

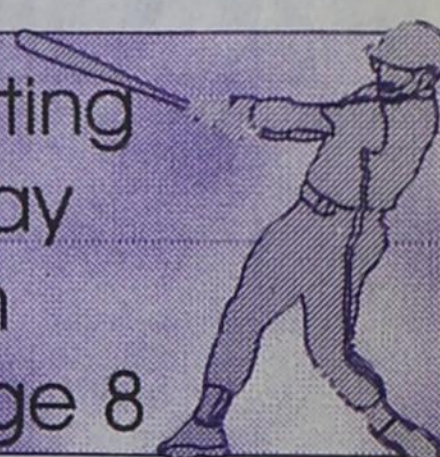
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# The Castro County News

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## Thomas bests Rickert for Demo nomination

Deputy clerk Joyce Thomas won the Democratic nomination for county-and-district clerk over co-worker Betty Rickert in a special runoff election Tuesday.

Thomas picked up a few votes while Rickert lost support from the primary election in March to Tuesday's election. In the runoff, Thomas defeated Rickert 591-267; in the March 8 pri-

mary, Thomas was the top vote-getter with 524, while Rickert had 342 votes. Debra Ball was third in the primary with 220 votes.

Thomas will now face Shirley Hollums in November for the right to replace retiring clerk Joy Jones. Jones did not seek re-election. Hollums was unopposed in the Republican primary.

County voters followed statewide trends in other races. Richard Fisher, a newcomer, defeated political veteran Jim Mattox to win the Democratic nomination for US Senate. Fisher will face incumbent Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for a full six-year term. Hutchison won a special election a year ago for the unexpired term of Lloyd Bentsen. Bentsen resigned

his Senate seat when he became Secretary of the Treasury under President Clinton.

Fisher, a millionaire Dallas businessman, attacked Mattox as a government insider. While never invoking the name of friend Ross Perot, Fisher used the same independent image to garner the nomination. Fisher was an

advisor to Perot's 1992 presidential bid.

Raul Gonzales defeated Rene Haas in a colorful race for Place 1 on the state Supreme Court.

**Clerk's runoff** Joyce Thomas 591  
Betty Rickert 267

## Hard freeze may damage wheat

Mother Nature blew across the Panhandle and South Plains last week, reminding everyone that even though the calendar says it's springtime, winter can still bring a harsh chill to the air.

Winter returned to the area in a chilly way last week, as temperatures dipped to a killing 18 degrees in Castro County last Wednesday morning.

That temperature was low enough that vegetation, crops and fruit trees in the area may have suffered damage.

Many producers are concerned that the wheat crop may have been injured, according to County Extension Agent - Pest Management Andy Williams.

"Once wheat begins to joint and the immature spike is above ground, the potential for freeze injury to the wheat increases," Williams said. "The potential for injury continues to increase as the spike gets further above the ground."

He said he expects most damage locally will be to leaves, "which may become twisted and light-green to yellow and may begin to die back from the tips."

Williams said a strong odor may result from decomposing leaves.

"After three to five days, if the wheat has been growing strongly erect, split the stems longitudinally with a sharp blade and examine the immature spike," he said. "A healthy spike will be bright yellow-green and turgid (plump)."

In plants which have been damaged by the freeze, spikes will become brown and appear to be "water-soaked." Wheat that was further along in the jointing stage may have injured stems resulting in collapsed internodes or lodging later, but Williams said he doesn't expect to see much of this damage locally.

Williams said most wheat in the northern Panhandle did not yet have a visible node present, which means the spike was an inch or less above the ground surface. He adds that wheat in the southern Panhandle and South Plains, may have been further along, but temperatures didn't drop as low as they did in the northern areas.

There are many factors that influence the degree that a given wheat field will be injured and these include plant growth stage, plant moisture content, duration of cold temperatures, wind, if the wheat was grazed and more.

Wheat that is growing under good conditions such as high soil fertility and good moisture conditions, generally is more susceptible to freeze injury, according to Williams.

After a hard freeze, it usually takes three to five days for injury symptoms to be spotted where damage extent can be determined.

"If temperatures are warm and conditions are favorable for growth, the injury symptoms will express themselves quicker than if we have a period of cool temperatures," Williams said.



IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? Vince Moss, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics (left), and other representatives from Dimmitt including (facing camera, from left) Gwen Bryant, Kevin Malone and Tony Gorman, describe

the finer points of life in a small town to prospective doctors over the weekend at a HealthFind program in Austin. Liz Murphy joined the local entourage in its attempts to attract a new physician to Castro County. Photo by Liz Murphy

## Group meets with possible new doctors

Two doctors completing residencies indicated a desire to visit Castro County this summer at the HealthFind program Saturday and Sunday in Austin.

A six-person group represented the Castro County Hospital District at the meeting and reported good results.

"We have two physicians who promised us they would visit here during the summer," said Steve Goode, administrator at Plains Memorial Hospital. "To get someone to come and make a personal visit is the key to getting them here."

Goode said the physicians wouldn't be ready to establish a practice for at least a year because they are fulfilling their residency requirements. Goode said one of the doctors is a Georgia native; the other was raised in Amarillo.

About 60 primary care physicians and their spouses were at the meeting. HealthFind was crafted for doctors interested in practicing in rural Texas. There were 30 hospital districts at the two-day event.

"I had attended things like this in the past and I knew the physicians and their spouses picked up coffee mugs and key chains and things like that," Goode said. "I knew they would need a place to put those things, so we had some large purple bags made with our name and address on them so they would be reminded of us."

"They also received brochures prepared by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and some brochures we had made up. They got a look at our facilities and financial packages, and they got a look at our town, too."

A group will represent the county at the next HealthFind Exchange in Fort Worth in September, Goode said.

## Weather

Recordings are made daily at 7 a.m. for the preceding 24 hours at KDHN, official recording station for the National Weather Service.

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Thursday	64	19	
Friday	78	36	
Saturday	78	42	
Sunday	77	42	
Monday	56	37	.22
Tuesday	54	30	
Wednesday	66	45	
April precipitation			.22
1994 precipitation			1.08

What season  
is this,  
anyway?

## Crop insurance deadline is set

Producers must purchase multi-peril crop insurance by Friday for 1994 crops of corn, cotton, grain sorghum, hybrid sorghum seed, potatoes, soybeans, sugar beets and sunflowers if they want to qualify for 1993 disaster payments.

Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said that in order for many producers to be eligible to receive 1993 disaster benefits, they must purchase 1994 crop insurance if the 1993 loss for the commodity for which payments are being sought is greater than 65% of the expected production.



IN APPRECIATION — The Dimmitt Middle School structure team won second at state in the Odyssey of the Mind competition and presented the trophy they won to the school district at the school board meeting Monday night. Making the

presentation are (from left) Paula Proffitt, sponsor, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hall, Wayne Proffitt, sponsor, Kurt Webb, Hank Morgan and Timothy Proffitt. Not shown is team member Jared Townsend. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## New program allows longer hospital stays

Persons who no longer meet Medicare requirements for staying in Plains Memorial Hospital but aren't well enough to go home could be helped by a new program starting April 19 at PMH.

The new service is known as a swing bed program, but there's no change in beds involved according to PMH Administrator Steve Goode.

"A patient who is being transferred from one service to another remains in the same bed rather than having to relocate to another bed, room or wing," Goode said. "The swing bed program offers

a level of health care between acute care and nursing home care or home health care.

"Patients who no longer meet Medicare clinical criteria to remain in the hospital but are still too ill to go home or go to a nursing home may be eligible for the special program."

Goode said the program would impact "one or two patients."

"But that is a significant number when you consider our census usually runs about seven patients," Goode said.

The nursing staff and other

professional services will be the same for the swing bed program as for regular patients, Goode said. The program will be coordinated by A'llan Bradley.

"This program is expected to generate new revenue without generating much new expense, thus helping to hold down taxes," Goode said. "More important, the addition of this program will enhance the availability of skilled services to Medicare patients who may not be able to care for themselves at the time of their dismissal from acute care hospital services."

## Odyssey of the Mind

### 'Structures' team is second at state

Dimmitt's Odyssey of the Mind program proved its excellence again this weekend when the Dimmitt Middle School "Structures" team captured a second-place trophy in its category, "Set It Free," at the state meet.

The Texas OM competition is the largest of its kind in the world.

The Dimmitt team scored highest in the state on the long-term portion of the competition with an earned total of 935 pounds, just missing a trip to the World OM Meet by three points in the overall score.

Members of the Structures team are eighth graders Jason Hall, Jared Townsend, Timothy Proffitt, Jeremy Matthews and Hank Morgan; and seventh grader Kurt Webb. The team is coached by Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

Two other Dimmitt OM teams competed at state, but neither placed.

The Dimmitt High School "Classics" team long-term problem was to parallel a scene from the Greek tragedy, *The Iliad*, and an historical

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# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Several women from Dimmitt attended the Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat at St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

Attending were Kathy Webb, Linda Shannon, Kitty Robertson, Pauline George, Dorothy Hopson and Deanne Clark. Also going was Dorothy's granddaughter, Carolan Garza of Hereford. They said the retreat was outstanding and featured Margaret Therkelson, former concert pianist and prayer warrior from Lexington, Ky. There were 225 women from the Panhandle at the retreat.

George and Carolyn Sides have just returned from Virginia where they visited Lori and Joey Hill. Fred and Bobbie Bruegel attended the Texas Grain and Feed Convention last week in Corpus Christi and will have a couple of daughters visiting Dimmitt this week.

Brian Ray and his wife, Gillian, and his daughter, Lucinda, of Oxshott, Surrey, England, arrived in Dimmitt on April 7 to visit Ed and Betty Freeman for a week. Brian is the son of Betty's cousin, Mary Ray, who lives at Wimbledon, England.

Max Ellison of Nazareth joined Susan Coleman in a music rendition Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

Shirley and Frank Wise visited Susan and Ed Cerday over Easter. Myrtle Lois Moran attended church in Westminster Abbey on Easter Sunday.

Doris and Jack Flynt visited some of their children in Dallas over Easter weekend. Robert and Frances Duke have been visiting Bob and Jeannette Duke and the grandchildren in Galveston.

Carla Sheffy is in Dimmitt for a short visit. She recently received her appointment as a Methodist deacon in the Nebraska conference along with her husband, Ron Harris.

Pat and Nancy Cohen, Wycliffe missionaries to the province of Sabah in Malaysia, were overnight guests in the home of Ed and Betty Freeman on April 5.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard attended

the golden wedding anniversary of Chuck and Muriel Lithcoe, April 2 at Breckenridge. They are Oma Dee's cousins. The tablecloths that were used for the party were the ones that were used when Queen Elizabeth came over and made a tour of NASA, where they held a reception for her. One of Oma Dee's cousins was in charge of that.

The Heards saw Percy and Margaret Parsons while in Breckenridge. They also spent some time fishing at Possum Kingdom and caught enough for a big fish fry on Sunday. They came home early to attend funeral services in Canyon for Lenora Smith. Lenora and the Heards' daughter, Pam, were college roommates.

Wednesday and Thursday, Dan's sister and brother-in-law came up from Littlefield; Oma Dee and Jeanine got to keep their two great-nephews Wednesday afternoon and had fun spoiling them. The boys are Terrell Seth Heard, a month old, the son of Ashley and Jaime Heard; and Zachary Evan Huseman, five days old, the son of Tim and Dina Huseman. They are the grandsons of Kenneth and Nona Heard.

Sunday, Dan and Oma Dee will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. They were married at Littlefield on Easter Sunday, 1949.

Last Sunday, they went to Canyon to see their daughter-in-law, Tammy Heard, be inducted into a national honor group, The Mortar Board, at West Texas A&M University. After the formal ceremony they attended a reception. Also there were her husband, Danny, and their children, and Tammy's parents, Bill and Helen McMillon.

Golden Acres Senior Citizens Club held its birthday dinner recently at the clubhouse at the Senior Citizens Apartments, with 23 members present. Enjoying a potluck dinner were Mary Cox, Wreathel Green, Adele Clark, Una Ward, Nala Ivey, Susie Reeves, Rhea Killion, Lois Hollingsworth, Cecile Plumlee, Neva Hickey, Edith Richardson, Fay Ethridge, Opal Thomas, Inez Lee, Helen Wilmath, Mavis Tittle, Roy Hollums, Ida Mae Moore, Grace Anderson, Alene Lilley, Cleo Parks, Lorene Beach and Virgie Moulton.

Celebrating birthdays were Richardson, Hickey, Ward, Wilmath, Tittle and Hollums. Visitors were Chelsea Buckley, Margie Tolleson,

Shirley Hollums, Cindy Odom and her daughters.

Maxine Myers and Ruth Cochran attended Maxine's Carey School homecoming, which was held in a new building in Childress Fair Park. Carey is near Childress. About 250 people who attended Carey school or who lived in the Carey community attended the homecoming. The 1994 and 1945 graduating classes were honored.

Maxine's cousins, W.D. and Genie Parrish of Kerrville; O.C. and Wilma Hammit and R.C. and Faye Parrish of Boulder, Colo.; Sharon Miles and daughters, Kristin and Korri of Bloomfield, Colo.; and Beth Gore, of Lubbock, were among those who came for the festivities.

Johnny and Janet Stanford have returned from a wonderful weekend trip to Kingsland on Lake LBJ and surrounding areas. They visited Gordon and Diker Stanford, former Dimmitt residents. This was the last weekend of the Bluebonnet Trail and Arts and Crafts Show. They drove off the Old Spanish Trail on Highway 29 where the bluebonnets and paint brushes were beautiful. They went to the Buchanan Yacht Club off the Lake Shore Drive where there were acres and acres of bluebonnets and whitebonnets, wine cups, yellow flowers, and little orchid-colored flowers. A beautiful sight. At Point Tella there were artists and their easels and canvases and paints, and photographers with their tripods and cameras.

They drove over to Austin where their son, Michael, lives and Johnny's mother, Frankie Stanford, and sister and husband Nelda and Dick Lillie. They went to an arts and crafts show in Llano and on to Burnet and Marble Falls. Diker treated the ladies to lunch at an antique tea room in Llano, where they served chicken soup, finger sandwiches, Hawaiian salad, pasta salad and chocolate cake to Janet, Frankie, Nelda, Leigh Magnus (Michael's friend) and Diker. The men went fishing and played some golf.

Oleada Hance entertained her granddaughters and their children over the weekend--Lisa Keith, Chris and Crystal, Shari Mason, Ashley and Allison, all from Dumas, and friends Paul and Opal Wilson from clovis, and Jake Isaacs, Ruby Ramsey and Phoebe Claborn, all of Dimmitt. They went over to Hereford to eat at the Sirloin Stockade.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for a luncheon and a day of bridge. Dude McLauren won high score and Ina Rae Cates won second high score. Others playing were Elizabeth Huckabay, Susie Reeves, Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, Bernice Hill, Emily Clingsmith, Oleda Schumacher, Helen Braafladt, Loranel Hamilton, Alma Kenmore, Johnnie Vannoy, Neva Hickey and Edith Graef.

The Hereford Community Concert Association held its annual membership dinner Monday night with a covered dish meal. John

Gilliland cooked the barbeque and turkey and the board members brought salads and desserts. The tables were decorated with colorful spring flowers, bird houses and tiny birds in small nests. A bird cage surrounded by green leaves and tiny bird nests were at the head table.

Amy McSpadden Gilliland (a former Dimmitt resident) and Pat Fisher discussed plans for next year. Ted Panciera is president for the association and conducted the business meeting. Joyce Gantz of Phoenix, representing the national association from New York, explained the four concerts that Hereford has selected for next year's programs. The programs include Vancouver Wind Trio; John Bayless, pianist from Borger; Brenda Boozer, a mezzosoprano; and Soloists of St. Petersburg.

