shieldknight of Spearman was named Coach of the Year. Player of the Year was O'Neal. LaKishia Harper of Palo Duro earned Sophomore of the Year honors while Natalie Ritchie of Amarillo High was Freshman of the Year. Surprise Team of the Year honors went to the Gruver Lady Hounds, who beat the Nazareth Swiftettes in an area play-off.

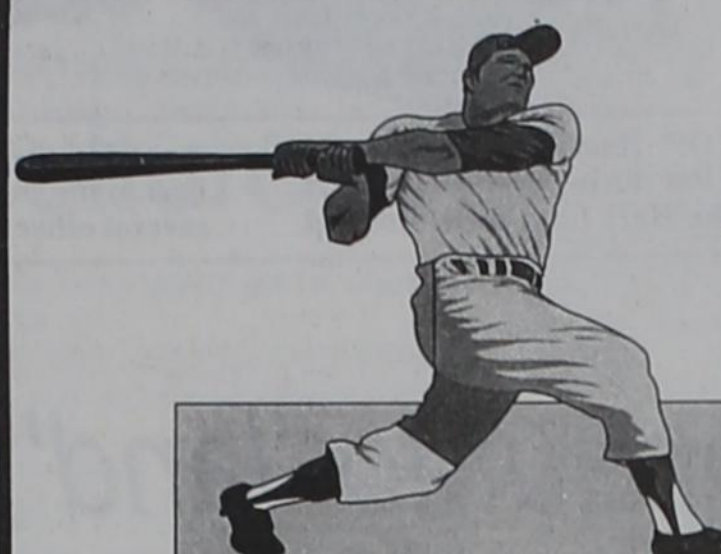


### Amy Covington is recognized

Amy Covington, a junior at Junction High School, has been elected state parliamentarian of the Teenage Library Association of Texas.

Covington is the daughter of Cheryl Henderson of Junction, the granddaughter of Nathan and Ann Pevehouse of Hart, and the great-granddaughter of Everett and Bea Cole of Hart.

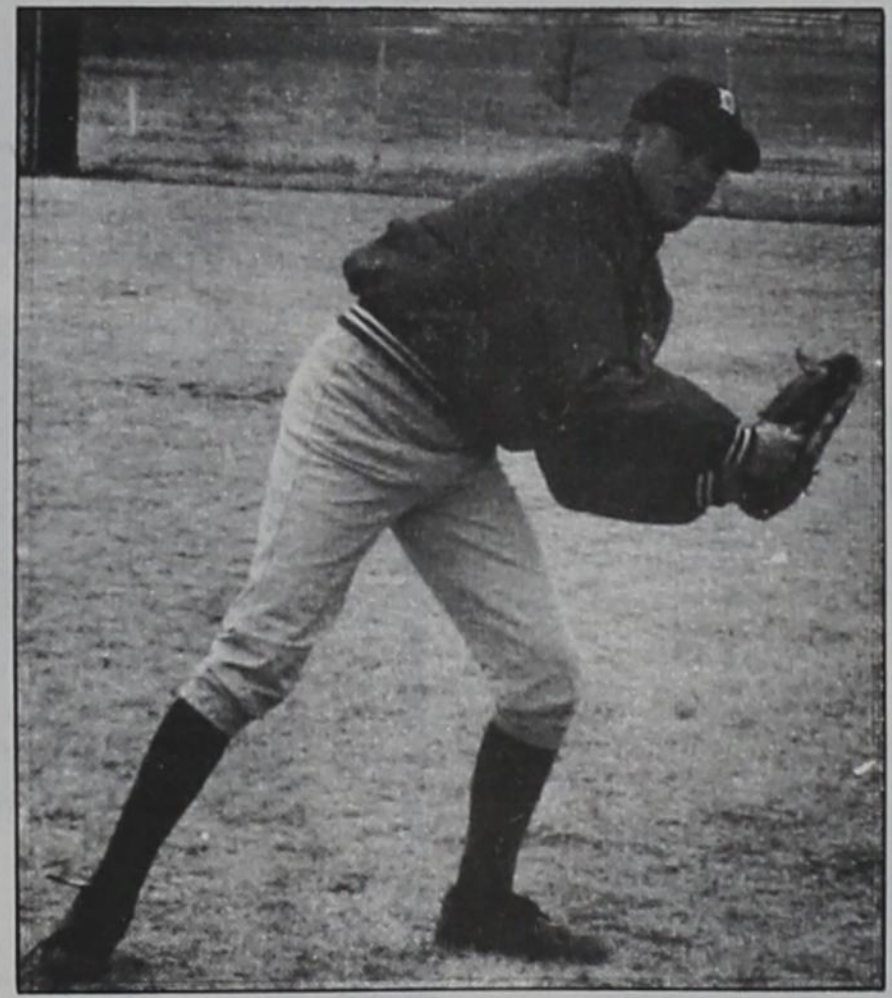
She is on the honor roll and competes in UIL Debate. She graduated from the eighth grade in Dimmitt.



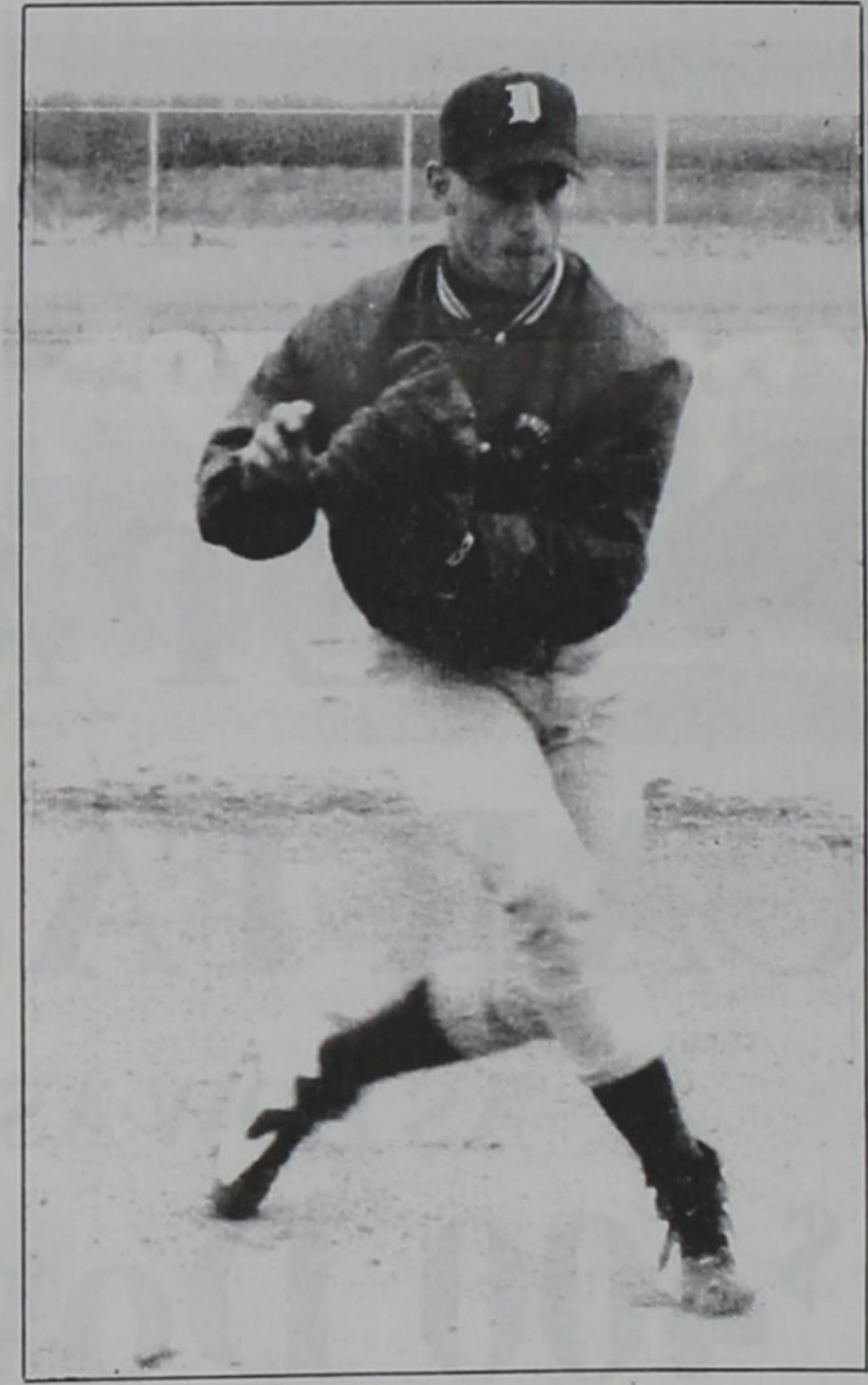
# Batter up!