Members attending from Dimmitt were Ed and Betty Freeman, Irene Carpenter and Mary Edna Hendrix. They will be selling memberships for next year's concerts. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students, and \$40 for a family. A membership allows you to attend concerts in Hereford, Plainview, Dumas, Pampa, Borger and Midland.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce held its spring luncheon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center with a large crowd attending. The meal of ham, baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, hot rolls, cobbler, coffee and iced tea was catered by the Thursday Bridge Club. The FHA girls and their sponsor, Barbara Kenley, served the guests. Reta Welch presided over the meeting along with Delores Heller.

Awards were given to Lloyd White, Ray Bain, Danny Jimenez, Carter Townsend and Polly Simpson. Dorothy Hopson reminded everyone it is time for CUFUPU (Clean up, fix up and paint up). Bill Sava and Terri Louder introduced one of the Odyssey of the Mind teams from the Dimmitt schools. They performed their "Coca Cola" skit. A "Think Dimmitt Game" was played.

Five members of the Town and Country Extension Club, Rose Acker, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Oneida Hutto, Margaret Womack and Mary Edna Hendrix, and Extension Agent Marilyn Neal attended the district meeting of the Texas Association for Family and Community Education at the Crosbyton Pioneer Museum on Thursday.

Registration began at 9 a.m. and refreshments of fresh fruit, sausage balls, cupcakes, fruit breads, cheese and crackers, orange juice and coffee were served. Sylvia Steen presided over the meeting, and the topic was "Texas Association for Family and Community Education." A delicious lunch of chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, bread sticks, pound cake and fresh fruit was served by members from Hockley and Crosby counties.

A group, "Sounds of Praise," sang several songs, and an exchange student from Japan, Saori Kobayashi, spoke on "International Understanding of the Japanese Culture." She knew Americans eat

turkey for Thanksgiving but she didn't know what was served for Easter. She asked her American family, and they told her the Easter bunny. She wanted to make a kimono for her 4-H club, so her mother sent a pattern from Japan.

Since she had never sewn, she didn't know how to use the pattern; since it was written in Japanese, her American mother could not help her. She finally got the kimono made, all by hand, and was wearing it as she spoke.

Many handmade items were brought by the members. Rose Acker won a first and a third, and Rosetta Bellinghausen won a third on her entry.

Nancy Cranford from Virginia Beach visited her mother, Ruby Ramsey, for a few days. They went to Dallas for the Easter weekend to visit Jim and Brenda Truitt and Lloyd Pitts. They reported the flowers were beautiful and everything was green.

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## Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

During chapel services April 6 at Wayland Baptist University, Anthony Sisemore, pastor of the Sunnyside Baptist Church, was awarded the Arthur E. Boyd Memorial Award representing outstanding potential in the preaching ministry. He also received a cash scholarship—a coveted award for many. He also received a nice plaque.

We received .70 inch of rain from the Sunday night storm. There was

some hail, but no obvious damage around the house. The rain was much needed.

Tracy Damron and Lacy Louder were on the "Believable Music" team, one of three teams from Dimmitt which competed in the state Odyssey of the Mind contest in San Antonio on Friday and Saturday. They finished first at regional and received outstanding Omer certificates for outstanding qualities in spirit and philosophy. Tracy is in the eighth grade; Lacy is in the sixth grade.

Judy Damron and Sharon Sadler were both sick over the weekend.

The Wayland Baptist University Handbell Choir will perform at the church the evening of April 24. They all have other responsibilities in their various churches on Sunday mornings so they had to make it a Sunday night. Dr. Earl Miller, professor in the music department at Wayland who has charge of the choir, may not get to be here. He has many responsibilities and appointments. The evening service begins at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gay and David Sadler attended church in Hereford Sunday with her mother, Ruth King. They also had dinner with her.

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# DISD sets bid meeting

Bids will be opened April 21 on the heating and air conditioning project at Richardson Elementary and Dimmitt Middle School, and the Dimmitt school board will have a called meeting at 7 p.m. that day to examine the bids and the recommendations of the district's contracting firm, Grimes and Associates.

Joe Grimes told the board at its Monday night meeting that his firm included alternate plans that could be deleted without affecting the overall effectiveness of the project. He said the board could elect to include all of the alternates or delete some in order to keep the cost of the project down.

In a 4-2 vote, the board gave approval for an estimated \$4,000 to be spent from the maintenance budget for reseeding the football field with a different variety of grass.

Frank Welch and Earl Behrends voted against the expenditure, while Debbie Annen, Gracie Abrego, Paul Garcia and John Nino voted in favor. Steve Buckley was absent.

"I've heard nothing but bad about the grass on our field," said DISD Supt. Les Miller.

Danny Chisum, head football

coach, said it was not a good turf grass.

Former coach George Rasor, who is the middle school principal, said he could attribute at least five knee injuries directly to that grass.

Miller told the board that DISD could purchase a Chevrolet Caprice through the State Purchasing list for around \$11,000. He recommended that the district put in for a vehicle, even if there is a waiting period.

The board approved the purchase. Business administrator Neal Bryan said the purchase would put transportation over its budget, but the difference could be made up from other funds available.

Board approval also was given for the district to join a commodity processing co-op, administered through the Region XVII Education Service Center in Lubbock. The co-op would process commodities received from government programs into more manageable portions. The fee is \$100 per school district.

In other business, the board: — Approved the contract for Whittle Communications, which supplies Channel One to the schools. The program will continue at the high school, but will be dropped for grades 7 and 8 at the

middle school, as requested by Rasor.

— Gave permission for the high school band trip May 6-7 to Arlington; and for the high school choir trip May 11-15 to Lewisville.

— Agreed to allow teachers comp time for two inservice days' credit that they obtain on their own time, including any obtained over the summer.

— Renewed the property and casualty insurance through the Texas Association of School Boards. The premium will be \$87 less than last year.

## Hart students place at UIL

Three Hart High School students placed at the District University Interscholastic League District Literary Meet, recently at Amarillo College.

Norma Marquez was fifth and Norma Velasquez was sixth in feature writing, while Kim Grossman was sixth in editorial writing.

Their sponsor was Carolyn Rowland.



THE CASTRO COUNTY 4-H HORSE Judging Team recently competed in the Fort Worth Judging Contest, which included 95 teams. John Fuller placed fifth in Reasons and tied for first and second in Performance. The team of Fuller, Kori Bagley, Coby Summers and James Wilhite finished fifth in

Reasons. 4-H'ers who competed in the show included (back row, from left) Wilhite, Cody Annen, Summers and Fuller; and (front row, from left) Justin Sutton, Rusty McDaniel, Bagley and Rusty Wooten.

Courtesy Photo

## County pays \$19,267 to lawyers

Castro County's redistricting bill continues to rise and a settlement soon seems unlikely.

Commissioners approved payment of a bill in the amount of \$19,267.06 to the county's redistricting attorneys, Daugherty and Associates, during Monday's regular meeting of the commissioners court.

That payment, for services in January, brings the county's total redistricting expense paid through January to \$153,867.14.

Virginia Daugherty was scheduled to meet with commissioners in an executive session Wednesday to discuss pending litigation over the redistricting.

Dimmitt City Manager Reeford Burrous met with Commissioners Monday to discuss new fees and regulations at the Dimmitt Landfill.

Burrous said the City of Dimmitt installed scales at the landfill and effective March 1 is weighing loads dumped at the local landfill. The cities of Hart and Nazareth have contracted to dump their trash in the landfill at \$25 per ton and the

county pays a flat rate of \$150 per month for use of the landfill.

"It doesn't matter whether you take it (trash) to the dump yourself or the city picks it up," Burrous said. "You are already paying for trash pickup, so there won't be an additional charge if you decide to dump it yourself."

The same goes for county residents not living in city limits. They are covered under the county's flat-fee paid each month.

Burrous said when a person brings a load to the landfill, that load is weighed and the person must give his or her name and address and sign a receipt. If the person dumping a load is from a city in the county, that city is notified of the cost. If the person dumping trash lives in the county and is a county resident, then the cost is reported to the county.

That system has created some problems, however. Cities also have been receiving some receipts for trash dumped by residents living outside of the city limits.

Burrous said all the cities have to do in that case is to sort through the

tickets and if any are signed by residents who do not live in that city, those tickets should be returned to Dimmitt.

"My problem has been trying to figure out where the trash is coming from," Burrous said.

He said he's also had problems with people outside of the county trying to dump in the landfill.

"We're also going to have a problem of knowing whether or not people dumping trash in the landfill are actually from the county (because some county residents may have other addresses such as Happy, Hereford, Tulia, Springlake, Earth, Lazbuddie, etc.)."

Dimmitt's license is only good for 20 tons per day, and the average now is 13.7 tons, Burrous said. "We can't really accept any trash from outside the county at this point. By 1995 we've got to have a 40% reduction in our landfill and we won't be able to accomplish that if we are accepting trash from other counties."

"Now, if we go over 20 tons per day, they'll shut us down," Burrous said.

## Police Calls

A 42-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed pending arraignment on charges of sexual assault involving three children over the past two years.

The man was picked up by authorities after an investigation by Childrens Protective Services. After CPS information was given to sheriff's deputies, they took the man into custody following more investigation. He was scheduled for arraignment on Wednesday.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was picked up on two Kansas warrants in a drug case.

Miguel Jose Salinas, 21, of 610 NW Fifth, was arrested Sunday

night on bench warrants for sale of cocaine and conspiracy of sale.

Other reports included criminal trespassing in the 400 block of NW Ninth, where a person was hiding in a closet in a house on April 6; terroristic threat by one Dimmitt High School student to another on April 6; assault and terroristic threats by two juveniles at Dimmitt Middle School on Thursday; two hubcaps stolen from a car in the 600 block of NW Fifth; a yellow yard sprinkler, worth \$70, taken from a yard in the 600 block of W. Etter; a window broken at a house in the 600 block of SW Third; and a fight in the 400 block of NW Eighth.

Both drivers were ticketed in an accident Saturday at W. Bedford near NW Sixth in Dimmitt. A woman was attempting to turn into an alley when her car was struck by a pickup. The pickup's driver told police he was distracted and didn't see the turning car. The pickup driver was ticketed for no liability insurance and failure to control speed; the driver of the turning car was ticketed for no driver's license.

## Hart group plans civic awards banquet

The Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Teacher of the Year at Hart will be recognized Friday night during a civic awards banquet sponsored by the Hart Golden Group.

The banquet will be at the Hart Golden Group Building and the banquet will be served from 7 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Brass and Ivory, a musical group including Hart's Nelson Dotson and James and Brenda Campbell.

Tickets for the event may be purchased in advance from any Hart Golden Group member or may be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children between the ages of 5 and 12. Proceeds from the meal will benefit the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. in its efforts to purchase a new fire truck.

## Grace Montoya Medical funds are established

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She was preceded in death by her mother, Cleo Guerra.

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Two new medical funds have been established to assist local families with hospital and other expenses.

A fund has been established at First State Bank in Dimmitt for Kevin Lilley, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Lilley of Nazareth. The youngster was injured in an accident in March. A previously-undiagnosed injury caused him to be admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital on April 7 in critical but stable condition.

Donations may be made to the Kevin Lilley Medical Fund, c/o First State Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

A medical fund has also been established at First State Bank to help with the medical expenses for the late Kami Porsch, the infant daughter of Willie and Brenda Underwood Porsch of Slaton.

Kami had been in the intensive care unit at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital and at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where she died following open heart surgery on March 23.

She was the granddaughter of Don and Shirley Cornett of Dimmitt.

Donations may be made at the bank or by mail to the Kami Porsch Medical Fund, c/o First State Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

## Obituaries

### Hilda Duer

Hilda Duer, 70, of Fort Worth died April 5.

Mass was read Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fort Worth with Father Hoover officiating. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Duer was born July 11, 1923, in St. Helena, Neb. She moved to Nazareth with her parents in 1933. She had lived in Fort Worth for 52 years. She married Neil Duer in 1952 at Fort Worth. He died on March 13, 1990. She worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 38 years before retiring.

Survivors include a brother, Lawrence Schmucker of Nazareth; two sisters, Louise Braddock and Alvina Gerber, both of Nazareth; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Tom Duer, Connie Duer, Gerald Braddock, Cecil Braddock, Mark Gerber and Mick Gerber.

### Micellia Galvan

Micellia Galvan, 78, of Lubbock, died Saturday.

Mass was said Tuesday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with the Rev. Martin Pina, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park Cemetery by Calvillo Funeral Home.

Mrs. Galvan was born on March 6, 1917, in Seguin. She married Nicholas Galvan in 1933 in Martindale. He died on March 27, 1968. She was a resident of Lubbock for 25 years, moving from Tulia. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sons, Pedro of Dimmitt, Fidel of Elsa, Emilio of Sudan and Jesus of Lubbock; three daughters, Dominga Herrera, Lorenza Herrera and Sulema Ortiz, all of Lubbock; 34 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Bobby Ortiz, John Mark Herra, Gilbert Galvan, Ruben Garcia, Brandon Galvan and Jaime Galvan.



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# Op-Ed

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

About that roadrunner that Don Sheffy and my dad saw in Don's front yard on Easter Sunday:

Bill Sava, who lives half a block north of me, said the same bird probably crossed my front lawn, too, on its way to Edmund Hunter's garage.

The roadrunner spent all Easter Sunday afternoon perched atop the Hunters' garage at the corner of West Bedford and Northwest 12th, Bill said.

"I never saw one that high up before," Bill said. "He had to fly to get up there. I've never seen one fly, though."

Come to think of it, I've seen only one or two roadrunners flying. They mainly flap their wings just to get airborne, then can sail a long way, low to the ground.

We humans usually wonder, "Why go by ground transportation when you can fly?" Roadrunners probably look at it just the other way around.

I've never seen one as high as a garage roof, either, but if he wanted to get up there, he's got the equipment for it.

Most roadrunners live out in the middle of nowhere. You seldom see one among the trappings of civilization.

But Dad said he and Mom stopped in a Stuckey's one time, and while they were looking over the knick-knacks, this roadrunner walked in the front door and sorta made himself at home.

The woman behind the counter noticed the surprised look on Dad's face and said, "That's just Charlie—he comes in here every once in a while."

And Robert Duke said the only roadrunner he has ever seen in Castro County was in the late '70s—on West Bedford Street.

G. L. Willis tells about some friends at Pecos who were showing a fellow from Iowa around their spread. (I think he said the Iowan was a banker.)

They were in an Army-surplus truck that they used to negotiate the harsh countryside there, G. L. said, and were having to swallow a lot of alkaline dust as they drove back to the house. The Texans were used to it, but the Iowan wasn't.

When a roadrunner ran across the trail in front of them, the Iowan asked, "What kind of bird is that?"

"That's a Bird of Paradise," one of the guys answered.

"Boy, he's a long way from home!" the Iowan said.

"Corporal" punishment is physical punishment inflicted to the body, as opposed to capital punishment or imprisonment.

To most of us, corporal punishment means spanking.

In other places, though, it takes other forms—some of them pretty brutal, such as cutting off a hand, ear or foot, or flogging.

Flogging? Isn't that just another form of spanking?

No, it's much worse than that. Flogging is a form of what they called "scourging" in Biblical times. That's what the Romans did to Christ to induce shock before they crucified him. It was a way to eliminate resistance by the prisoner and hasten death.

As you have probably read, 18-year-old Michael Fay of Ohio is about to learn the difference between spanking, whipping and flogging. In Singapore. For malicious mischief—spraying paint on cars.

Michael has lived in Singapore two years with his

mother and stepfather. Last year he ran afoul of Singapore's laws when he and some friends did some "malicious spray-painting."

Here's how Bob Horton of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* describes Michael's plight:

"Singapore is a tightly run city-state of three million in East Asia. Its one-party rule keeps crime down and citizens on guard—a Singaporean hardly dares litter."

"Charged under the anti-vandalism act used against gangs, Fay was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$2,200. The judge also ordered that he be lashed—six strokes—with a rattan cane.

"Singapore is within its rights to make an American kid pay for hooliganism. If a foreigner commits a crime here, I want him to answer to our laws.

"What gnaws at me about Fay's case is the barbaric nature of the punishment and the hypocritical nature of some of the cheering for it.

"We're not talking about a few whacks in the principal's office. This is like being put on the torture rack. Fay will be strapped to an easel-like frame and his exposed buttocks beaten bloody with a water-soaked cane. If he should go into shock, as some quickly do, he will be revived and the whipping continued. The lashes will leave permanent scars.

"One man who was caned says the pain is so terrible that some adult miscreants choose jail time rather than endure it. That, some will say, proves its crime-detering effect.

"To those I ask: At what price? I wonder whether those who applaud the near-sadistic beating of another human do so because they believe it is proper punishment—or because they want revenge for having to bear these ceaseless fears about modern-day crime."

Who is it who is applauding this strange form of punishment to a young vandal?

About half of all Americans, according to a poll taken by a national newsmagazine. However, a significant majority of those polled said that while Singapore was within its rights in meting out the sentence, they felt some alternate form of punishment would be preferable to the flogging.

The *Amarillo Daily News* conducted a call-in poll—much less scientific—asking the question, "Do you think flogging should be used in the United States as a form of punishment for certain crimes?"

Of those Panhandle readers who responded, 518 said "Yes" and only 55 answered "No."

Even if a lot of callers sand-bagged the *Daily News* poll with multiple calls—as we know they often do—this is a whale of a majority in our conservative, God-fearing area.

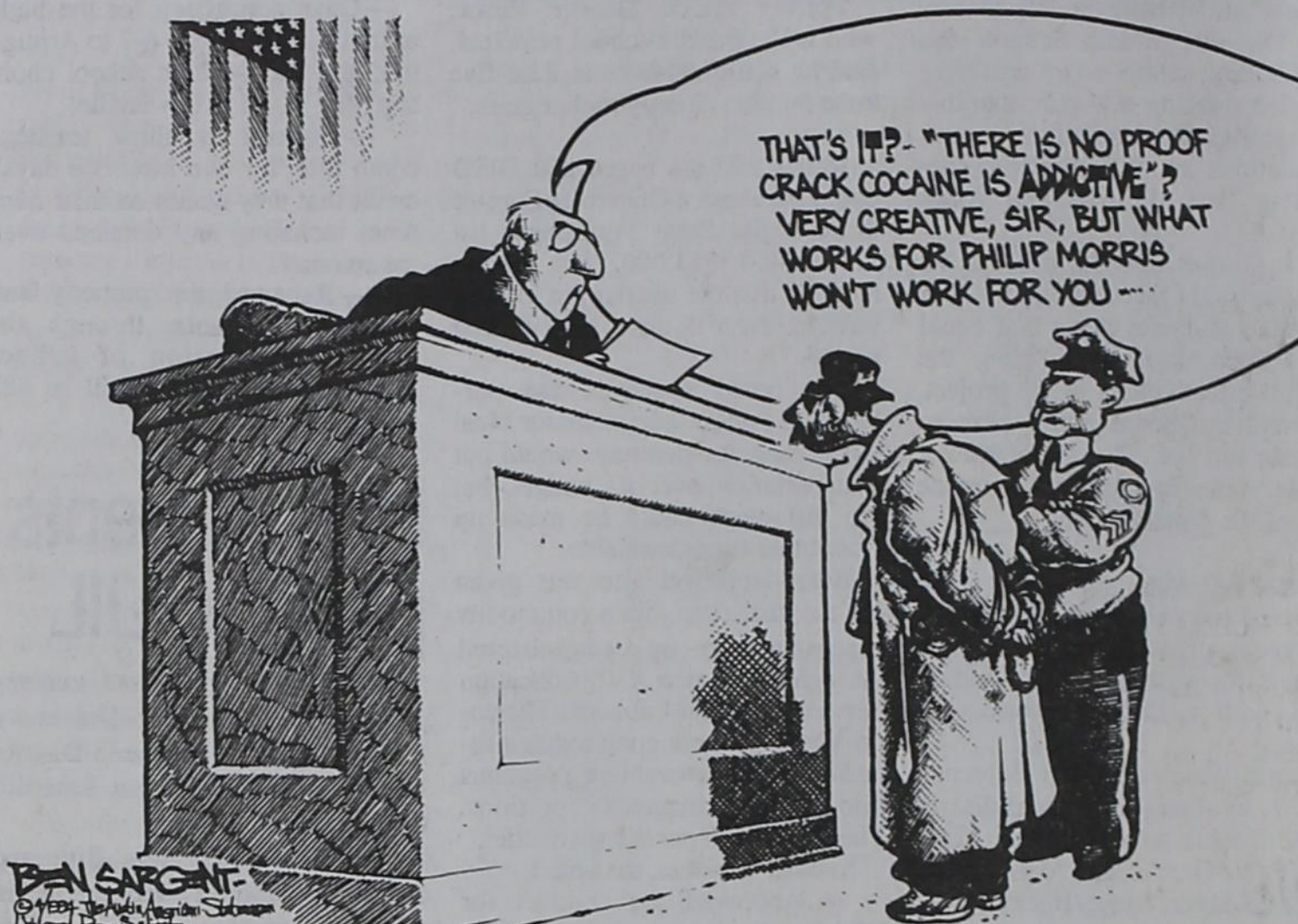
It's easy to say, "Hell, yes—flog 'em!" But I wonder if the people who put the *Globe-News* poll results so far out of sync with the national poll really knew how barbaric a flogging is. Or if they cared.

I think they'd sing a different tune if it were their own kids being flogged.

That's Horton's point, too.

"Why do I think American cheers are hypocritical?" he asks. "Because the lash is being laid on someone else's kid..."

"The spanking of youngsters in American schools today is a rarity for a simple reason: Parents won't stand for it. In Lubbock, parents can authorize a principal to tan Tommy's tail for misbehaving. Many refuse."



### State Capital

### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

#### AUSTIN — Comptroller John Sharp's fresh audit of the state's prison system shows room for 5,500 more convicts in the Texas Department of Corrections, he said last week, but other state officials winced at Sharp's recommendations.

According to the audit, the beds could be added by moving minimum security prisoners to older prison units, moving maximum security prisoners to newer, more secure units, and by double-bunking some cells and all trusty camps.

Sharp recommended some 200 operational policy changes that he said would save about \$175 million in the next five years. Those changes would cut waste and correct management flaws found in the present system, he said.

#### Judge Rips Report

But state District Judge Scott McCown, who acted as a liaison in the audit for Gov. Ann Richards, said the report was "full of inaccuracies, mischaracterizations and oversimplification of complex processes."

In a letter to Richards, McCown said that increasing the prison capacity as Sharp recommends would violate court agreements.

Sharp responded: "He (McCown) is not the state's attorney general. If he wants to be the state's lawyer, he should run for the office."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said Sharp's recommendations might lead to the reopening of the Ruiz case, a lengthy federal case in which a prisoner claimed his constitutional rights were being violated by the overcrowded conditions in the Texas prison system.

Richards said the audit was helpful, but stressed the importance of the state maintaining control of its prisons.

George W. Bush, Richards' GOP opponent in the November general election, said the audit highlights the governor's ineffectiveness.

#### Governor's Tax Return

Gov. Richards' 1993 federal income tax return shows she owes \$27,639 in taxes on income of \$110,645. Her income was composed of \$94,086 in salary, \$4,520 in interest on savings and \$12,039 from mutual funds, her campaign said last week.

Because she overpaid, Richards gets a refund of \$1,232, which she applied to her 1994 estimated tax.

Richards has made her returns public every year since entering public office as a county commissioner in 1976.

Her spokesman, Chuck McDonald, called on Bush to release his tax returns.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Deborah Burstion-Wade said Bush would release his returns by the federal filing deadline of April 15.

And Reggie Bashur, a spokesman for the campaign, said returns would be released for 1991-93.

#### Tax Overhaul Needed: Laney

The state's tax system is overdue for an overhaul, House Speaker Pete Laney told members of the Texas Association of Business last week.

But change won't happen until lawmakers are certain Texans want it," Laney said.

"We need a tax system that produces enough revenue to pay for services that promote economic expansion, and a tax system that does not discourage business investment."

Laney, D-Hale Center, urged

TAB members to convince other Texans "that our future depends on the investments we make today in education, public safety, and criminal justice."

#### Court to Hear School Case

The Texas Supreme Court will hear arguments May 25 on the state's public school funding law, which is being challenged by property-rich and property-poor school districts.

The law, which requires the school districts with the most property wealth to share some of it with property-poor districts, was upheld last year by Judge McCown of Austin.

But McCown gave the Legislature until Sept. 1, 1995 to come up with an equitable way to pay for school construction.

The Supreme Court has found three previous school funding laws unconstitutional since 1989.

#### Bullock Names School Panel

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bullock has appointed an interim committee to explore state government's role in paying for public school facilities.

Bullock said the committee is needed because of Judge McCown's order requiring the Legislature to address inequities in funding.

Bullock picked Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, to chair the committee. Other members are Sens. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

The committee will issue a final report by December. The Legislature convenes in January.

#### Other Highlights

■ The Texas Racing Commission cleared the way last week for Lubbock Downs to proceed with financing plans for a new mid-size pari-mutuel horse racetrack. The \$9.9 million project would be financed largely through bonds guaranteed by the cities of Lubbock and Slaton.

■ The first black man to serve as Texas secretary of state, Ronald Kirk, was sworn in by Gov. Richards on April 4, the 26th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Kirk, 39, a Dallas lawyer, grew up in east Austin.

## Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government?

Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

#### US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo): Rm. 126 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202)225-3706.  
Local office: P.O. Box 7926, Amarillo, 79101; phone 371-8844.

Larry Combust (R-Lubbock): Rm. 1527 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202)225-4005.  
Local office: Federal Bldg., Suite 613, 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 763-1611.

#### US SENATE

Phil Gramm (R-Texas): Rm. 370 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-2934.  
Local office: 113 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 743-7533.  
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas): Rm. 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-5922.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, after giving instructions to his secretary, Tobias Lear, about his burial, died at 10 p.m. on Dec. 14, 1799. The sentiment of Americans endorsed the famous words of Henry Lee, who referred to Washington as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." When news of his death reached Europe, the British channel fleet and the armies of Napoleon paid tribute to his memory, and many leaders of the time joined in according him a preeminent place among the heroes of history.

### Last Puzzle Solution

### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "in \_\_\_ neck of the woods" (near)
- TX Trini hit: "If I \_\_\_ Hammer"
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ sleeps fast" (active)
- Highest point in TX: Guadalupe \_\_\_
- TXism: "big enough to shade \_\_\_ elephant"
- The Scala starred with TX Audie in "Ride a Crooked Trail" ('58)
- TXism: "get \_\_\_ of it" (grasp)
- Piney Woods is one of TX's 10 natural \_\_\_
- TXism: "beats a \_\_\_ the eye with a sharp stick"
- TXism: "green as \_\_\_-old corn"
- in WWII, TX Bentsen was shot down twice over this continent
- LBJ's Atty. Gen.
- TX Janis Joplin died of drug over \_\_\_
- Jacinto & Antonio
- honky tonk fight injuries: nose \_\_\_
- sod clump taken by Crenshaw or Kite
- San Antonio shrine
- TXism: "\_\_\_ of a different color"
- TX Kenny sang "Don't Fall in \_\_\_ a Dreamer"
- Rockne, TX named for \_\_\_ Dame coach
- TX Tanya sang "\_\_\_ a Time"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a lap dog" (gentle)
- Uvalde's Garner was his VP (init.)
- "go \_\_\_ bug"
- Aggie's "humping" is done with hands on \_\_\_
- Houston-based gymnast Retton (init.)
- feed lot aroma
- nest eggs
- TX Claire Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_-shek

**DOWN**

- Willie tune that Dandy sang on Mondays
- TX Mark Chesnutt sang "Old Flames \_\_\_ Names"
- TXism: "neon light \_\_\_" (inspiration)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ like an anvil in a stock tank"
- TXism: "what \_\_\_ around, comes around" (get even)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ duck needs an umbrella"
- "\_\_\_ and ye shall receive"
- TX Ron Ely was Tarzan the \_\_\_ Man
- old line: \_\_\_ Texas Central RR
- fried \_\_\_
- TX "Watergate" figure Jaworski
- jalapano treats
- Spanish named Brazos
- "The Arms of \_\_\_"
- Harlingen has \_\_\_
- Jima statue
- to Waco from Austin about TX ('53)
- "Law West of the Pecos" judge (init.)
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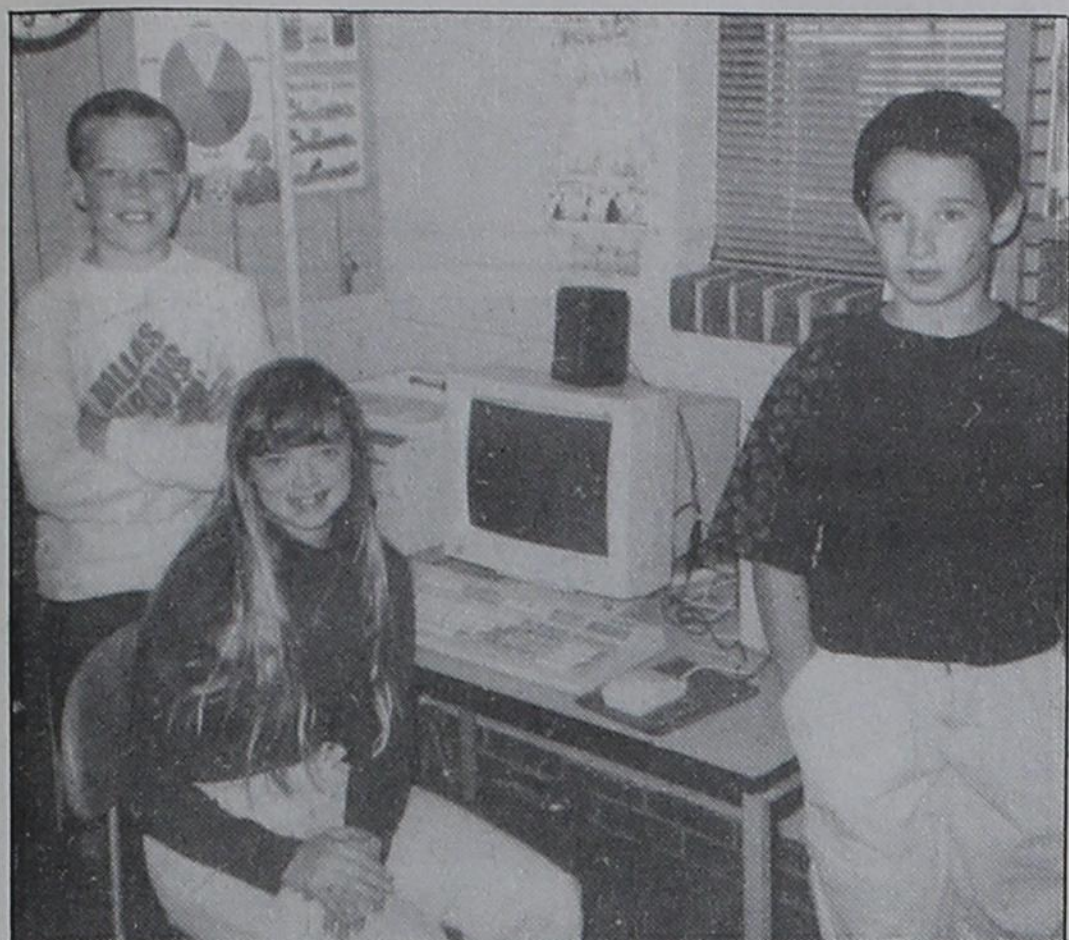
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**ACCELERATED READERS**—These Nazareth students were the top three students who competed in an Accelerated Reader Computerized Reading Management Program at Nazareth Independent School District. Winners were (from left) Mark Birkenfeld, second with 162.6 points, Susan Book, first with 265.9 points, and Timothy Braddock, third with 99.5 points. *Courtesy Photo*

## NISD implements computer reading management program

Nazareth students are improving their reading skills with the help of a new Accelerated Reader Computerized Reading Management Program.