## Good Luck, Bobcats!

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**TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Tulia, Here, 4:30 p.m.**



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**TRIPLE JUMP RUNNER-UP** in Saturday's Hart Invitational Relays was Jayson Burnam of Nazareth, who leaped 39-7 1/2. He also placed third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.28 for the Swifts. Photo by David Knox

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# Track Results

## HART INVITATIONAL RELAYS BOYS

**Team Totals:** 1. Springlake-Earth 121; 2. Hart 99; 3. Lockney 90-1/2; 4. Olton 87; 5. (tie) Bovina, Hale Center 40; 7. Happy 28; 8. Nazareth 25; 9. Kress 20-1/2.

**Shot Put:** 1. Dusty Ortiz, Hart, 50-6 1/2; 2. Armando Minjarez, Hart, 49-11 3/4; 3. Clark, Springlake-Earth, 49-10.

**Discus:** 1. Minjarez, Hart, 147-2 1/2; 2. Ortiz, Hart, 139-10 3/4; 3. Dozal, Hart, 129-11.

**High Jump:** 1. Williams, Springlake-Earth, 6-2; 2. Silvas, Hale Center, 6-0; 3. (tie) Searsy, Kress and Duram, Kress, 5-10.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Guerrero, Olton, 11-6; 2. Bressler, Happy, 11-6; 3. Cano, Olton, 10-0.

**Long Jump:** 1. Phillips, Lockney, 20-9; 2. Johnson, Hale Center, 19-7; 3. Sosa, Happy, 19-0 3/4.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Phillips, Lockney, 42-1; 2. Jayson Burnam, Nazareth, 39-7 1/2; 3. Murray, Kress, 38-4 1/2.

**3,200:** 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 11:16.20; 2. Garcia, Springlake-Earth, 11:35.50; 3. Cano, Olton, 11:48.70.

**400 relay:** 1. Lockney 45.37; 2. Springlake-Earth, 45.38; 3. Hale Center, 46.69.

**800:** 1. Guerrero, Olton, 2:10.35; 2. Guerrero, Olton, 2:11.59; 3. Reyna, Bovina, 2:14.14.

**110 Hurdles:** 1. Cummings, Lockney, 15.92; 2. Williams, Springlake-Earth, 16.07; 3. Burnam, Nazareth, 16.28.

**100:** 1. Beauchamp, Bovina, 11.47; 2. Phillips, Lockney, 11.48; 3. Spenser, Springlake-Earth, 12.04.

**400:** 1. Beauchamp, Bovina, 53.93; 2. Larrera, Bovina, 54.63; 3. Guerrero, Olton, 55.96.

**300 Hurdles:** 1. Williams, Springlake-Earth, 40.82; 2. Cummings, Lockney, 42.38; 3. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 44.23.

**200:** 1. Phillips, Lockney, 24.24; 2. Moudy, Springlake-Earth, 24.52; 3. Spenser, Springlake-Earth, 24.60.

**1,600:** 1. Darren Huckert, Nazareth, 5:01.69; 2. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 5:08.44; 3. Cano, Olton, 5:11.74.

**1,600 Relay:** 1. Springlake-Earth, 3:41.79; 2. Olton, 3:50.59; 3. Hart, 3:52.48.

### GIRLS

**Team Totals:** 1. Hart 135; 2. Clarendon 125; 3. Lockney 65; 4. Wellington 49; 5. Hale Center 47; 6. (tie) Olton, Springlake-Earth 44; 8. Bovina 26; 9. Happy 18; 10. Kress 13; 11. Nazareth 6.

**Discus:** 1. Lair, Happy, 106-10; 2. Scott, Wellington, 104-7 1/4; 3. Ashcraft, Clarendon, 95-11 1/2.

**Triple Jump:** 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 32-

1; 2. Mosley, Lockney, 30-10 1/2; 3. Quintana, Hale Center, 30-9 1/2.

**Long Jump:** 1. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 15-0 1/2; 2. Thomas, Hale Center, 14-8 1/2; 3. Smith, Clarendon, 14-8.

**High Jump:** 1. Cerda, Kress, 4-8; 2. Mosley, Lockney, 4-4; 3. (tie) Scott, Wellington and Thomas, Hale Center, 4-3.

**Shot Put:** 1. Scott, Wellington, 35-10; 2. Ashcraft, Clarendon, 33-9 3/4; 3. Alexander, Clarendon, 33-5 3/4.

**3,200:** 1. Cano, Bovina, 12:52.10; 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:41.80; 3. Epps, 13:48.05.

**400 relay:** 1. Hart 53.68; 2. Lockney, 54.59; 3. Hale Center, 55.61.

**800:** 1. Delagarza, Springlake-Earth, 2:31.88; 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:32.00; 3. Balderaz, Lockney, 2:44.57.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Davis, Wellington, 15.64; 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 17.72; 3. Cummings, Lockney, 18.11.

**100:** 1. Bryley, Clarendon, 12.99; 2. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 13:34; 3. Harper, Olton, 14.03.

**800 relay:** 1. Clarendon, 1:47.54; 2. Hart, 1:55.83; 3. Springlake-Earth, 1:56.07.

**400:** 1. Weatheron, Clarendon, 1:04.83; 2. Ashcraft, Clarendon, 1:06.52; 3. Harper, Olton, 1:07.04.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Davis, Wellington, 46.34; 2. Smith, Clarendon, 53.48; 3. Cummings, Lockney, 54.43.

**200:** 1. Bryley, Clarendon, 28.20; 2. Alexander, Clarendon, 29.07; 3. Harper, Olton, 29.97.

**1,600:** 1. Cano, Bovina, 5:59.69; 2. Epps, 6:04.55; 3. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 6:09.93.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Clarendon, 4:22.34; 2. Springlake-Earth 4:29.74; 3. Olton, 4:40.35.

## AMARILLO RELAYS DIVISION II BOYS

**Team Totals:** 1. Friona 126; 2. Tulla 94; 3. Childress 69; 4. Dimmitt 58; 5. Panhandle 48; 6. Memphis 44; 7. Sanford-Fritch 38; 8. River Road 28; 9. Valley 20; 10. Wellington 17.