The school implemented the program in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades this year and students earn points by taking a computer reading test according to the difficulty of a book which they have read.

The school held a contest among students in the four grades and Susan Book was the first-place

recipient with 265.9 points. Second-place went to Mark Birkenfeld, who accumulated 162.6 points. Each received an "Accelerated Reader" t-shirt. Finishing third was Timothy Braddock, who had 99.5 points.

Several other students earned at least 15 points and each received a coupon for ice cream. They were Jase Merritt, Daryl Pohlmeier, Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox, Danette Ramaekers, Blake Birkenfeld, Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Aaron Kern, Laura Gerber, Jill Schulte, Tiffany Schmucker, Megan Hoelting, Trinity Robb, Sara Schulte, Lisa McLaurin, Karen Wilhelm, Stanton Wethington, Laura Birkenfeld, Matt Olvera, Jessica McGilvray, Heather Schilling, Melanie Book, Mandy Birkenfeld, Stephanie Gerber, Kristin Hales, Alyssa Irlbeck, Susan Jones, Jessica Kern, Stephanie Pena, Lori Maurer, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Ann Wilhelm, Lydia Sanchez and Mitchell Brockman.

## DKG seeks scholarship applications

Delta Kappa Gamma Society is accepting applications for a \$500 scholarship, which will be awarded to an area student majoring in education.

Castro County students who will be classified as juniors for the 1992-93 academic school year are eligible to apply. Persons wishing to apply should submit a letter stating that they have been accepted to an accredited college or university from the school's dean of the College of Education.

In addition, the applicant should submit either a transcript or other verification of acceptable grade point average and coursework leading to a degree in education. The applicant also should submit a one-page handwritten letter explaining his or her educational and career goals.

Applications must be post-marked by May 1 and should be sent to Glenda Sims, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, West Halsell, Dimmitt 79027; phone 647-3108.

## Blood pressure, cholesterol checks offered

If you need your blood pressure or cholesterol checked, then the Texas Dept. of Health can help you.

A blood pressure clinic will be held today (Thursday) at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. These clinics will be held here the second Thursday of each month.

TDH will offer cholesterol screenings on Thursday, April 28, at the Senior Citizens Center.

This service will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and services offered will include blood pressure checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar tests and health risk profiles. A nutritionist will be on hand to answer any dietary questions.

A \$4 fee will be charged for these services and all services are open to the public.

TDH asks that those interested in receiving any of the tests or screenings call the office at 647-2404 to make an appointment.

## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from April 7 to 15.

**DIMITT**  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes and gravy, black-eyed peas, rolls, butter, fruit salad and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Pizza, carrot and celery sticks, pork and beans, ice cream and milk.

**MONDAY:** Barbecue on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Burritos, whole kernel corn, lemon bars, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Battered chicken patties, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, butter, honey and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Soft beef tacos with cheese, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Crispy fish, macaroni and cheese, green peas, cornbread, wacky cake and milk.

**HART**  
**THURSDAY:** Turkey steaks or turkey nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chili dogs, potato chips, pickles, peaches and milk.

**MONDAY:** Smoked sausage links, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, spinach cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, carrot sticks, hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Hamburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tostados, pineapple pudding and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chili cheese and crispy cubed potato pie, pinto beans, cornbread, rice krispie bars and milk.

**NAZARETH**  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Corn dogs, baked potatoes, pears and milk.

**MONDAY:** Ham, cauliflower, okra, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Enchiladas, tossed salad, pineapple, hot rolls and milk.

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

**THURSDAY:** Tater tot casserole, corn, sopapillas and honey, pears and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, Jell-O and milk.

## NHS taking orders for '94 yearbooks

The Nazareth Annual Staff will be accepting orders for the school's 1993-94 yearbooks April 25 to 29.

Cost for the book is \$20 and checks should be dated for April 29 and should be made payable to Nazareth Annual Staff.

# DHS students sweep contest

Dimmitt High School students swept championships and berths in area competition at the Technology Education Regional On-site Competition on April 6 in Levelland.

Those earning places in various categories will go to the state contest, May 5-8 in Waco.

Placings in contests included:

Graphic design: 1. Joe Garcia. Chapter conducting team: Amy Chambless, Crystal Rodriguez, Marta Arredondo, Alma Moctezuma, Sonia Cardona and Susie Ramirez, first. Research and design: 2. Jeremy Hall. Prepared speech: 3. Steven Hoggard. RC transportation: 1. Kevin Baldrige; 2. Zak Felts. Technical report writing: 1. Joe Garcia. Technology Bowl team: Joe Juarez, Stephan Villanueva and Susie Ramirez, first. Rocket (kit): Brian Conyers and Jeremy Hall second.

### Written tests

Manufacturing graphics: 4. Joe Garcia. Technology systems: 3. John Fuller; 6. Joe Garcia. Communications graphics: 6. Sonia Cardona. Energy systems: 1. Steven Hoggard; 3. Erika Flores; 4. Timothy Anes; 5. Stephan Villanueva. Power transportation: 1. Steven Hoggard; 2. Joe Juarez; 3. Susie Ramirez; 4. Marta Arredondo; 5. Jim Don Laurent; 6. Scott Heck. Electricity/electronics systems: 1. Brian Conyers; 2. Joe Juarez; 3. Jeremy Hall. Manufacturing systems: 4. John Fuller. Construction systems: 5. Claudia Dominguez; 7. Ubaldo Rodriguez. Computer applications: 7. Alma Moctezuma.

### Graphic solutions

Technology systems: 1. Phillip Michler. Manufacturing graphics: 3. Stephan Villanueva. Communication graphics: 7. Phillip Michler. Construction graphics: 5. Steven

Hoggard. Energy Systems: 1. Joe Juarez; 2. Timothy Anes; 4. Ubaldo Rodriguez; 5. Eric Kinser; 7. Jim Don Laurent. Power/transportation systems: 2. Stephan Villanueva; 4. Susie Ramirez; 5. Eric Kinser; 6. Joe Juarez. Electricity/electronics systems: 1. Brian Conyers; 2. Scott Heck. Production systems: 6. Phillip Michler. Computer application: 1. Meredith Morgan; 3. Alma Moctezuma. Principles of Technology I: Phillip Michler (no place given). Desktop publishing

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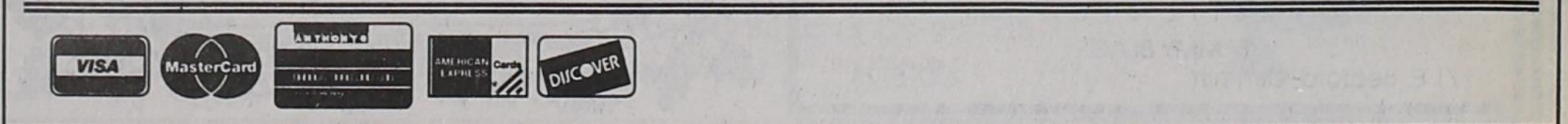
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# People

## Killough, Velasquez wed in double-ring ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Velasquez are home in Dimmitt after enjoying a wedding trip to San Anonio.

The bride is the former Christy Killough, daughter of Grace Killough and the late Sam Killough of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Jesus and Maria Velasquez of Dimmitt.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on March 19 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. Rev. Van Earl Hughes officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Grace Killough and the late Sam Killough of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Jesus and Maria Velasquez of Dimmitt.

Avie Lewis played the organ and Walter Maynard was the pianist. Soloists Robin Gonzales and Bill Sava sang *Through the Eyes of Love, Sunrise Sunset, Hand in Hand* and *The Lord's Prayer*.

A special hand-made unity candle surrounded by an arrangement of Boston fern, burgundy anemones, white stephanotis and pearls decorated the church. A brass archway decorated with greenery and green and gold bows was placed in the church. Hunter green bows marked the pews.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, James Killough of Dimmitt, wore a white satin wedding gown. The floor-length, gathered skirt formed a point in the front. The back of the gown was designed with four lace-covered tiers and a satin bow marked the waist.

She carried a nosegay of burgundy and white roses, stephanotis, anemones, white pearls, leaves and irises.

For "something old," the bride carried her grandmother's handkerchief. "Something new" was her dress. She "borrowed" a pearl necklace and earrings. For "something blue," the bride wore a blue topaz ring which had been a gift from the



MRS. ARTHUR VELASQUEZ  
... nee Christy Killough

groom. Maid of honor was Faye Killough of Dimmitt, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Ruiz of Dimmitt, Malinda Isham of Lubbock and Monica Villanueva of Austin, friends of the bride.

The attendants wore two-piece dresses. The straight skirts were ankle-length and were fashioned from hunter green, burgundy, black and gold plaid fabric. The suit-like top featured a peplum and it was made from hunter green taffeta. Each attendant carried a single burgundy rose accented with green and burgundy bows and streamers with gold accents.

Best man was Richard Davila of Randolph Air Force Base, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jessie Lopez of Dimmitt, nephew of the groom; Oscar Velasquez of Canyon, brother of the groom; and John Ortegon of Canyon, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Anthony Correa of Dimmitt, nephew of the groom. Flower girl was Kallie Hopping of Hereford, the bride's friend.

Jaci Correa of Dimmitt, the groom's niece, lighted candles.

Guests were seated by Nathan Killough of Dimmitt, cousin of the bride; and Hector Velasquez Jr. of Amarillo, nephew of the groom.

After the wedding, the couple were honored with a reception in the Expo building.

The brass archway which had been in the church was moved to the Expo for the reception.

The head table held five floral arrangements of burgundy iris and anemones and white pearls, leaves and stephanotis in white baskets.

The cake table was covered with a gold tablecloth with hunter green

bows marking the corners. The cake was decorated with burgundy roses, gold leaves and hunter green decorations. The 10 tiers were joined by ladders. The cake was accented by a fountain with green water.

The groom's cake and table were decorated along a Dallas Cowboys theme with everything in blue, white and gray. Punch was served from the groom's table.

A dinner featuring carne guisada, mole, Spanish rice, beans and iced tea was served to guests.

A dance followed the meal, with Univerzo of Hereford and Los Hermanos Arcos Pena of Dimmitt furnishing the music. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. George Lopez.

For her traveling attire, the bride wore a black floral dress with a sailor collar.

The couple have established their new home in Dimmitt.

The bride graduated from Dimmitt High School and is attending West Texas A&M University.

The groom attended Texas A&M and he is employed by the Walmart Distribution Center in Plainview.

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### The Book Shelf



By CINDY POTTORFF  
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A wide variety of non-fiction materials are available at the library. Some of the materials are not books, but will be useful anyway.

Three videos produced by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists are available at the library. *Pregnancy Exercise Program*, *Childbirth Preparation Program* and *Postnatal Exercise Program* are designed to be used in addition to advice from a good physician. The videos are good, but having been through childbirth and its aftermath myself, I would not recommend them without additional information and advice.

For people who have consumer complaints, *Getting Unscrewed and Staying That Way* by David Klein, Marymae E. Klein and Douglas D. Walsh may help. Topics include problems with purchases, warranties, refunds, prices, services, credit and banking, travel, housing and scams. Are you feeling cheated? The last portion of the book is devoted to how to get out of the mess or get satisfaction.

The *American Heart Association's Family Guide to Stroke Treatment, Recovery and Prevention* by Louis R. Caplan, M.D., Mark L. Dyken, M.D., and J. Donald Easton, M.D., covers what happens in stroke and how to deal with it. It is designed for families of stroke victims, but would be useful for anyone wanting a general understanding of stroke. For those concerned about possible stroke, prevention, warning signs and risk factors also are outlined. Besides having good medical information, the book is full of case histories which help clarify the information by giving realistic examples.

On a lighter note, *Pride: The Charley Pride Story*, by Charley Pride with Jim Henderson, covers Pride's life. Pride's personality shines through. He is an intelligent, talented man who likes people and values his family. The first black country music star, he has never let prejudice stop him from reaching his goals. Pride's attitude is refreshing. He has problems, but he isn't a victim and he doesn't blame what has gone wrong in his life on race.

### Kenley earns scholarship

Nikki Kenley, daughter of Paul and Barbara Kenley of Dimmitt, has received a "Freshman Scholarship" for \$300 from Hardin-Simmons University.

The scholarship was awarded by Sigma Alpha Iota and was one of two given to freshmen at HSU.

Nine freshmen women participated in the recital audition on March 9 in Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall. Gamma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota is the women's professional music fraternity on campus and it co-sponsors the All-School SING each year, as well as the annual freshman competition. Proceeds from SING make the scholarships possible.

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## Heller, Harrell to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harrell of Halfway announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Dianne, to Coby Paul Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heller of Dimmitt.

The pair plans to exchange wedding vows April 30 at 4 p.m. at The Bridal House in Plainview.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Plainview High School.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992. Both are students at South Plains College in Levelland.

## April vows planned

Graciela Macias and Esteban Esquivel Jr. plan to exchange wedding vows Saturday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Luis Macias and the late Tamar Macias. She graduated from Hart High School in 1988.

The prospective groom graduated from Olton High School in 1987. He is employed by Hill Land and Cattle in Hart. He is the son of Esteban and Juanita Esquivel.

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## Newlyweds establish new home in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hauf are home in Lubbock after enjoying a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

The couple were wed Saturday, March 26, in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the Lubbock Baptist Temple with Rev. Max Kennedy officiating.

The bride is the former Cherry Kendrick, daughter of Sharon McAdams and Kenny Kendrick, both of Lubbock. Parents of the groom are Judith Hauf and Harry Hauf, both of Dimmitt.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Kristie McAdams, sister of the bride.

Best man was Jesse Garza of Lubbock, friend of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was held in the church's hall.

The bride graduated from Lubbock High School and is employed at Texas Instruments in Lubbock.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and South Plains College, and he is employed at W.D.'s Paint, Body and Glass in Lubbock.

## CPS plans essay, coloring contests

In an effort to increase awareness of child abuse, Castro County Child Protective Services is sponsoring an essay and coloring contest for the county's youths.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the contest is part of the observance. Theme for the contest is "Do not abuse us — it hurts inside," and it was developed by an elementary student from Lockney.

The contest will be divided into age groups and prizes will be furnished by local businesses.

The age divisions are preschool, kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, and fourth through sixth grade.

Students in the preschool and kindergarten - first grade division may enter the coloring contest and

must draw a picture relating to the theme.

The rest of the students may enter the essay contest and their work must be based on the theme.

Students entering the contest should include their name, age, grade level, school and address on their entry. Entries may be delivered to Glen Waldo at Nazareth Independent School District, Gracie Killough at Dimmitt Independent School District, Toni Waldo at Hart Independent School District or Donna Stump at the Texas Dept. of Human Services office in Dimmitt. Entries also may be mailed to Toni Waldo at P.O. Box 363, Hart 79043.

Deadline for entries is April 30.

## Nazareth

By Uirge Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Raymond Anen, who celebrated his 87th birthday recently with a dinner and birthday cake at his home.

His son, Claude, along with Brenda, Cody and Sage Anen, and his housekeeper, Maria Lopez, helped him celebrate.

John and Norma Schacher attended the Natural Fibers Fashion Design competition in Lubbock on Saturday.

Their daughter, DeZane, was a designer in the competition. All articles had to feature Texas-grown cotton, wool or mohair.

Eight designing schools from Texas participated in the competition.

DeZane's articles were swimsuits with jacket cover-ups, all made from cotton.

She won third place in the cotton division.

Also attending were Lydia Schacher, Brenda Schacher and a friend, Theresa Newman.

These swimsuits also placed second in a Dallas competition.

Congratulations to F.P. and Lucille Schacher, who were honored on their 65th wedding anniversary Saturday with an evening mass in Holy Family Church. Father Harold Waldow of Amarillo officiated, assisted by Deacon Al Maurer. A pot luck meal was later enjoyed by the family and Msgr. Waldow at the home of Edwin and Juanita Schacher.

An open house was well attended by family and friends Sunday afternoon at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center, hosted by the couple's children, Catherine Hochstein, Leona Maurer, Georgie Kleman, Edwin Schacher, Gene Schacher, Rosalie Davis, Margie Albracht and Bob Schacher. They also have 51 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Our sympathy to the family of Hilda Duer, 70, of Fort Worth, who died April 5 in All Saints Hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fort Worth. Survivors are Louise Bradlock, Alvina Gerber and Lawrence Schmucker, all of Nazareth; and many nieces and nephews.

A benefit steak supper for Jerome Gerber was well attended Sunday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall. It was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We enjoyed visiting with many relatives from Amarillo. Jerome is being treated for toxic gas poisoning as an outpatient in a Fort Worth Hospital which may take several months.

Congratulations to Kenneth and Bhet Wilhelm on the birth of a son, Jeremiah Albert, April 8 at St. Mary's in Georgia. Grandparents are Jerry and Nellie Wilhelm of Nazareth and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banares of the Philippines.

## Breast exam unit planned here April 25

A mobile mammography unit will be in Dimmitt on April 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The unit is sponsored by Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital. Exams are done by appointment only, and may be made by calling 1-800-377-4673.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. This includes the x-ray, physical breast exam and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Dept. of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

The major goal of the clinic is the early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection; teaching of breast self-examination, and a mammogram. Currently, the most effective method knows to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection. Early detection is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The guidelines are:

1. Learn and perform breast self-examination every month.
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Age 40: One baseline mammogram.  
Age 40-49: A mammogram every one to two years.  
Age 50 and over: An annual mammogram.



'HEY, BIG SPENDER!' — Tori Baker slinks onstage in a sultry black sheath while the DHS Singers perform "Hey, Big Spender" during a medley of movie hits at the choir's annual Dinner Concert Saturday evening in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria. Meanwhile, Brandi Morgan—

dressed in a red '20s-style shimmy—was swinging onto the set from the opposite side to join her in adding body language to this song and another, "Steam Heat." In background are baritone Richard Perez (standing) and tenor Charlton Walker (at sound controls).

Photo by Don Nelson

### Church Happenings

#### Presbyterian Happenings

Sunday Church School classes meet at 10 a.m.

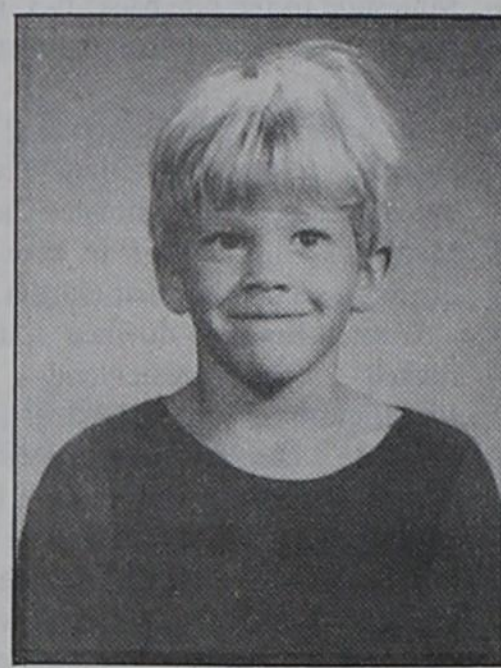
"The Living Christ: Our Health" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday church worship service at 11 a.m.

Mid-week Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

#### Ministerial Alliance

The Rev. Johnny Robertson will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a survey of the book of Revelation on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

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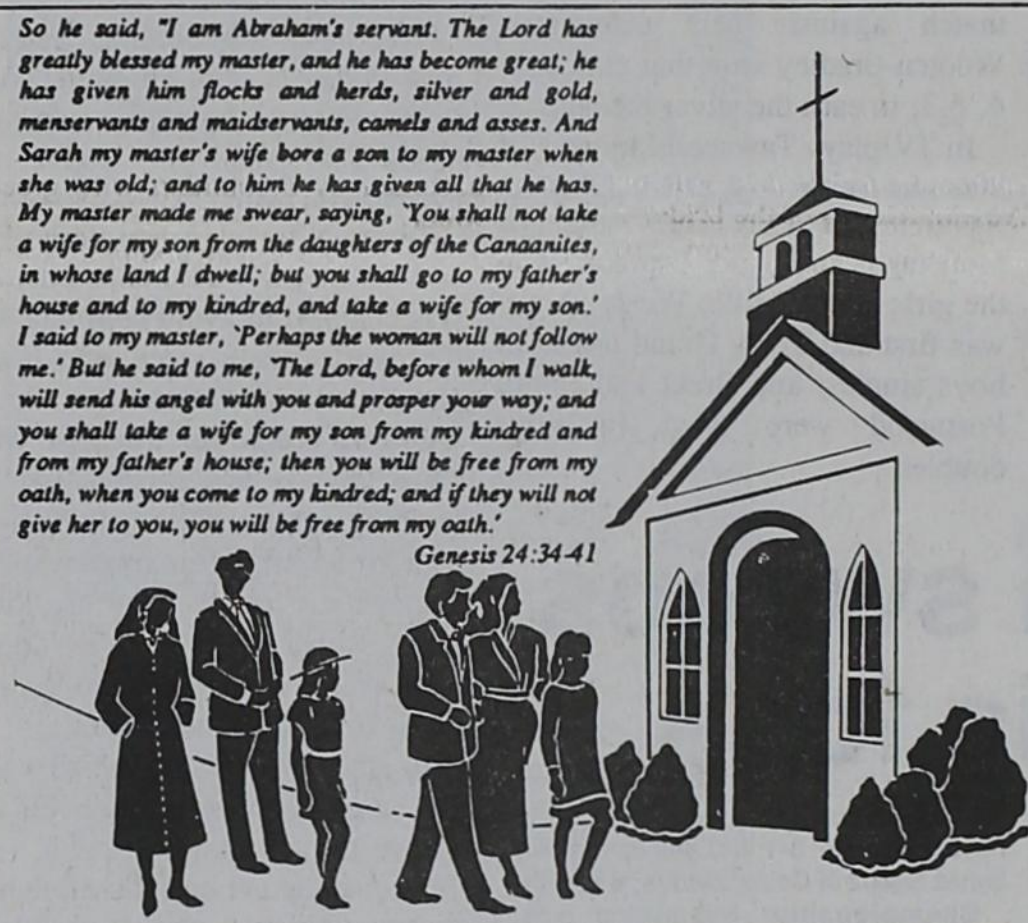
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# Sports

## DHS volleys field in 2-3A tennis tourney

Dimmitt qualified eight persons to the regional tennis tournament at the District 2-3A meet last week at Muleshoe.

Dimmitt took the boys team title with 55 points, the girls team title with 35 points, and the junior varsity boys and girls district team championships.

Earning berths at the regional meet, planned for April 28-29 at Odessa, were Art Ortega in boys singles; Amber Langford in girls singles; the teams of Ty Annen-Brad Beck and Jimmy Bryan and Robert Moss in boys doubles; and the girls doubles team of Amy Wooten and Carrie Bradley.

Ortega lost just five games in picking up the boys singles championship. He defeated Gage Tosh of Muleshoe, 6-1, 6-1, then dumped defending champion Charles Villarreal in the finals, 6-0, 6-3.

Joel Townsend finished third in varsity boys singles and is the alternate to region. He defeated Isaac Aguilera of Friona in the first round, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, then fell to No. 2 seed Villarreal, 6-0, 6-1. Townsend defeated Tosh in a playback for third place, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Annen-Beck were seeded third but won three matches to earn the district title, while Bryan-Moss came up through the top half of the bracket to claim the runner-up spot.

Annen-Beck defeated Gruver-Wisheamper of Littlefield, 6-0, 6-2, then dumped the second-seeded team of Latham-Miramontes of Muleshoe, 7-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Bryan-Moss downed the fourth-seeded team of Cavazos-Hernandez of Littlefield, 6-1, 6-4, then upset top-seeded Goddard-Rector of Friona, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5. In the finals, Annen-Beck won over Bryan-Moss, 7-6, 7-5.

Latham-Miramontes defeated Goddard-Rector in the third-place

game, earning a chance at a playback for second place. Bryan-Moss prevailed in three sets, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

In girls singles, Amanda Odom defeated Mary Herrera of Tulia in the first round, 6-0, 6-0, then fell to top-seeded Julie Goddard of Friona, 6-1, 6-0.

Second-seeded Langford defeated Reagan McElroy of Muleshoe in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-1, and dumped No. 3 seed Bree Francis of Littlefield in the semis, 6-0, 6-1. Goddard bested Langford in the championship round, 6-4, 6-0, but Langford defeated Quintana of Muleshoe in the playback, 6-3, 6-4, for the regional berth as district runnerup.

In varsity girls doubles, the unseeded Wooten-Bradley team upset third-seeded teammates Carrie Matthews-Polly Bolton to earn the district's second berth at Odessa.

Wooten-Bradley downed fourth-ranked Ratliff-Gatewood of Littlefield in the first round, 6-1, 6-2, while Matthews-Bolton defeated Renner-Airhardt of Friona, 6-3, 6-0. In the semis, Matthews-Bolton fell to Johnson-Morales of Muleshoe, 6-3, 6-2, but Wooten-Bradley downed top-seeded Stovell-Marquez of Friona, 6-1, 6-4. In the championship match, Johnson-Morales downed Wooten-Bradley in three sets, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

In the first playback, Matthews-Bolton downed Stovell-Marquez, 7-5, 6-4, earning a second playback match against their teammates. Wooten-Bradley won that match, 6-4, 6-3, to earn the silver medals.

In JV play, Tawnee Matthews of Dimmitt finished second to Elizavet Navarrete of Floydada; Andrea Mondragon and Candi Espinosa won the girls doubles title; Wesley Mays was first and Tracy Grand fourth in boys singles; and Brent and Bryan Portwood were third in boys doubles.

## Nazareth sweeps 7-A tennis foes

Nazareth netters aced their competition in the District 7-A tennis meet Monday and Tuesday and will send each member of the 12-person varsity squad to the Region 1-A tournament in Levelland later this month.

Capturing the district championships were Nathan Hoelting in boys' singles, Melinda Schmucker in girls' singles; Scott Brockman and Alston Farris in boys' doubles; and Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin in girls' doubles.

Finishing second and earning trips to regional were Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte in boys' doubles; Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte in girls' doubles; Karmen Pohlmeier in girls' singles; and Ryan Hoelting in boys' singles.

Pohlmeier, and Charanza and Schulte, had to win playback matches to secure second place after losing in the championship match.

Brockman and Farris, who are working toward a return trip to the state tournament after finishing second last year, lost just two games in three matches in the district tournament, and those two games were to Charanza and Schulte.

Nathan Hoelting also walked over his first two opponents without losing a game, but had a tough battle with Ryan Hoelting in the championship, eventually prevailing, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3.

Brockman and Durbin's toughest match was the 6-3, 6-1 victory over Wethington and Schulte.

Schmucker and Pohlmeier played their toughest match against each other, too, with Schmucker prevailing, 6-2, 6-4.

Here are results from the district meet.

### District 7-A Tourney

#### Girls' Singles

First Round: Karmen Pohlmeier drew a bye; Melinda Schmucker beat Maria Diaz of Cotton Center, 6-0, 6-0.

**Semifinals:** Schmucker beat Jennifer Favor of Spade, 6-1, 6-0; Pohlmeier beat Sylvia Saenz of Cotton Center, 6-0, 6-0.

**Championship:** Schmucker beat Pohlmeier 6-2, 6-4.

**Second-Place Playback:** Pohlmeier beat Favor, 6-0, 6-1.

#### Girls' Doubles

**First Round:** Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin beat Lair and Mills of Happy, 6-0, 6-0; Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte beat Tyson and Patterson of Lazbuddie, 6-0, 6-0.

**Semifinals:** Brockman and Durbin beat Burch and Morris of Lazbuddie, 6-1, 6-0; Wethington and Schulte beat Cisneros and Rodriguez of Cotton Center, 6-1, 6-0.

**Championship:** Brockman and Durbin beat Wethington and Schulte, 6-3, 6-1.

#### Boys' Doubles

**First Round:** Scott Brockman and Alston Farris beat Gerra and Flores of Cotton Center, 6-0, 6-0; Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte beat Mimms and Brown of Lazbuddie, 6-1, 6-0.

**Semifinals:** Farris and Brockman beat Thomas and Elliott of Lazbuddie, 6-0, 6-0; Charanza and Schulte beat Turney and Gutierrez of Three Way, 6-1, 6-0.

**Championship:** Farris and Brockman beat Charanza and Schulte, 6-0, 6-2.

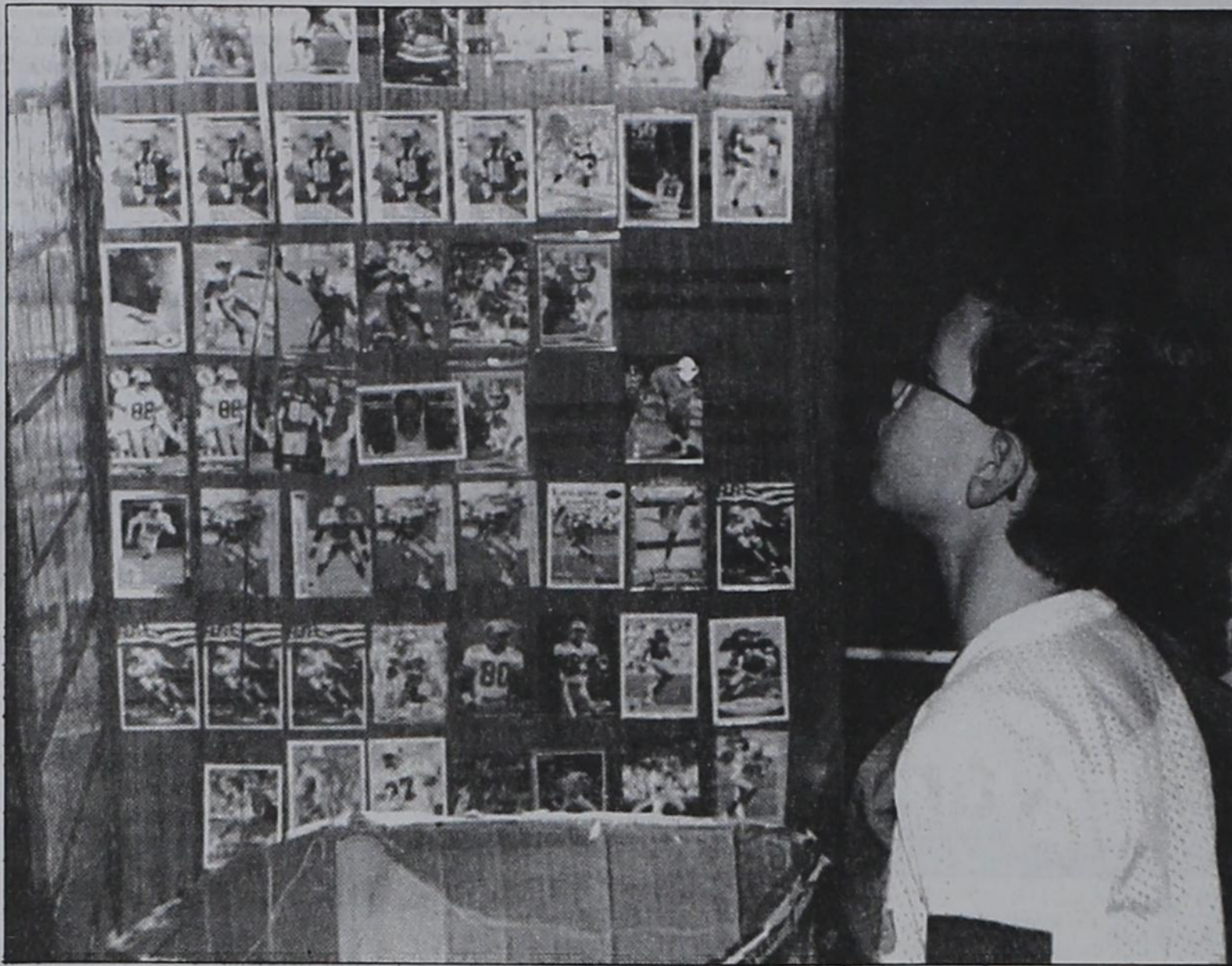
**Second Place Playback:** Charanza and Schulte beat Thomas and Elliot, 6-3, 6-2.