**400 relay:** 2. Dimmitt, 44.13.

**800:** 1. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 2:00.06.

**100:** 6. Brandon Smith, Dimmitt, 11.70.

**400:** 1. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 50.20.

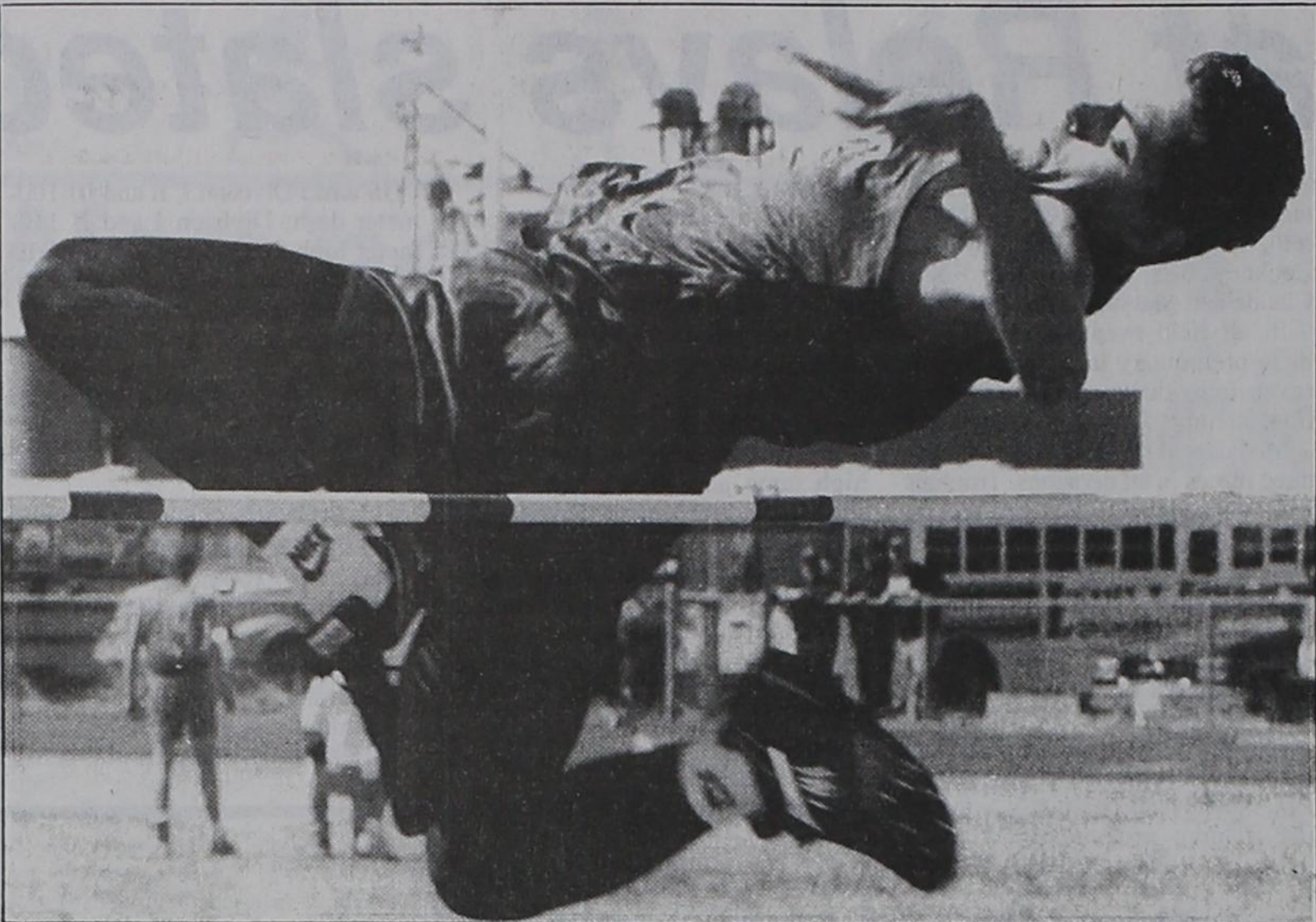
**200:** 3. Albert Ewing, Dimmitt, 23.31.

**Shot Put:** 3. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 44-10 1/2.

**Discus:** 3. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 144-10 1/2.

**Long Jump:** 6. Zack Matthews, Dimmitt, 18-7.

**Triple Jump:** 5. Zack Matthews, Dimmitt, 41-8 1/2.



ANGEL PANTOJA OF Hart concentrates on clearing the high jump bar during Saturday's Hart Invitational Relays. The Hart Longhorns finished

second in the meet with 99 points. The Horns took first in the shot put, discus and 3,200 and placed in several other events. Photo by David Knox

## Flores tops field twice

Joey Flores beat all runners in the 800- and 400-meter dashes, winning both events in the Amarillo Relays last week.

Flores won the quarter in 50.20 while he ran the 800 in a winning time of 2:00.06.

Flores was the only Bobcat to claim a gold medal in the meet and the Bobcats finished fourth in Division II, which is for schools Class AAA and smaller.

The Bobcats' sprint relay finished second with a time of 44.13.

Third-place medals were won by Albert Ewing in the 200 with a time of 23.31; and Charley Sanders in the shot put with a throw of 44-10 1/2, and discus, 144-10 1/2.

Other Bobcats placing in the meet were Brandon Smith, sixth in the 100, 11.70; and Zack Matthews, fifth in triple jump, 41-8 1/2 and sixth in long jump, 18-7.

## Perryton snaps Cats win streak Saturday, 12-0

The Bobcats' three-game win streak came to an end Saturday in Perryton as Rangers' starting pitcher Trey Duke held Dimmitt to a one-hit shutout, 12-0.

Duke struck out 10 Bobcats, facing only 17 on the way to the five-inning win. Dimmitt's only hit came in the fourth inning on a Richard Carpio single.

Perryton scored six first-inning runs off of Dimmitt starting pitcher Carpio and added three more in the second inning.

The 10-run rule was applied after five innings with the score 12-0.

## Horse Club to begin riding

The Castro County 4-H Horse Club will begin riding Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the County Rodeo Arena and the group will meet for the first time today (Thursday).

Club members plan to ride through July.

Those who plan to compete in LEHA, district or state shows must have their horses "Negative Coggins tested" before they will be allowed to show. Papers must be available at each of the shows.

LEHA certification papers are due April 25, and Horse Club members are asked to turn in the paperwork to Suanne Bagley by that date.

For more information contact Bagley at 647-4780.

## More about

# Astronaut to 'land' here . . .

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Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Husband completed his F-4 training at Homestead AFB, Florida, then was assigned to Moody AFB, Georgia. Sent back to Homestead AFB for F-4 instructor school in 1985, he

was assigned as an F-4E instructor pilot and academic instructor at George AFB, California in 1985.

In 1987, Husband attended the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, California, and served as a test pilot, flying the F-4 and all five models of the F-15.

In 1992, he was selected as an

exchange test pilot with the Royal Air Force, and was assigned to the Aircraft and Armament Evaluation Establishment at Boscombe Down, England. While there, he was the Tornado GR1 and GR4 Project Pilot, and served as a test pilot in the Hawk, Hunter, Buccaneer, Jet Provost, Tucano, and Harvard.

He was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1994. Upon completion of a year of training and evaluation, Husband was named the Astronaut Office representative for Advanced Projects at Johnson Space Center.

## Muleshoe's Layne Kemp hurls no-hitter in 14-0 win at Dimmitt Tuesday

Muleshoe starting pitcher Layne Kemp spun a no-hitter Tuesday as the Mules handed the Bobcats their second straight five-inning loss.

Kemp faced 18 Dimmitt hitters, striking out nine on the way to a 14-0 win. Bobcat base runners were able

to reach third base only once after a walk.

Dimmitt starting pitcher Michael Pedroza fell behind 3-0 in the second inning after Mules' left fielder Jarred Redwine led off with a home run.

In the fifth inning, Bobcat reliever Derek Buckley fared no better, giving up five runs on three hits, a walk and an error.

Muleshoe added four runs in the fifth inning off of Dimmitt's third pitcher, Richard Carpio, before the game was suspended by the 10-run rule.

The Bobcats' record in district play dropped to 2-3 and they will face Sanford-Fritch there Saturday at 1 p.m.