#### Boys' Singles

**First Round:** Ryan Hoelting drew a bye; Nathan Hoelting beat Travis Anstey of Happy, 6-0, 6-0.

**Semifinals:** Nathan Hoelting beat Kenny Trotter of Spade, 6-0, 6-0; Ryan Hoelting beat Steven Stevens of Happy, 6-4, 6-2.

**Championship:** Nathan Hoelting beat Ryan Hoelting, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3.



I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE—Sports card enthusiasts of all ages attended the sports card and collectibles show in Dimmitt Sunday, including Andy Carthel, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davy Carthel

of Friona. The show was sponsored by the DATA Club of Dimmitt to raise money for the club's scholarship fund. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Bobcats split district openers

Five critical errors and four misplayed fly balls cost Dimmitt dearly Tuesday in a 9-4 loss to District 2-3A rival Friona at George Howell Park.

The Bobcats mustered just five hits against three Friona pitchers, and gave up seven unearned runs to the Chieftains.

Dimmitt is now 9-9 overall and 1-1 in district. Friona improved to 13-4, 1-1. Tulia leads the league with a 2-0 record.

"We just didn't come ready to play today," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "We have to get our heads up and get about our business."

Dimmitt travels to Muleshoe for an 11 a.m. game Saturday. The time was changed to avoid conflicts with the district track meet, which will also be held in Muleshoe.

Friona scored in the first when Chris Hanna hit a drive off the pitching rubber. The ball bounced high for an infield single, advancing teammate Charlie Pope to third. Pope scored on a delayed double steal when catcher Gerald Barrios threw out Hanna at second.

In the top of the third, Seth Houston was struck on the left arm by a Dan Matthews pitch, and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Roy Hendley. Pope popped out to shortstop Jason Wooten for the inning's second out, and Hanna hit a soft liner that appeared to be an easy third out.

Instead, the ball sailed over the center fielder's head and rolled to the fence. Houston scored easily, and Hanna had a triple.

## Bennett, Aven advance to regional tennis meet

Shea Bennett and Jason Aven will represent Hart in the Region 1-A tennis tournament after each won the district championship in singles last week.

Bennett won three matches to win the girls' singles crown, topping Leslie Collingsworth of Vega, 6-0, 6-0; Crystal Frame of Booker, 6-0, 6-0; and Jamie Riggs of Booker, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Aven beat Matt Hibert of Booker, 6-1, 6-2; J.W. Langham of White Deer, 6-0, 6-2; and Creed Hoover of Booker, 6-4, 6-1, to win the boys' singles crown.

The two will compete at regional April 28 and 29 in Levelland.

Hart's two girls' doubles teams came close to earning a trip to regional, but wound up playing each other for third place. Christi Davis and Brandi Key beat Danna Wilhelm and Gayla Reyna for third place, 6-3, 6-3.

Davis and Key beat Murray and Longoria of Kress, 6-2, 6-0, before losing to Camacho and Munsell of Booker, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. That forced Davis and Key into the third place game.

Friona iced the game in the fourth when the Chieftains scored three times. Cory Hamilton was hit by a pitch and moved to third on a single to right by Sheldon Burleson. After Tony Cuevas stuck out, Juan Gamboa hit a double play ball that should have ended the inning. Instead, the ball was dropped at second base, opening the gates for the Chieftains. Two straight balls were misplayed in the outfield; they were scored as hits, but the mental errors led to Friona taking a 5-0 lead in the top of the fourth.

Dimmitt threatened in the fourth, when two men reached base against Cuevas. Barrios and Dewayne Espinoza hit back-to-back rockets that were caught at the fence by left fielder Houston to end the inning.

After Friona took advantage of two straight errors in right field for two runs in the top of the fifth, Dimmitt broke through against Cuevas in the bottom of the fifth.

Zeke Nino singled to lead off the inning and stole second. One out later, Dagon Newton walked, and leadoff man Joe Juarez lined a home run over the fence in center to make it a 7-3 game.

Houston relieved Cuevas and walked Phil Thrasher and Emilio Nino. On a 2-1 pitch, Freddy Ruiz was called out for stepping out of the batter's box when he fouled a pitch back into the screen. Barrios walked to load the bases, but Houston struck out Espinoza to end the inning.

A walk and two more errors gave Friona two more runs in the top of the sixth, and Dimmitt squandered a two-on, no out opportunity in the bottom of the sixth.

In the last of the seventh against Pope, Emilio Nino walked to open the inning. Pope struck out the next two men, but Espinoza hit his second double of the game to drive home Nino. Pope struck out the next batter looking to earn the save.

Saturday, Jason Nino fired a one-hitter as the Bobcats blanked Littlefield 5-0.

"Jason gave up only one hit and only threw 72 pitches in seven innings," said Feaster. "That's great pitching in any league against anyone."

The teams were scoreless through three in Littlefield before the Bobcats scored three times in the fourth. Dimmitt added two insurance runs in the sixth as Nino kept the Wildcats handcuffed.

Dewayne Espinoza had the only extra-base hit for either team, a triple.

Dimmitt has tied or broken several team records this year, including new marks for singles and runs scored. The five home runs (two each by Gerald Barrios and Freddy Ruiz, and one by Jason Wooten) tied season marks.

Emilio Nino had 17 singles through Saturday's game, tying the individual record for singles in a season. Ruiz had 20 runs batted in through Saturday's contest, setting a new record for RBI.

## Swifts earn state award for threes

The Nazareth Swifts will be recognized as the state's top three-point shooters by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches on Saturday, May 7, at the annual TABC clinic and awards banquet.

The Swifts averaged 38% from three-point range, making 255-of-679 attempts during the season.

Nazareth's top three-point shooter was Justin Wethington, who made 43% of his shots—79-of-185. Scott Brockman also hit 79 treys out of 211 attempts. Nick Johnson nailed 40-of-106 attempts and Brad Keel hit 32-of-99.

## Fortin wins District 7-A golf tourney

Dominic Fortin of Nazareth shot a 90 over 18 holes in the District 7-A golf tournament Tuesday and that was good enough for the district's gold medal.

Fortin led the Swifts to a third-place finish with 457 strokes, just one place short of earning a ticket to the regional golf meet. The top two district teams were Lazbuddie with 418 and Whitharral with 419.

Fortin will compete at the Region 1-A meet with his first-place district finish.

Other Swifts competing were Nick Johnson, who finished with 113; Robby Schmucker, who had 130; B.J. Kern, 134; and James Wilhite, 135.

The Swiftette golf team also finished third, finishing the nine-hole course with a combined 311 strokes behind Lazbuddie (236) and Happy (270). Team members and their final scores are Tara Johnson, 72; Allyn Garza, 74; Cassidy Wilhelm, 76; and Heather Braddock, 89.

## Scoreboard

### Baseball

**Saturday**  
**Bobcats 5, Littlefield 0 at Littlefield**  
Dimmitt-- 0 0 0 3 0 2 0 - 5 7 1  
Littlefield-- 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 1 2  
Jason Nino and Gerald Barrios. Brown and Yohner. WP-Nino (5-3). LP-Brown. 3B-Dimmitt: Dewayne Espinosa. Records: Dimmitt 8-8, 1-0; Littlefield 0-7, 0-1.

**Tuesday**  
**Friona 9, Bobcats 4 at George Howell Park**  
Friona-- 1 0 1 3 2 0 - 9 10 1  
Dimmitt-- 0 0 0 0 3 0 1 - 4 5 5  
Tony Cuevas, Seth Houston (5), Charlie Pope (7) and Rocha. Dan Matthews, Jason Nino (4) and Gerald Barrios. WP-Cuevas. LP-Matthews (3-6). 2B: Dimmitt-Dewayne Espinosa 2, Zeke Nino. 3B: Friona-Chris Hanna. HR: Dimmitt-Joe Juarez (1). Records: Friona 13-4, 1-1; Dimmitt 9-9, 1-1.

### Track

**Cub Relays at Brownfield Dimmitt boys**  
Team totals: 1. Brownfield 140; 2. Lovington 138; 3. Denver City 58; 4. Slaton 46; 5. Idalou 44 1/2; 6. Roosevelt 42 1/2; 7. Cooper 36; 8. Plains 30; 9. Dimmitt 18.  
Discus: 3. Tait Crow, 151-0.  
800: 1. Joey Flores, 2:01.98.  
100: 5. Jimmy Casas, 11.92.

**Dimmitt girls**  
Team totals: 1. Brownfield 115 1/2; 2. Dimmitt 109 1/2; 3. Slaton 105; 4. Cooper 81; 5. Roosevelt 66; 6. Lovington 55; 7. Sundown 21; 8. Plains 20; 9. Idalou 10.  
Long jump: 3. Dolores Dimas, 15-0; 4. Jennifer Vick, 14-11.  
Triple jump: 1. Kim Thomas, 33-5 3/4.  
High jump: 1. Dimas, 5-0; 5. Vick, 4-8.  
3,200: 2. Rochelle Harman, 12:54.21; 3. Summers, 13:34.14.  
400 relay: 4. Dimmitt 52.44.  
800: 1. Amy Ethridge, 2:28.98.  
400: 1. Thomas, 60.25.  
1,600: 1. Harman, 5:58.73; 3. Summer McLean, 6:08.11.  
1,600 relay: 1. Dimmitt 4:12.28.

**Mustang Relays at Olton**  
**Hart, Nazareth girls**  
Team totals: 1. Hart 111; 2. Springlake-Earth 108; 3. Sudan 95; 4. Anton 74; 5. Nazareth 34; 6. Farwell 27; 7. Lockney 27; 8. Itie Olton and Trinity Christian, 22; 10. Kress 18; 11. Bovina 17; 12. New Deal 16; 13. Lubbock Christian 10; 14. Hale Center 6.

Shot: 5. Yolanda Dozal, Hart, 29-1.  
Discus: 4. Dozal, 84-8 1/2; 6. Ruth Rodriguez, Hart, 78-0.  
Long jump: 1. Shelly Mayhew, Hart, 15-9; 6. Tiffany Bradford, Hart, 14-4 1/2.  
400 relay: 1. Hart, 53.12.  
400: 1. Misti Ball, Nazareth, 63.97; 2. Tylene Garcia, Hart, 65.56; 4. Bonnie Reyna, Hart, 68.84.

3,200: 5. Lena Durbin, Nazareth, 15:45.34; 6. Hermalinda Pantoja, Hart, 17:07.66.  
300 hurdles: 2. Shea Bennett, Hart, 50:00; 3. Jodi Card, Hart, 52.44.  
800: 2. Ball, 2:26.25; 5. Robledo, Hart, 2:45.22.  
200: 2. Ball, 27.69.  
100 hurdles: 1. Bennett, 16.63; 2. Card, 16.69.  
1,600: 2. Robledo, 6:12.38; 3. Durbin, 6:21.88.  
100: 3. Mayhew, 13.49.  
800 relay: 5. Hart, 1:59.69.  
1,600 relay: 4. Hart, 4:35.75.

**Hart boys**  
Team totals: 1. Sudan 91; 2. Springlake-Earth 89; 3. Hale Center 82; 4. Olton 64; 5. Happy 55; 6. Hart 36; 7. Itie New Deal and Anton 35; 9. Lubbock Christian 29; 10. Lockney 13; 11. Kress 12; 12. Farwell 8.  
Shot: 2. Raynea Garcia, 52-11 1/4.  
Discus: 5. Garcia, 124.2.  
400 relay: 5. Hart 46.53.  
3,200: 3. Mario Guzman, 11:35.28.  
800: 4. Harvey Robledo, 2:11.78.  
110 hurdles: 2. J.R. Lee, 15.63.  
100: 6. Jeremy Card, 11.78.  
1,600: Guzman, 5:27.19.

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# Baseball

## Good Luck, Bobcats

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**JV Bobcats vs. Friona JV**

Thursday, Here, 5:30 p.m.

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**Varsity Bobcats vs. Muleshoe**

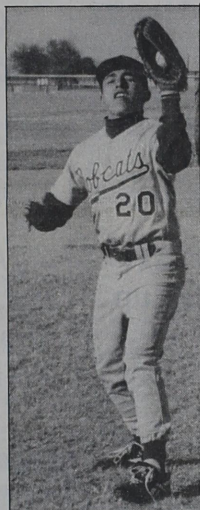
Saturday, There, 11 a.m.

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**JV Bobcats vs. Plainview Freshmen**

Monday, Here, 5:30 p.m.

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**Varsity Bobcats vs. Floydada**

Tuesday, Here, 5 p.m.



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# ABI Agriculture Business Industry



POSTER AND ESSAY WINNERS — Arnold Huseman (left) with the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District presents awards to the district's poster and essay winners including (from second left) Brock Birkenfeld, Sage Annen, Kristin Hales and Rachel Wall during Friday night's banquet. Not pictured are essay winners Holly Goode and Nati Castillo. Photo by Anne Acker

## Poster, essay winners honored at SCS banquet

Winners in the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's essay and poster contest were recognized Friday night at the district's annual awards banquet.

Kristin Hales read her first-place essay. She received a \$100 Savings Bond for her first-place work. Second place winner in the essay contest was Holly Goode of Dimmitt and third-place was won by Nati Castillo of Dimmitt. Goode received a \$75 Savings Bond and Castillo was awarded a \$50 Savings Bond.

Poster winners also were recognized and received a ribbon and trophy. They are Sage Annen of Nazareth, first; Rachel Wall of Hart, second; and Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth, third.

Those attending the banquet enjoyed a steak dinner with baked potatoes, salad, bread, dessert and drinks.

After the meal, Robert Jacobson, chairman of the Oldham County Water District, presented a slide show.

Coby Gilbreath, president of the district's board of directors, then addressed those attending.

"We are delegated to be good stewards of the land and I feel like part of our stewardship is not only the mere conservation, but protection of that land by those who care for it. We earn our living from the land and we owe it to the land to be protectors," Gilbreath said.

Gilbreath said Castro County led counties in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in purchases of center pivot sprinkler systems over the past three years.

"We've slowed the water depletion in the aquifer substantially," Gilbreath said. "I think those of you who participated by trying to keep your soil from blowing, using surge valves, sprinklers, minimum tillage and other forms of conservation should be commended. We're all going to be here a little longer and we can stretch this water out."

"The conservation service started in the late 1930s, just after the Dust Bowls, and we haven't had a Dust Bowl since then. Now we've had some air-borne soil once in a while, and that's not saying there's not more work to do, but it's a lot better."

Gilbreath urged the community to support the SCS in its efforts to keep up with new regulations, adding that support is needed in two areas — by participation and funding.

"We need your action. There are only a couple of people who come up every month to find out what the government is going to be ramming down our throats next. People in Austin and people in Washington don't know how we feel about this land. It's up to us to let them know. Write your senators and congressmen," Gilbreath said.

He added that the SCS is stressed financially and could use donations to help defray expenses of attending conventions and workshops where they learn about the new regulations.

"Every dollar we get is matched by the state. If you give us a dollar, we'll get two. We're not asking you to carry the whole burden, just half of it," he said. "We're a non-profit organization. Our windbreak tree sales are not going well this year. We don't have enough money now to buy postage."



ROBERT JACOBSON, chairman of the Oldham County Water District, presented a slide show as entertainment Friday night at the Soil Conservation Service's annual awards banquet in Dimmitt. A good crowd enjoyed the steak dinner and award presentations to winners from the service's annual poster and essay contests. Photo by Anne Acker

## Soil moisture deficits are drying up hopes for cotton

Hopes for the 1994 cotton crop are rapidly turning to dust for growers on the Texas High Plains because of soil moisture deficits that are the worst in 20 years.

Following a record crop in 1993, cotton farmers in the High Plains are looking all the way back to 1974 to find fields as dry as they are now, according to Kater Hake, an Extension Service cotton specialist in Lubbock. And 1974 was a disaster for cotton.