SATURDAY			
District 1-AAA Game			
Bobcats 0, Perryton 12			
Dimmitt	000	00	0 1 5
Perryton	631	2x	12 9 0
Carpio, Buckley (3) and Furr for Dimmitt. Duke and Alexander for Perryton. WP: Duke. LP: Carpio. 2B: Culwell for Perryton.			
TUESDAY			
District 1-AAA Game			
Bobcats 0, Muleshoe 14			
Muleshoe	122	54	14 11 1
Dimmitt	000	00	0 0 2
Kemp and Woodard for Muleshoe. Michael Pedroza, Buckley (2), Carpio (4) and Furr for Dimmitt. WP: Kemp. LP: Pedroza. 2B: Woodard of Muleshoe. HR: Redwine of Muleshoe.			

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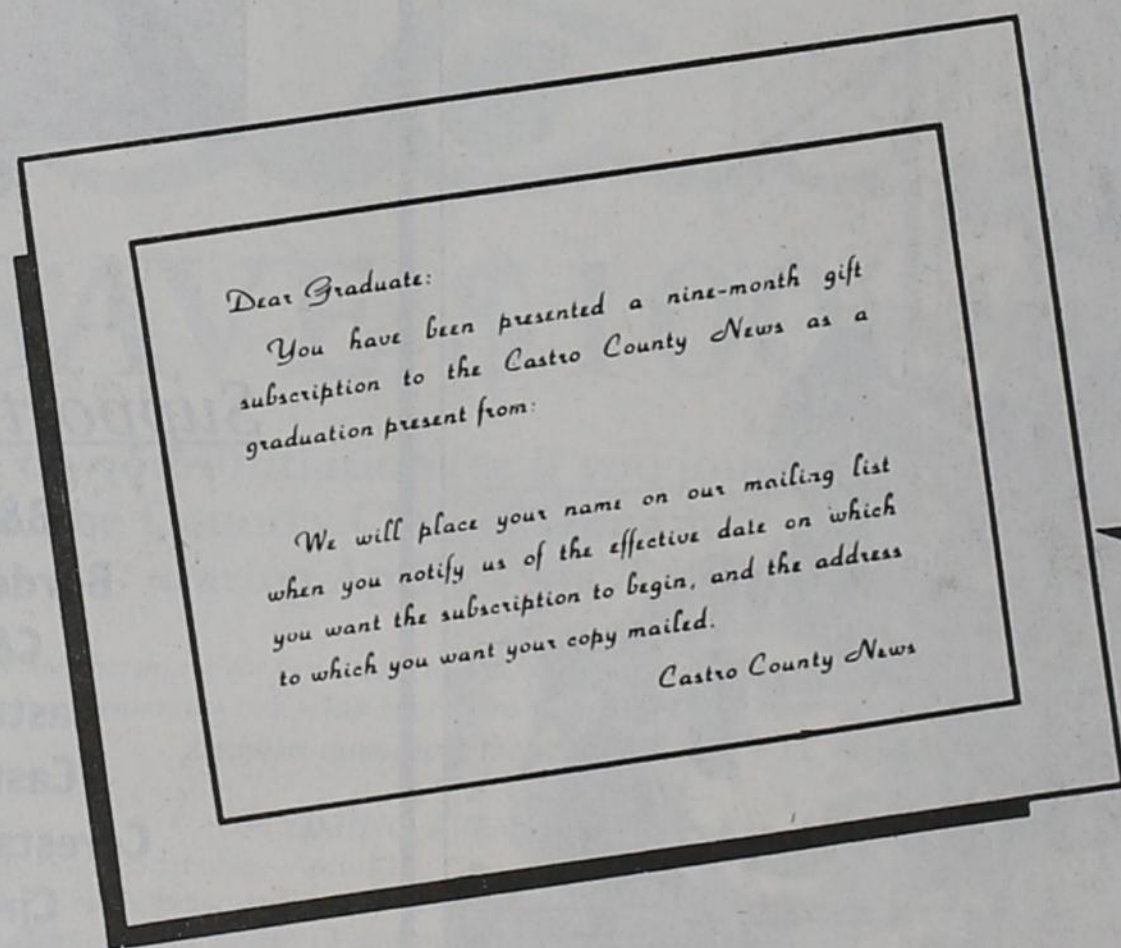


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AGRICULTURAL CONCERNS were discussed at a meeting in Dimmitt last Thursday afternoon during a visit by Johnny Dietze, legislative assistant to US Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas), and Sondra Ziegler, Gramm's West Texas staff assistant (center). The two

met with about a dozen local citizens. They gave a report on legislative issues and listened to concerns expressed, ranging from CRP and farm bill issues to deregulation of utilities.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## More about Dietze discusses agriculture . . .

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"The focus from my perspective is for the USDA to have the manpower on hand locally to handle the load. Through my tours this week, I've seen some very competent local offices. They've done it, as far as I can see," Dietze said.

He said further streamlining of FSA offices has been halted by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman until further notice.

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt said the chamber is pleased to see that the local FSA office is not on the list for closure, but added that attrition through retirements may cause an undue strain on the workers remaining.

Dietze asked those present what they perceive as the mood or attitude of the ag community. Nutt replied, "Scared to death," despite a good year last year. She said farmers are scared because of uncertainty about the farm bill, CRP and other ag policies.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said his feeling about the farm program is that many are discontented.

Farmer-businessman Bill Clark said Dietze should tell Gramm to encourage the legislature to keep the rules like they are and don't keep changing them.

Dietze said the overall consensus from those he has spoken with about the farm program seems to be "don't mess with it."

Dietze said Gramm is working on legislation including reauthorization of the Commodity Exchange Act, repeal or at least reform of estate tax laws, and changes to capital gains tax laws. He also is working on continuing the alternative minimum tax, a deferment of taxes on contract payments for farmers and ranchers.

In response to a question about estate taxes, Dietze said Gramm is working for change, because the way the law is now, it generates little revenue but has a devastating impact on individual families.

In another area of agriculture, Dietze said Gramm favors competitive grants instead of formula funds in ag research.

"We're getting our money's worth, but some improvement could come out of it," he said. "There is some concern about duplication in some programs."

Dietze acknowledged that the Extension Service plays a vital role in agriculture in Texas.

Schlabs said aflatoxin research is becoming more important for this area.

In another area of concern, Clark said one expense faced in agriculture, as well as other areas of the economy, is health insurance. He said those in a self-employed situation, such as farmers and ranchers, don't have the advantage of group plans or employer-provided coverage.

Another concern Clark mentioned

is the rising cost of gas for irrigation farmers.

Collins suggested that lawmakers be very careful in deregulation of utilities.

"It would be good if it doesn't leave us at the mercy of the big companies," Collins said. "If the legislature would allow co-ops to form."

Collins said deregulation offers the promise of lower prices, but it should be done in such a way that a homeowner doesn't end up paying for the brunt of it.

"SPS is laying off people. Energas is closing their local office, too. There should be some benefits that flow to the consumer; if not, they should be able to go elsewhere," Collins said. "Legislation should provide for cities, counties or co-ops to purchase power and get good prices, or the little folks could really get stepped on."



## What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 3-11.

### DIMMITT

#### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, hot wheat rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti with ground beef, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, French bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza supreme, mixed vegetables, cantaloupe and milk.

THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, watermelon and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

### Grades 2-12 Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, sausage links with beans or beef enchiladas; mashed potatoes, orange wedges or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, shepherd's pie or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, broccoli and cauliflower or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or coleslaw; cornbread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti with ground beef, ravioli with meat sauce or beef taco; savory green beans, potato wedges or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; French bread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or corn tortilla; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or beef and bean burrito with chili; potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or watermelon; hamburger salad, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; crackers, assorted muffins, cornbread, tortilla chips or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, lasagna with ground beef or green enchilada casserole; mixed vegetables, Mexipinto beans or cantaloupe; tossed salad with dressing, raw spinach salad, applesauce or taco condiment salad; French bread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos

with cheese and peppers; mashed potatoes with gravy, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot and raisin salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

### HART

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips, coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chili and hot dog on a bun; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, spinach, gelatin dessert and milk.

MONDAY: Steak finger basket, fresh fruit, banana pudding, gelatin dessert and milk.

TUESDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, rolls, peas and carrots, salad, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger basket, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Hot dog on a bun, dill pickles, apricots, peaches, peanut butter bars, pinto beans, chili, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with ground beef, dill

pickles, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, royal brownies, fresh fruit, apricots and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: \*Spaghetti with roll or pizza, salad, beans, fruit, Jell-O and milk.

FRIDAY: \*Hot turkey sandwiches or corn dogs, salad, green beans, pears, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: \*Frito pie with cornbread or pizza, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY: \*Sloppy Joes or corn dogs, salad, fried okra, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: \*Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: \*Burritos or baked potato, salad, corn, fruit, dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Soft tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk.

(\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

## Nazareth

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## Childbirth classes to begin soon

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt will be offering a series of classes on childbirth preparation, starting about the second week in April.

The classes will meet once a week for six weeks and each class will be approximately two hours long. They will be held at Dimmitt Medical Center.

Those wishing to register for the classes or wanting more information may call 647-2191.

Those who plan to deliver at PMH will not be charged for the classes, and those who wish to attend the classes, but intend to deliver their babies in another facility, will be charged \$20.

Holy Week services in Holy Family Church were well attended and enjoyed as they were very meaningful.

Each day of the week was very special in some way.

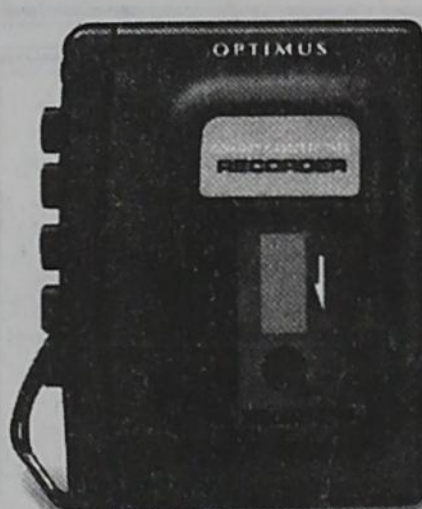
Thanks to all volunteers who did a beautiful job decorating for Saturday evening vigil and Easter Sunday services.

Happy Easter to everyone!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter day. My family enjoyed visiting, lots of good food, tennis, an egg hunt, horseshoes, card games and phone calls from those who couldn't be with us.

Prayers are asked for former Nazareth resident Lynn Ehly, who has been enduring dialysis treatments for six years. After spending a few days in the hospital, she is back home.

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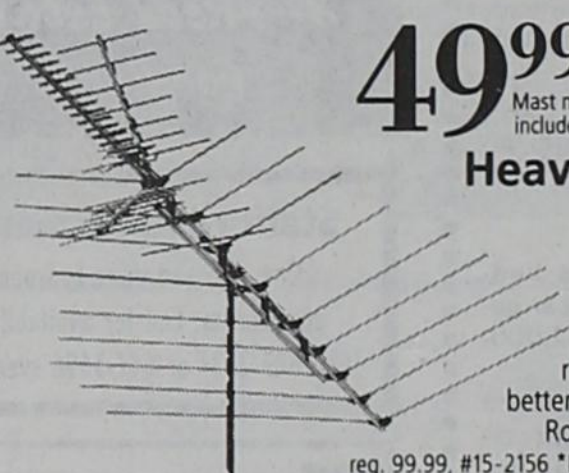


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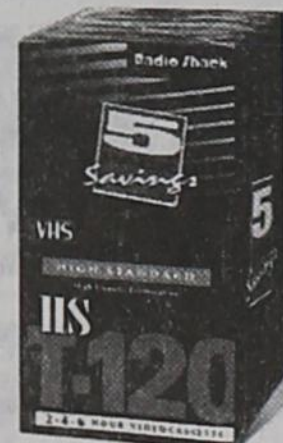
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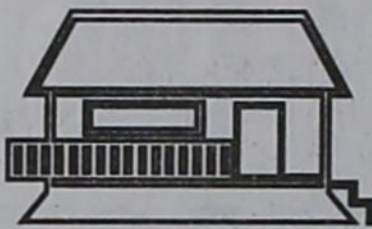
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1990 Oldsmobile 98 Regency Brougham, nice.

1989 Oldsmobile 88 Brougham, 4-Dr., gold, loaded, extra nice, low miles.

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

1985 Pontiac 6000 LE, 4-Dr., low miles.

1983 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Brougham, 42,000 actual miles, one little lady owner.

1985 Lincoln Mark VII Cpe.

1995 SUBURBAN, loaded, 4-wheel drive, 350 S.I. Approximately 53,000 miles. Call (806) 647-4375, day or night. 14-50-1tc

## 17—Business Opportunities

"AVON" & "AVON OUTLET." Representatives needed now! No inventory required, IND/SALES/REP, 1-800-236-0041. 17-51-4tp

## 18—Services

**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. 18-43-1tc

## 14—Automobiles

### Scott's Trading Post

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

1991 BUICK PARK AVE.  
Loaded, white, very nice luxury car.

1994 CHEV. EXTENDED CAB  
1/2 T PICKUP  
All power, white/red, sharp.

1990 FORD XLT 1/2 T PICKUP  
Loaded; 40,000 miles; one owner.

1992 FORD RANGER PICKUP  
6-cyl., automatic, 56,000 miles.  
See this one.

1990 FORD CUSTOM 1/2 T PICKUP  
6-cyl., automatic, low mileage.

1990 CHEV. SILVERADO  
Short wide, 350, V-8,  
all power, lots of extras.

1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY  
4-dr., 4-cyl., automatic, well equipped.

1984 GMC SIERRA 1/2 T PICKUP  
With shell, V-8, automatic, all power,  
very nice.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Eclipse and 1994 Ford Ranger. Also Lanzar Sub-Woofers Speaker, 35" x 15-1/2". 647-4138. 14-52-2tc

## 18—Services

### George's Service Station

FULL SERVICE  
Oil Changes  
Car Washes

647-4641  
George Lopez, 402 N. Broadway

### Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair

Hi-Plains Irrigation  
ZIMMATIC PIVOTS  
Olton, TX  
1-800-687-3133

SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

### Paper Dolls, Etc.

Paper Hanging  
Miscellaneous Painting  
Signs

Diana Wilhelm  
945-2507  
Nazareth

**DOUBLE D ELECTRIC—** For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-1tc

## 20—Help Wanted

### TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED

Local and OTR in the four state area including Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Weekly paid with good pay rate. Home most weekends.

Requirements include: class "A" CDL, two years tractor/trailer experience, clean driving record, drug free, clean and neat appearance with a good attitude towards this profession.

If you meet these requirements and are looking for a good job with a growing company please call 1-806-647-3135.