"Only two of the 25 High Plains counties — Floyd and Briscoe — have moderate soil moisture," Hake said. "From last August until now, only 3.4 inches of rain have fallen at Lubbock. Rains have largely jumped over the entire High Plains."

"Most cotton counties (on the High Plains) have a soil moisture deficit of between six to 10 inches," Hake said.

The soil moisture deficit is the difference between what could be stored and what is stored.

Only seven inches of rain fell across the 25-county area from August 1973 to August 1974. Then in August, September and October of 1974, when cotton bolls were maturing and opening, 16 inches of rain fell.

The area yield that year was only 264 pounds of lint per acre and quality was poor.

Last year, the area's record crop of more than 3.6 million bales averaged 658 pounds an acre for irrigated fields and 503 pounds per acre for dryland fields with outstanding strength and micronaire.

"That 1993 dryland crop had healthy, deep roots that extracted all of the surface soil and most of the deep soil moisture," Hake said. "The surface hasn't received any moisture for planting and is powder dry."

With only scant rain after July last year, irrigated fields also were dry at harvest, Hake said.

"Those fields also had excellent root systems that extracted deep moisture," he said.

By the time the crop was complete, wells were declining.

"Pivot irrigation systems required renozzling several times during the season to keep water

flowing to the end of the pivots from the dwindling well capacity," Hake said.

Over last winter, producers pre-irrigated fields and the wells haven't recovered during the pre-irrigation season for the '94 crop, Hake said.

Row-watered fields that were irrigated early also have lost seed bed moisture and will need to be rewatered—or rained on—prior to planting, he said.

"Sprinkler-irrigated fields have had heavy evaporation losses in recent weeks. Only LEPA (low-energy precision application) pre-irrigated fields have fared reasonably well," Hake said, because these limit evaporative losses by placing the water directly on the soil in a small, wetted surface area.

If rain sets in now, it could provide needed moisture for planting, but keep farmers out of their fields until May. Mid-April through May is considered the optimum planting time in much of the High Plains.

"But only once in the 90 years since precipitation records have been reported, has our April rainfall exceeded four inches."

"A more realistic scenario is that some planting rain will fall in late April or May and dryland producers will scramble to plant as much as possible before the dry winds suck the moisture from the soil. Patchy stands will result, with parts of the field devoid of plants where the race was lost to the drying winds. Where stands do result, any failure of rains or showers on the Plains in 7- to 14-day intervals will result in cotton that abruptly runs out of moisture and either dies or unloads fruit," Hake said.

For irrigated cotton, the scenario of April-May rain is only marginally better than for dryland.

"Producers should have moisture to plant, but the lack of deep moisture and declining well capacities will make this an expensive crop to grow, and one that is highly vulnerable to drought in July or August."

He said producers will start irrigating shortly after the plants emerge to keep from running behind in July.

"Even a pivot considered to have a good water supply (four gallons per minute, per acre) can only meet half the water needs in July and August, which is eight gallons a minute, per inch. The other half comes from stored moisture."

"Irrigated cotton production on the Texas High Plains in 1994 will most likely be a high-risk venture, with the crop surviving from hand-to-mouth with each passing cloud that sustains the crop for another week."

## USDA seeks comment on wheat ARP

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking public comment on whether the acreage reduction percentage (ARP) level for the 1995 wheat crop should be 0, 5, 10 or some other level between 0 and 15%.

The final ARP decision must be announced by June 1, according to Grant Buntrock, executive vice president of USDA's Commodity Credit Corp.

The Commodity Credit Corp. has provided an analysis that includes estimated planted acreage, production, domestic and export use, ending stocks, season average producer price, program participation rate and cost to the federal government. Details appeared in the April 6 *Federal Register*.

Comments should be submitted by May 4 and may be faxed to 202/690-1346; or mailed to Craig Jagger, Agricultural Economist, Grains Analysis Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2415, Room 3740-S, Washington, D.C. 20013-2415.

All comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3470-S of USDA's South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours. A regulatory impact analysis on the 1995 wheat program may be obtained from the same address.

## Daniel Higgins recognized by National Farmers Union

Daniel Higgins of Hart was honored recently by the National Farmers Union (NFU) for his leadership in the organization's Grassroots Organizers Program.

NFU Secretary Dave Carter presented the award to Higgins on March 5 at the NFU's 92nd anniversary convention in Fargo, N.D.

Higgins is one of seven who were recognized nationwide.

"I'm glad to be a part of NFU's efforts to improve the well-being of American family farmers," said Higgins. "The Grassroots Organizers program has provided me with the training and tools to be successful in communicating the aim of Farmers Union."

The Grassroots Organizers program is a leadership training program started by NFU in 1993. Individual state Farmers Union offices were asked to select one person to undergo training and partici-

pate in the program.

"As a farmer, I believe the United States' system of family farm agriculture is the best in the world for quality and the economy," said Higgins. "It's good for the family farmers, good for our nation's economy and good for consumers who desire a safe, stable supply of food."

Some of the issues NFU currently is involved in include the proposed 1995 Farm Bill, reorganization of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), health care reform and foreign trade, according to Higgins.

*Thank you for reading The Castro County News!*

## April 15 is the Multi-Peril Deadline!

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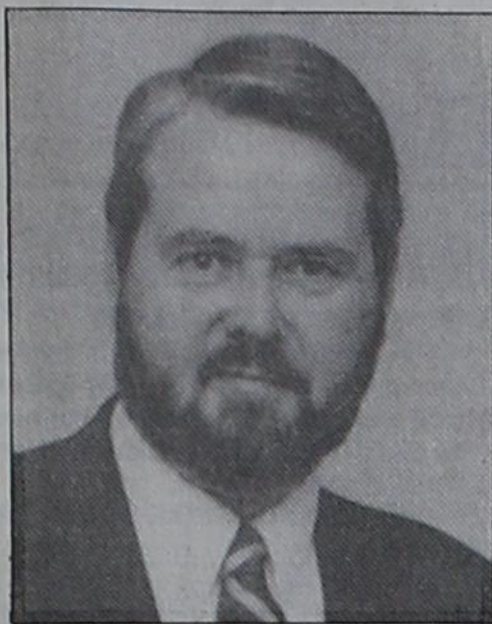
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## MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

### Better business writing

A good business letter can win a new customer, line up a job interview or make a friend for life. It can create a positive impression on the reader and make us appear competent, articulate and professional.

On the other hand, bad business correspondence can blow a deal, destroy a good image and cost us money. Why, then, are so many bad or mediocre business letters written? I believe there are three reasons: 1) We don't care, 2) we feel too busy to compose good letters, or 3) we don't know the basics of effective written communication.

The majority of us probably fall into the last two categories. We care about our business image but are busy and haven't developed good writing skills.

Because of our hectic pace, we need a simple method of learning and remembering the basics of effective

business writing. With that thought in mind, we developed the WRITE method. WRITE is an acronym in which each letter serves to remind us of one of five elements of good business writing.

The "W" reminds you to ask "why" you are writing the letter. Each piece of business correspondence should have a purpose and an objective. What do you want the letter to do? Thank a customer? Schedule an appointment? Resolve a problem? Inform the reader of your services or products? If your objective is unclear, the reader may discard the letter or delay action on it.

The "R" reminds you to get "right to the point." Begin with the person's name and title, spelled correctly. Next, get right to the subject in the first paragraph. A good opening paragraph captures the reader's interest and shows why the letter is important.

The "I" in the "WRITE" method stands for "identify" key information. If referring to an order, use the invoice

number and date. If you are writing a response, include the date of the original letter. If you mention a third party, give enough information to ensure that the reader will know to whom you refer. For example, write "Mr. William Jones of the ABC Company," instead of "Mr. Jones."

Letters that lack key information are a major cause of delays and the need for additional communication. When you give your readers all of the facts, it is easier for them to give you the desired results. Be sure to answer any questions that were raised in previous correspondence. A busy person wants to get the entire picture in the first reading.

The "T" should remind you to write like you talk. Use natural, everyday language. Typically, business letters take on a strange and cold formality. They are often filled with jargon and pompous phrases. Don't assume that the more you write, the more intelligent you sound. A trite, wordy letter can produce the opposite effect.

Each letter should communicate with the reader in simple, straight-forward terms. With a little practice, you will be surprised at how simply you can state important points.

The "E" represents "editing" and "ending." Edit letters carefully. Eliminate misspelled words, improper grammar and excess words. For example, "eliminate any and all words believed to be irrelevant or thought to be unnecessary" can be edited to "eliminate unnecessary words."

Devise a pleasant way to conclude your letters. If you are requesting an action, restate it in friendly terms in the closing paragraph. The reader should know exactly what you expect of him or her by the end of the letter.

Try the WRITE method on your next few business letters. You may find that you are writing less and enjoying it more. The real proof, however, will be in the results. You will accomplish your goals and experience fewer communication foul-ups.

## Insects of Interest

By ANDY WILLIAMS  
Extension Pest Management  
General conditions

Dry conditions persist, as the soil moisture profile remains very dry. Area producers are actively pre-watering, fertilizing and applying pre-plant herbicides, gearing up for the 1994 growing season.

Some producers have planted early corn hybrids as the soil temperature reached above 50 degrees at the end of March. The cooler conditions experienced the first week in April and Sunday night rain will drop soil temperatures some.

### Cotton

The very dry conditions will impact fields. Even the irrigated acreage will be highly vulnerable to summer drought since pre-watered fields have only surface moisture. Some tips from Dr. Kater Hake include reducing the seedling rate, cutting back on systemic insecticides, delaying planting to allow soil moisture to build, and staying alert for herbicide carryover.

### Wheat

Irrigated wheat is looking excellent. Some spraying has been done for mustard weed. Major yield potential loss can occur from weed infestation during tiller formation as weeds compete for light, water and nutrients.

Greenbug numbers were fairly high in area wheat. The infestations were very spotty and erratic between fields and even within a field. Numbers of greenbugs seemed to have stabilized, possibly due to the

growth stage of the wheat and an increase in the beneficial numbers.

Russian wheat aphid numbers seem to be on the increase in area wheat.

### Worker protection

A bill delaying implementation of the Worker Protection Standard passed both houses. The bill delays full enforcement of "generic" WPS until Jan. 1. The bill applies to worker protection standards not listed on the label, including training, decontamination, central area information and emergency

assistance. Farmers must still comply with specific worker protection requirements listed on the label.

### Pesticide training manuals

Order forms are available in my office to obtain study manuals for the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and Structural Pest Control Board commercial/noncommercial applicator licensing exams. Manuals are available to the general public only from the Extension Office for \$10 each. Contact the office at 647-4116.

## Farm program sign-up deadline is April 29

Producers only have two weeks to sign up for program benefits on their 1994 wheat, feed grains and cotton crops, according to Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

The sign-up period for the 1994 farm program ends April 29.

Abbott said producers won't be able to change their minds and sign up after the deadline, but if they enroll before April 29, they have an option to withdraw and return any advance payments.

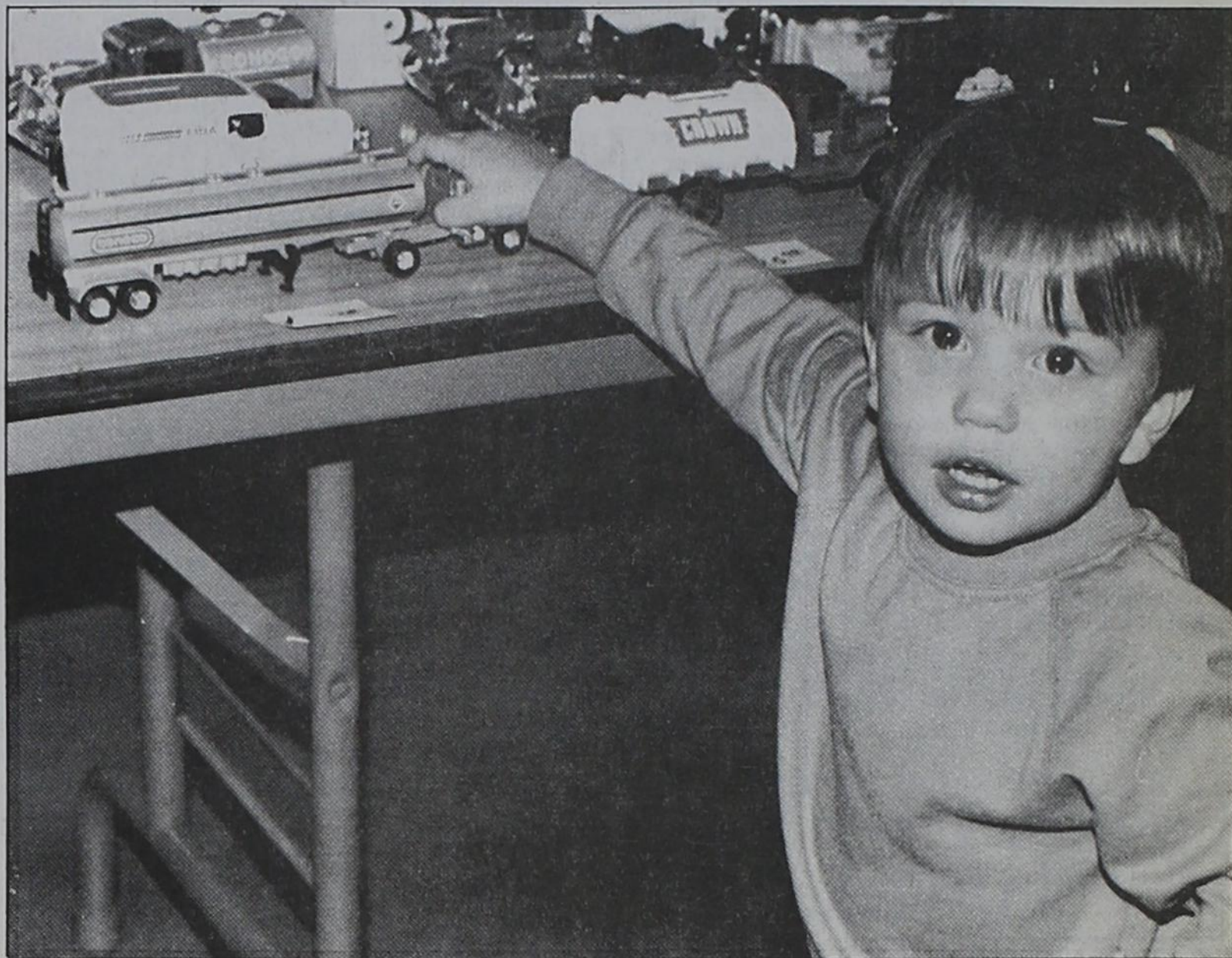
To be eligible for price support loans and target price protection on this year's crops, farmers must meet acreage reduction requirements of 11% for upland cotton acres.

"There are no acreage idling requirements for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, oats and barley," Abbott said.

Target prices protect farmers' income if market prices fall below the federally established levels. Through the ASCS price support loan program, farmers can obtain interim financing to operate and have time to wait for a better market.

1994 farm programs offer advance payments in cash and flexible planting options.

"If producers do not sign up, they should clearly understand that they will not be eligible for benefits offered under the 1994 programs," Abbott said.



I WANNA COLLECT TRUCKS—Cliff Shaw, 20-month-old son of Kenny and Sheryl Shaw of Dimmitt, views the wares in the booth of J&R Collectibles of Amarillo at the DATA Club's annual sports card and collectibles show held in Dimmitt Sunday. Proceeds from the show will go into the DATA Club's scholarship fund.

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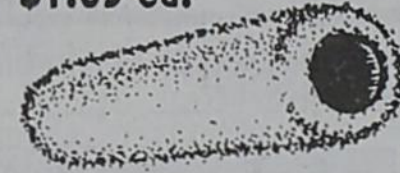


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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**  
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Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 7, 1994, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Place 1 and Place 5.  
**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:** Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.  
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Monday, April 18, 1994, and ending Tuesday, May 3, 1994. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, Early Voting Clerk, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 29, 1994. Issued this the 14th day of February, 1994.