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-1tc

**FIRST TEXAS FLBA-DIMMITT** is now accepting applications for an Office Assistant. The applicant must have top organizational, typing and computer skills with a professional attitude. Applicants may pick up an application at our office located at 105 West Bedford. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-52-2tc

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:

1. Homes and land for sale
2. Farms for sale
3. Homes and apartments for rent
4. Things people want to rent
5. Miscellaneous items for rent
6. Miscellaneous items for sale
7. Garage sales
8. Household goods for sale
9. Farm equipment and supplies
10. Agricultural services
11. Feed, seed and grain for sale
12. Farm produce for sale
13. Livestock and pets
14. Automobiles for sale
15. Recreational vehicles
16. Auto parts and supplies
17. Business opportunities
18. Services
- 18A. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
21. Wanted, Misc.
22. Notices
23. Lost and found
24. Cards of thanks
25. Legal notices

## 20—Help Wanted

**SERVICE TECHNICIAN** needed at John Deere dealership in Tulla. Call Steve at Briscoe Implement, (806) 995-4065 or 1-800-749-4955. 20-51-2tc

**PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** Home Health Agency has openings for the following positions: LVN and Scheduler/Supply Clerk. Home Health experience preferred. Apply in person at 213 W. Etter, Dimmitt, Texas (806) 647-2848. Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-52-2tc

**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

**SWISHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** has the following position open: Hospital Director of Nurses. If interested send resume to Swisher Memorial Hospital Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 808, Tulla, TX 79088. 20-52-2tc

## 22—Notices

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

## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Marie Bowen would like to express heartfelt appreciation for your kind expressions of words, thoughts, deeds, foods, flowers, and fellowship during this time of sorrow in our families' lives. The warmth of people in this rural Texas community continues to be a source of strength, renewal and comfort for her loved ones. Thank you for your expression of memories and for your time.

STEVE HUTTON & FAMILY  
RONNY HUTTON & FAMILY  
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL HUTTON & FAMILY  
MR. & MRS. LARRY WADE & FAMILY  
MR. & MRS. JAMES AURTY & FAMILIES  
MARY WILLIAMS & FAMILIES  
MR. & MRS. TERRY BRAUGHMAN & FAMILY  
MR. & MRS. GARY ROGERS & FAMILY  
MR. & MRS. EARL COODY & FAMILY  
24-52-1tc

## 25—Legal Notices

**AVISO DE ELECCION CIUDAD**  
A los votantes registrados del Dimmitt, Texas. Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 1997, para votar en la Eleccion para elect a mayor and three (3) council members, at large.

Direccion(es) de las casillas electorales: City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, entre las 8 de la manana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril de 1997, y terminado el 29 de abril de 1997.

La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera: N/A.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de abril 1997.

Emitada este dia 17 de marzo de 1997.  
JO HAMILTON  
25-52-1tc

## 25—Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION**  
To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 1997, for voting in a City election, to elect a mayor and three (3) council members, at large.

Location(s) of Polling Places: City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997, and ending on April 29, 1997.

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: N/A.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997.

Issued this the 17th day of March, 1997.  
JO HAMILTON  
25-52-1tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: KENNETH YOUNG

D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent:

**GREETINGS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable MARVIN MARSHALL, 242nd DISTRICT COURT, Castro County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the TEXAS DEPT. OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES, Petitioner, filed in said court on the 5th day of March, 1997, against KENNETH YOUNG, D.O.B., March 31, 1960, Respondent, and said suit being numbered B-6975-09-95-FL on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of JOSHUA SORRELS AND KENNETH RYAN, children, the nature of which suit is a request to second amended petition to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born on the 30th day of May, 1982, in McLennan County, Texas.

The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

# Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

On Friday night the church members met in the Fellowship Hall for a

special service to observe the Lord's Supper. They met around a table.

The pastor, Bennie Wright, read Luke 22, verses 3-20, then they had the Lord's Supper.

Those attending were Bennie and Joyce Wright, LaWanda Wilson, and Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler.

The number was small because of a lot of illness and some were out of the community.

Britni Williams of Hobbs, N.M., came to visit with Billie and Emma Jean King last Thursday and stayed through the weekend. Her mother, Margaret, and her son, Alec, also of Hobbs, joined them and stayed through Monday morning when they returned home. They enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon.

David and Daneen Travis and son, Austin, came Wednesday and spent the rest of the week with Hershel and Retha Wilson. They all went to Lubbock Saturday along with Lonnie and Renee and Jessica Wilson, and Retha's mother, Zela Mae Epperson. They enjoyed an outing at Debbie's on Friday evening.

On Saturday, Hershel and Retha had a cookout for their weekend guests and an Easter egg hunt for the kids.

Flossie came over from Olton for the steak and the Easter egg hunt. David and Karen Hutson were also there Saturday.

David, Daneen and Austin Travis and Zela Mae Epperson went to the church at Springlake with Hershel and Retha on Sunday morning for a lot of singing. They had dinner at the church after the services.

Robert and Frances Duke attended the sunrise service Sunday morning in the church yard at First United Methodist Church, then went to Lubbock to attend church with Larry and Lori Duke and girls. They had dinner with Larry, Lori and family after church.

Alton Loudder, and Doug and Judy Loudder caught quite a few fish at Stamford Lake last week. Betty Loudder didn't fish much and didn't catch any.

Ezell and Verba Sadler came home from Hubbard Creek Lake Friday night.

Larry and Sharon Sadler, Laura Sadler, Matt and Kristen, and Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua of Muleshoe went to Tex and Norma Conard's home Sunday afternoon for an Easter egg hunt.

Rosie and Lenzie Loudder went to Amarillo Sunday to visit with her sister for a few days.

Sara and Jared Williams' parents brought the kids to have an Easter egg hunt at the home of their grandparents, Bennie and Joyce Wright, on Sunday afternoon. They were joined by Brandi, Melissa and Will Green, and Ashton and Bailee Bradley.

Janelle Haydon is a little better but is still in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Kelley Green is doing well. He worked a little Saturday and had an appointment in Lubbock Monday morning for a checkup.

Judy and Tracy Damron left Wednesday for Daingerfield to visit with relatives and friends over spring break.

Teeny Bowden talked to Naomi Brown Sunday evening. She has been having a lot of tests lately, first on her legs, then a stress test, which called for an angiogram. She had some heart damage, but not a heart attack.

Everything is okay and clear now. She said it was a miracle.

Lynn's left eye has been giving him problems and she said he had surgery in Dallas last week to repair a detached retina. He also had to have a special shoe made for his foot which has given him so much trouble for so long.

She said to tell everyone hello. She needs our prayers.

Teeny also talked Sunday night to Wanda Rogers who has missed several days of teaching because of bronchitis. Her brother in Houston, who is about her age, died recently. She flew down for the services.

Another brother and his wife came from California to the funeral and it had been a long time since she had seen him.

She said to tell everyone hello.



THE HANDOFF—Hart Coach Lucretia Shropshire (left) cheers on her mile relay team member Isela Minjarez as she hands off to Lindsey Montemayor

Saturday in the Hart Invitational Relays. The Hart girls won the track meet with 135 points.

Photo by David Knox

## Lady Horns edge Clarendon to claim Hart Invitational title

The Hart girls claimed another team track title this weekend, winning their own meet, edging Clarendon, 135-125 in total points, while Springlake-Earth won the boys' team title over Hart, 121-99.

Athletes braved high winds during Saturday's varsity meet, but that didn't seem to phase the Hart athletes.

The Lady Horns picked up first places in the triple jump, long jump, and 400 relay; and finished second in the 3,200, 800, 100 hurdles and 800 relay.

Charbra Lee took the gold in the triple jump with a leap of 32-1. In the long jump, Ysa Rodriguez earned a gold with an effort of 15-0 1/2.

In the running events, the Lady Horns' sprint relay picked up another gold medal, winning the race with a time of 53.68.

Lisa Rincon of Hart was second in the 3,200 with a time of 13:41.80 behind Bovina's Cano, who won

with an impressive time of 12:52.10. In the 800, Isela Minjarez was second in 2:32, only 12 hundredths of a second behind the champion.

Lee and Rodriguez picked up their second medals of the meet in running events. Lee was second in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.72 while Rodriguez took silver in the 100, finishing in 13.34.

Hart's 800 relay was also second, posting a time of 1:55.83.

Minjarez picked up a third-place medal in the 1,600 with a time of 6:09.93.

The Longhorns also had a lot of success in the meet, but couldn't manage to catch the Wolverines for the team title. Nazareth finished eighth in the boys' division with 25 points.

Hart's Dusty Ortiz and Mondo Minjarez claimed the top two spots

in the shot put and discus.

Ortiz won the shot with a throw of 50-6 1/2 while Minjarez was second with an effort of 49-11 3/4. The two reversed places in the discus, with Minjarez taking the gold with a throw of 147-2 1/2 and Ortiz finishing second with a throw of 139-10 3/4. Teammate Dozal finished third in the event with a throw of 129-11.

Eric Montemayor of Hart won the 3,200, posting a time of 11:16.20. Nazareth's Darren Huckert took honors in the 1,600, winning that event with a time of 5:01.69. Montemayor was second in 5:08.44.

In the triple jump, Nazareth's Jayson Burnam was second (39-7 1/2). He was third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.28.

Lupe DeLaFuente finished third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.23. Hart's mile relay was also third, posting a time of 3:52.48.

### 25—Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is accepting bids for the 1997 seal coating. Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received at City Hall, 200 E. Jones, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 until April 21, 1997, at 2 p.m. for construction of Seal Coat Improvements including all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for seal coating city streets. Bid documents are on file at City Hall, City of Dimmitt, Texas, and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers Architects Planners, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

CITY OF DIMMITT  
By: Mayor Wayne Collins  
25-51-2tc

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for an original package store permit to be located at 605 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of El Viejo Package Store.

Lucia M. Fuentes, Owner  
25-51-2tp

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 2260  
THE ESTATE OF EDNA RILEY, DECEASED  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDNA RILEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EDNA RILEY were issued on the 31st day of March, 1997, in Cause No. 2260, in the proceedings of the Estate of EDNA RILEY, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to RAY JOE RILEY, HCR 2, Box 59, Hart, Texas 79043. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to send the same to me, at the above address, within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.

RAY JOE RILEY  
Independent Executor  
Of the Estate of EDNA RILEY, Deceased  
25-52-1tc

## AUCTION BY LEGERE

Legere Is A "Genuine Auction"™

"ROYAL CREST FARM" formerly Westbrook Farm

"Extensive Set of Horse Improvements, however, readily adaptable for any livestock operation"

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. (CDST)

328(±) Acres Deaf Smith County, Texas

160 Ac. Center Pivot Irrigation, Balance Underground-Piped for Flood Irrigation  
LOCATED IN THE CATTLE-FEEDING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

"ABSOLUTE AUCTION" For: Vernon R. Miller

Auction Location: Conducted on site, north of Hereford, Texas.

**Legal Description:** The North Half (N/2) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Block K-7, Certificate No. 1/418, being 328 acres more or less, Deaf Smith County, Texas.

"The Royal Crest Farm," 328(±) acres highly improved horse facility; the east quarter center pivot irrigated alfalfa. Valley System, natural gas. Center pivot will be in operation prior to sale date for your inspection. Improvements built as horse facility, however, readily adaptable for any livestock operation, estimate over 40,000' of fencing, steel post-rail, Diamond horse fence. Improvements built circa 1979. For showing, call ranch foreman at 806-578-4501 or Legere at 1-800-447-2545.

**Land Location:** From Amarillo, west on I-40, 30(±) miles to Vega, then South on Hwy. 385, 18 miles to Milo Center, then West on Rd. 1057, then 6 miles to farm; or from Hereford, ten miles north on Hwy. 385 to Milo Center, then 6 miles west on Rd. 1057, a blacktop highway.

#### IMPROVEMENTS:

**House:** Modern 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large living room, carpeted, built-in kitchen, GE electric range. 1200(±) sq. ft. Separate submersible well and pump for home, good water. Home on natural gas, central air.

**Main facility:** Insulated, all steel, (16) built-in 12' x 12' stalls, 14' x 120 asphalt hall-driveway, wash and breeding room. (2) offices with large lounge, restroom; paneled; truly a quality facility; all buildings on natural gas. Offices, lab central air. Builder spared no expense. Certain office equipment stays. Located near center of quarter with (5) paddocks on south and (6) on north side; electric hot walker, circular steel exercise pen, numerous alleys and pens. Entire 160 acres encompassed by welded pipe and diamond woven wire, steel posts, steel top rail fence. Perimeter and cross fencing, miles of professionally welded tubing; in superb condition.

Atlas Steel Buildings are each of approximate square feet:  
**Barn #1:** 6600(±) sq. ft., (attached office: 900 sq. ft., attached breeding-lab room: 900 sq. ft.)  
**Barn #2:** 1500(±) sq. ft., Stallion Barn

**Mare Motel:** Consisting of (10) metal horse shelters with 20 individual steel pens with water. All contiguous in east/west row, southern exposure.

**Irrigation:** All cropland can be irrigated. West quarter piped for flood irrigation. (3) irrigation wells equipped, natural gas, (2) in use, (1) needs service. East Quarter has (1) Valley Center pivot, electric-drive, 7-tower (will be in operation prior to sale date for your inspection). Extensive underground water lines. Each paddock has automatic heated water, water in barns and pens.

**Possession:** Residence and livestock facilities reserved to June 15, 1997, or such earlier date as seller may vacate. Center pivot will be operated by seller to date of possession.

**Mineral Rights:** Intact and go with the land.

**Soil Associations:** Soil is a loamy silt clay loam of the Pullman Series, good fertile production. (PmA, OcA, UsA)

**FSA Information:** 299.7(±) acres irrigated cropland

Crop	Base	Nl Yield	IR Yield
Wheat	45.5	19	64
Barley	4.3	24	61
Oats	10.7	24	61
Gr. Sorg.	28.3	36	146

**Taxes:** Only \$4,047.39; taxes for 1997 shall be prorated to date of closing.

**Terms:** Ten percent (10%) down day of sale, balance to be paid upon approval of merchantable abstract of title and delivery of good and sufficient general warranty deed; balance shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days, June 5, 1997. Earnest money shall be paid to A. O. Thompson Abstract Co., Inc., 242 E. 3rd, Hereford, TX 79045, phone 806-364-6641, with final closing in their office. Copy of Purchase Agreement available upon request, call Legere at 1-800-447-2545; same drafted by local attorney.

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**ALLSUP'S**  
**Easter**  
**Eggs-travaganza**

<p><b>ALLSUP'S</b> <b>Chuck Wagen</b></p>	<p>Combo Meals <b>COMBO OF THE MONTH</b> Allsup's Hot Pocket your choice &amp; Tallsup <b>\$1.89</b></p>	<p><b>DECKER</b> Meat Franks 12 OZ. PKG. <b>59¢</b></p>
<p><b>BREAKFAST COMBO</b> Breakfast Burrito, Hashbrown and Tallsup <b>\$2.09</b></p>	<p><b>COMBO MEAL</b> 2 Lana's Pork Egg Rolls and Tallsup <b>\$2.29</b></p>	<p><b>COMBO MEAL</b> 3 Chicken Strips Potato Wedges &amp; Tallsup <b>\$2.79</b></p>
<p>ALL VARIETIES <b>Coca-Cola</b> 12 OZ. CANS <b>\$3.79</b> 12 PACK</p>	<p><b>Fritos</b> Grab Bag &amp; Small Bean Dip <b>2 \$1</b></p>	<p><b>SHURFINE</b> Flour 5 LB. BAG <b>99¢</b></p>
<p><b>SOFT'N GENTLE</b> Bath Tissue 4 ROLL PKG. <b>99¢</b></p>	<p>SAVE ON <b>Cuddles Diapers</b> 18 CT. LG./24 CT. MED. <b>\$3.99</b></p>	<p><b>SHURFINE GRANULATED</b> Sugar 4 LB. BAG <b>\$1.59</b></p>
<p><b>You'll Find All This and More at Your Allsup's Store</b> 647-5289 • 501 Bedford, Dimmitt</p>		
<p><b>JOHNNY RIB SANDWICH</b>.....EA. <b>99¢</b></p>	<p><b>B-B-QUE SANDWICH</b>.....EA. <b>99¢</b></p>	<p><b>SHURFINE GRANULATED</b> WK CORN OR CUT GREEN BEANS <b>Shurfine Vegetables</b> 14.5 OZ. CAN <b>2.89¢</b></p>
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## Obituaries

### Ewell Mote

Services for Ewell Mote, 79, of Tulia, were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Tulia with Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor, and Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Tulia, officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Mote died Sunday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Wise County. He married Evelyn Jones on Feb. 2, 1941, in Tulia. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Oddfellow Lodge in Pampa. He attended Wise County schools. He was a US Army Veteran.

He worked in the oil fields for Pampa and for Plains Creamery. He also had worked for Hill Trucking Co., of Hart, Triangle Butane and Barbour Brothers. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Marilyn Foster of Tulia and Mary Jane Cromer of Borger; a son, Weldon Mote of Tulia; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to J. Brett Foster Memorial Fund at Swisher County Museum or to the Swisher County Library.

### Mack Noland

Funeral services for Alfred "Mack" Noland, 86, of Hereford, the brother of two Summerfield residents, were held Saturday morning in First Baptist Church of Hereford, with Mike Sabo, minister of music, officiating.

Masonic graveside rites were performed by Hereford Masonic Lodge 829 AF&AM. Burial was in Restlawn Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Rector Funeral Home.

Mr. Noland died March 27.

He was born Sept. 18, 1910, in Floydada and had lived in Hereford most of his life. He was a farmer. He married Emma Plunk in 1939 at Clovis. He was a member of the Hereford Masonic Lodge 829 AF&AM, a member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite and a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple. He also was active with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Hereford.

He is survived his wife; a daughter, Janey Allmon of Hereford; three sons, Joe Don Noland and Jay Noland, both of Hereford, and Bill Noland of McAlister, N.M.; a sister, Eva Lookingbill of Summerfield; three brothers, J.B. Noland of Summerfield, Jim Noland of Amarillo, and Otho Noland of Hereford; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Manuel Solis

Funeral Mass for Manuel Solis, 58, of Littlefield, was held Friday afternoon in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Anton with Leroy Behnke officiating.

Burial was in Anton Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mr. Solis died March 26 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born July 25, 1938, in Caldwell County. He graduated from Anton High School. He married Josie Garnica in 1960 in Dimmitt. They moved to Littlefield from Anton in 1967. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He was a mechanic for 20 years for Armes Chevrolet, and he worked for Walden Auto Parts for five years. He worked for the Littlefield Independent School District until 1992.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Anna Maria Solis of Littlefield; three sons, Adam Solis of Littlefield, and Adrian Solis and Armando Solis, both of Lubbock; two brothers Arthur Solis of Littlefield and Richard Solis of Laredo; three sisters, Patty Guzman and Jose Martinez, both of Laredo, and Mary Ybarra of Anton; and a granddaughter.

The family suggest memorials to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Anton.

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MICHAEL PEDROZA catches a fly ball in Saturday's game between the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Perryton Rangers. Despite that out, four fielding errors on the part of the Bobcats and strong pitching on the part of Perryton left the Bobcats with a 12-0 defeat. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Police Calls

A 17-year-old Hart High School student reported to sheriff's deputies last Thursday that he had been assaulted in an incident March 17. The student said he had been forced into a vehicle and was driven out into the country. He said two other students then assaulted him, hitting and kicking him, and causing injuries serious enough to require medical treatment. The report stated that the injury required surgery on the victim's face. Charges listed in the incident include aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault with serious bodily injury, and terroristic threat. Investigation is continuing.

March 26, Tracy Rich of Hart told deputies that someone had taken about \$300-worth of aluminum flowline pipe and hydrants valued at \$425 from his farm.

Richard Rickert of Dimmitt told police March 25 that someone broke out windows on two tractor cabs at 100 E. Grant.

Irene Ramos complained to police March 26 that someone had broken out a window at the Colonial Inn Motel.

A 7-year-old was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon for a dog bite on his right ear.

Police received a report March 23 that a dog had been shot in the 1100 block of West Andrews.

Police investigated an incident of reckless driving early Sunday, and a 32-year-old Amarillo man was jailed.

A 50-year-old Hart man was jailed on violation of probation Sunday evening. His probation stemmed from DWI, first offense, charges.

Criminal trespass charges were listed against a 28-year-old Dimmitt woman who was jailed early Friday.

A Dimmitt man, 23, was jailed on a Randall County warrant on charges of theft by check.

Tuesday, a 20-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a bench warrant.



AND HE'S SAFE—Dimmitt pitcher Derek Buckley makes a pick-off attempt in the Bobcat's district game against the Perryton Rangers Saturday, but the Perryton player made it back before first baseman Daniel Maxwell could make the tag. However, the player was left stranded after the final batter of the third inning struck out. Perryton won the game 12-0. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Local law enforcement receives state money

The office of State Comptroller John Sharp recently announced the amount of funds allocated to local law enforcement entities for Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

A total of \$4,783.63 was sent to the five entities in Castro County.

The Sheriff's Dept. received the largest share at \$1,647.30. The City of Dimmitt Police Dept. received \$1,193.50.

The City of Hart Police Dept., the City of Nazareth Police Dept., and the County Constable each received \$647.61.

The allocation is based on a prescribed formula. A special \$2 court cost is levied across the state in cases, and 20% of that total amount is allocated equally among the state's law enforcement agencies. The remaining 80% is allo-

cated based on the number of eligible law enforcement positions each agency had as of Jan. 1.

Based on the formula, each agency received \$549.15 and an additional \$91.25 per officer.

"Even a one-person constable's office will receive just over \$640 to help pay for continuing education," Sharp said.

The statute setting up the special court cost and its allocation was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995.

The funds may be used for continuing training and education of officers so that they may meet the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education requirements.

The 1997 allocation represents the first full year the program has been in effect.

## Couch named 4-H assistant

Martha Couch of Amarillo has been named the assistant director for 4-H and youth development for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Couch will assume her duties on May 1. As the new assistant director, she will be headquartered in College Station.

"We're extremely pleased to have someone of Martha Couch's caliber in this position," said Dr. Zerle Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "She is well-qualified to lead a 4-H program

which draws more than 13% of all Texas youths between the ages of 5 and 19 to its membership."

This state has the largest 4-H program in the nation, he said, with more than 578,000 members and 54,000 volunteer leaders. The 4-H program, which extends to every county in the state through county Extension offices, builds leadership and life skills in youths, Carpenter added.

Couch, a native of Big Spring, holds a bachelor's degree in home economics education, a master's degree in family studies, and a doctorate in home economics, all from Texas Tech University.

She started working with the Extension Service in 1972 as an agent in Gaines County. Since that time she served as Extension 4-H specialist in Lubbock and most recently, as district Extension director for the North Texas district, headquartered in Amarillo.

She has coordinated many national and statewide 4-H programs that deal with science and literacy, self-esteem and youth issues, conflict management, volunteer skills and youth potential.

## Methodist scholarship applications available

Scholarship applications are now available at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The application forms can be picked up at the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. They must be turned in at the church office by 4:30 p.m. April 10.

Selection criteria are based on financial need, scholastic performance, evaluation of essays and recommendations.

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