JOHN NINO, PRESIDENT  
DIMMITT ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
25-52-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following:

- HVAC Renovation to Richardson Elementary School.

All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., C.D.T., Thursday, April 21, 1994, at the Superintendent's Office, Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Les Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Plans and specifications will be available on Thursday, April 7, 1994, and may be acquired from Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, Route 1, Box 559, Wolforth, Texas 79382; 806/863-2462.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 3 p.m., C.D.T., Thursday, April 14, 1994. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.

A \$50 per set deposit will be required and will be refunded if plans and specifications are returned by 5 p.m., C.D.T., Monday, May 2, 1994.

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**25—Legal Notices**

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Se notifica, por la presente, que las casillas electorales en la lista abajo se abran desde las 7 a.m., hasta las 7 p.m. el 7 de Mayo de 1994 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir un Administrador lugar 1 y lugar 5.

**DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES:** Sala de Concierto de la escuela mediana de Dimmitt (Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium).

Las votaciones personales antes del dia de la eleccion se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes, en la oficina de la Administracion del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Dimmitt, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas, dentro de las horas de 8 a.m., a 4 p.m. empezando el lunes 18 de abril, 1994 y terminando el martes 3 de mayo, 1994.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Claudia Stockstill, Secretaria de Votacion Adelante, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de horas de negocio el viernes 29 de abril, 1994.

Emitada este dia 14 de february, 1994.  
JOHN NINO, OFICIAL QUE PRESIDE DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE DIMMITT MESA ADMINISTRATIVA 25-52-2tc

**Democrats set convention date**

Election of delegates to the state convention and consideration of resolutions will highlight the Castro County Democratic Party convention, planned Saturday at 7 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

"Since the date of the convention was at a time when many of the persons who would participate were out of town, we decided to move the convention date," said Carole Dyer, county party chairman. "This meeting date has been confirmed by the state Democratic Party."

**Class of '74 sets planning meeting April 17**

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1974 will hold a planning meeting for its 20-year reunion Sunday at 3 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Sheffy, 1000 Maple in Dimmitt.

All class members are welcome to attend to help plan the date and events for the reunion. For more information contact Liz Murphy at 647-2047.



**DINNER WITH MUSIC**—Dwight Joiner conducts the Dimmitt High School Singers in "Forty-Second Street" during the choir's annual Dinner Concert Saturday evening in the DHS cafeteria. With the theme, "Broadway Babes and Hollywood Knights," the concert featured classics from stage musicals and movies, with 12 solos or

duets and five choral arrangements and medleys. Songs ranged from "Hard-Hearted Hannah" (Broadway Follies of '24) to "All I Ask of You" (The Phantom of the Opera). An audience of approximately 120 enjoyed an enchilada dinner before the concert. Photo by Don Nelson

**Bronze Division**

**Nazareth wins title at Amarillo Relays**

Scott Brockman and Alston Farris captured the boys' doubles championship in the Bronze Division at the Amarillo Relays Saturday and boosted their team to a first-place finish at the meet.

Melinda Schmucker advanced to the championship match in girls' singles, but was forced to settle for second after losing a split-set decision to Marnie Spillman of Wellington, 2-6, 6-0, 3-6.

Brockman and Farris lost 13 games in four matches and faced their toughest challenge in the semifinals on Friday.

The pair handled T. King and C. Thrash of Frenship with ease in Friday's first round match, 6-1, 6-1; then beat Sperry and Fowler of Memphis, 6-0, 6-2 to reach the semifinal round.

Moore and Brady of Dumas challenged the Nazareth duo, especially in the first set, which Brockman and Farris managed to pull out, 6-4. The Nazareth juniors had an easier time in the second set, winning 6-2 to advance to the finals, where they beat Bennett and Shealy of Frenship, 6-1, 6-2.

Schmucker posted victories over Rachel Pendergrass of Dumas, Sarah Stewart of Frenship, and Raguel Chacon of Memphis before losing to Spillman in the championship.

Several other Nazareth netters fared well in the tourney and complete results follow:

**AMARILLO RELAYS Bronze Division**

**BOYS' DOUBLES**

First Round: Justin Bingham and

Marcus Brockman of Nazareth lost to J. Heimstra and J. Harper of Canadian, 6-0, 6-2; Scott Brockman and Alston Farris of Nazareth beat T. King and C. Thrash of Frenship, 6-1, 6-1.

Quarterfinals: Brockman and Farris beat Sperry and Fowler of Memphis, 6-0, 6-2.

Semifinals: Brockman and Farris beat Moore and Brady of Dumas, 6-4, 6-2.

Championship: Brockman and Farris beat Shealy and Bennett of Frenship, 6-1, 6-2.

**BOYS' SINGLES**

First Round: Nathan Hoelting of Nazareth beat Paul Lizama of Caprock, 7-5, 6-0; Ryan Hoelting of Nazareth beat Giang Duong of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-3.

Quarterfinals: N. Hoelting beat Kevin Stebbins of Frenship, 6-4, 6-0; R. Hoelting lost to Brian Hughes of Memphis, 0-6, 3-6.

Semifinals: N. Hoelting lost to Hanh Luu of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-2.

**GIRLS' DOUBLES**

First Round: Carrie Wethington and Robin Schulte beat Rodriguez and Gosselt, Caprock; Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin beat Isra and Duong of Palo Duro.

Quarterfinals: Wethington and Schulte lost to Brown and Maupin of Canadian; Brockman and Durbin lost to Carr and White of Canadian.

Consolation Semifinals: Wethington and Schulte beat Edward and Godfrey of Memphis; Brockman and Durbin beat Morton and Pool of Dumas;

Consolation Championship: Brockman and Durbin beat Brown and Maupin; Wethington and Schulte lost to Carr and White of Canadian.

**GIRLS' SINGLES**

First Round: Karmen Pohlmeier beat Ginger Gentry of Memphis; Melinda Schmucker beat Rachel Pendergrass of Dumas.

Quarterfinals: Pohlmeier beat Kristi Dobbs of Frenship; Schmucker beat Sarah Stewart of Frenship.

*Who's New?*

**Plains Memorial**

It's a boy for Tim and Dina Huseman of Boise City, Okla. The couple welcomed their new son into the world at 7:35 p.m. on April 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 5.9 oz. and was 21 inches long. He has been named Zackery Evan. Paternal grandparents are Vincent and Bertha Huseman of Nazareth. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Nona Heard of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Beulah Heidom of San Louis Obispo, Calif.

**Out-of-town**

Joe and Angela Hochstein of Nazareth are the parents of a baby girl, Michelle Elizabeth, who was born at 7:42 a.m. March 25 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20-1/4 inches long. Michelle has a big sister, Allyson, who's 4; and an older brother, Anthony, who is 2. Maternal grandparents are James and Alice Hund of Hereford. Paternal grandmother is May Hochstein of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Marie Noggler of Hereford.

Brandon and Valerie Cox of Lazbuddie are the parents of a baby boy, Dallas Lynn, who was born at 10:59 a.m. on April 8. He weighed 6 lbs., 8-1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long. He has two older sisters, Leslee, 7, and Shelby, 2. Grandparents are Lynn and Sharon Cox of Lazbuddie. Great-grandparents are Lucille Odum of Dimmitt and Inez Cox of Hereford and the late K.H. Cox.

Todd and Debbie Touchstone of Fort Worth are the parents of a baby girl, Tara Luane, who was born at 2:43 p.m. on April 6 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Truman and Betty Touchstone of Dimmitt, Ann and Weldon Rodgers of Paducah, Dell Driver of Key Largo, Fla. and Pat Kenamer. Great-grandmother is Oleta Gollehon of Dimmitt.

**Wethington wins second in three-point contest**

Nazareth's Justin Wethington and Kristin Brockman closed out their high school basketball careers with good performances in the Golden Spread All-Star games last Thursday and Saturday in Amarillo, and Wethington finished second in the three-point shooting contest.

Approximately 40 senior boys competed in the three-point contest and Wethington made it to the final round with Anthony Cordova of Tucumcari, N.M. The two squared off in a runoff, and both made 8-of-10 treys and had to go at it again. The second time Cordova sank six while Wethington managed only three.

Brockman's West team lost its first game to the East squad, 70-66, and Brockman finished with 12 points—all from three-point range.

The West girls won the consolation game Saturday with a 101-74 victory over the North squad, and

she finished with 10 points, including two three-pointers.

In the semifinal game last Thursday, Wethington was one of four West all-stars to reach double figures in a 93-70 win over the East, finishing with 11 points.

In Saturday's championship game, the West team lost to the South, 80-71, and Wethington had eight points, hitting two treys and a pair of charity tosses. He was 2-for-3 from the field and 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Wethington played really well.

"In the first game he was guarding a guy from Palo Duro who finished with 17 points, and he got 12 of those points when Justin was out of the game," Makeever said. He added that Wethington hurt his ankle in the first half of the championship game and all of his points had come before the injury.

**More about**

**OM teams ...**

(Continued from Page 1)

scene from the 20th Century having one or more of the Iliad's gods and goddesses in each, and show some connection between the two periods.

Members of the Classics team are sophomores Addison Foskey, Jimmy Bryan and Joel Townsend; junior Monica De La Cruz; and seniors J. Dee Gonzales and Carlo Ontiveros. Coaches for the Classics team are Bill Sava and Vicki Richards.

The DMS "OM — Believable Music" team had to design and construct three devices which would play a recognizable melody in a recital which would take place for a minimum of 15 seconds in a 10' x 10' area. No team members could be in the concert area while the instruments played.

OM — Believable Music team members are sixth graders Christie Bryan, Lacy Louder and Julie Merritt; seventh grader Emily Robertson, and eighth graders Tracy Damron and Kaci Schulte. Jan

Bryan and Terri Louder coached the team.

In another Dimmitt connection, former OM competitor and DHS graduate Kris Keith coached a Division I team from Levelland and his team finished first in the state contest and will advance to World.

"The Dimmitt OM teams exemplified the principles stated in the OM Pledge, which reads: 'Let me be a seeker of knowledge. Let me travel uncharted paths, and let me use my creativity to make the world a better place in which to live,'" said Dimmitt OM Coordinator Bill Sava.

"We enjoyed accompanying these students to the state competition and feel that they exhibited good sportsmanship throughout the competition and represented our schools and our city in an exemplary manner."

Sava added that the OM teams are a continuing source of pride for Dimmitt, having advanced to state in previous years and to World last year in the face of competition with larger schools whose OM programs are a part of the regular curriculum.

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**Allstate Correction Notice**

In the Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 main news sections of this newspaper you may have received an Allstate discount ad of 20% on auto insurance was advertised. This discount is not available in Texas. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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### Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County.

If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of the fire siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

#### IN HOMES:

—Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

—If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

—Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

#### IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

—Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

#### IN MOBILE HOMES:

—Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building.

—If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

#### IN SCHOOLS:

—If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay

inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

#### IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

#### IN VEHICLES:

—Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

—Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

—Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

#### IN OPEN COUNTRY:

—Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

#### IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

—Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

—Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

—Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines that are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

### Lightning Storm Safety Rules

—Move indoors immediately.

—Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

—Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

—Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

—Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

#### IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

—Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

—Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

—Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

—If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

—Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

—In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

#### ON THE GOLF COURSE:

—Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

—Avoid open areas and trees.

—Move away from golf carts.

#### NEAR WATER:

—If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

—Boaters should head for shore immediately.

—Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

#### IN ANY LOCATION:

—Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

—A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

### Tornado Facts

April, May and June are the peak months of tornado activity.

Most tornadoes touch down in the late afternoon or early evening, between 3 p.m. and midnight.

The average tornado is on the ground for less than 15 minutes, travels about 6 miles, and moves at a rate close to 30 mph.

Tornadoes usually form in the southwestern quadrant of a severe thunderstorm.

Weak tornadoes may be only a few yards wide and contain winds less than 75 mph, but the most intense tornadoes may be more than a mile wide with winds approaching 300 mph.

Depending on the available light, a tornado funnel may appear almost black in color or sometimes nearly pure white.

Large hail sometimes (but not always) precedes a tornado.

Most tornadoes rotate in a counterclockwise direction.

A funnel-shaped cloud does not need to extend all the way down to ground level to cause a tornado. If debris is sighted whirling at ground level beneath a funnel, a dangerous tornado is in progress.

Authorities now say that you should NOT open windows when a tornado approaches.

The worst tornado in Castro County history was the Sunnyside tornado on April 12, 1960, which killed three. Since that time, tornadoes also have struck at Hart, Nazareth and in several open areas in the county, but no fatalities were recorded.

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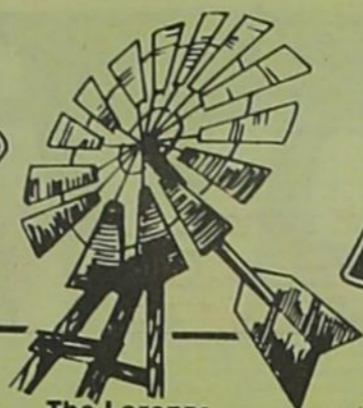
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## Flying Farmer

*Panhandle farmer mixes flying fancy with livelihood*

*He's one of many farming families who enjoy flying and us their planes for fun as well as business.*

By RICK LANNING

Hereford Brand

HEREFORD (AP) — There's nothing old-fashioned about Ralph Diller, a Hereford farmer who seems to have been born with wings.

Diller, 40, raises corn and wheat on his 1,100 acres just northeast of the city. He owns, not one, but three planes and he is in the process of teaching his son and wife how to fly.

"They're almost as crazy about flying as I am," said Diller, who grew up on a farm just a few miles from where he is now. He and his wife, Shelley have three children, Nathan, 15, Tamara, 13, and Christopher, 11.0

As the Dillers became more proficient in farming, they added 300 head of

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### AgReview

Hey, it rained!



Gordon Zeigler/AgReview

A cattle herd seems to be enjoying the benefits of some showers that hit counties in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains earlier this week. Despite the rains, however, more subsoil moisture is desperately needed as cotton planting approaches.

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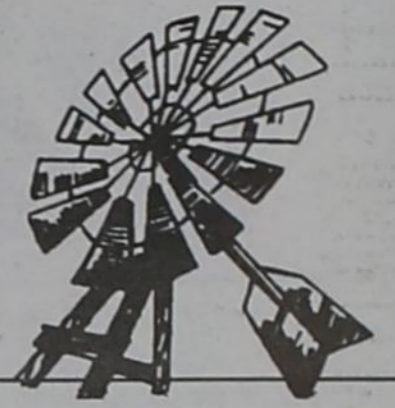
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# AgReview



## Aggie ladybugs to take on the aphids

DALLAS (AP) — Texas A&M scientists think they have taken an important first step toward countering aphids that have been causing extensive damage to the state's pecan crop.

Texas pecan production, valued at about \$39 million annually, occurs in most regions of the state and represents 20 percent of the nation's total pecan crop, second only to Georgia.

But in Georgia, the aphids are kept in check by large numbers of ladybugs who feed on them.

If it's good enough for Georgia, it's good enough for Texas, at least in this case.

Texas A&M entomologists Allen Knutson and Bill Ree made a trip to Georgia last month and collected 12,000 ladybugs, formally known as Harmonia lady beetles, to bring back to Texas via commercial airplane.

The ladybugs will hibernate in refrigerators, 1,000 per carton, at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Dallas until their release next spring to feed on aphids that attack pecans.

"Our only opportunity to capture such large numbers of beetles was during three or four days in November when they congregate around overwintering sites," Knutson said.

"These migrations only occur on warm, sunny days, so we kept changing our travel plans until weather forecasts for Georgia appeared favorable for beetle flights."

Knutson and Ree, both specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will place the beneficial insects in pecan "nursery sites" next spring in 10 locations in Texas, hoping they quickly begin to feed on

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Woody Williams/Canyon News

### There's an emu inside

Teri Roberts of Dancing Cowboy Ranch in northern Randall County shows off a pair of Emu eggs behind the glass of the incubation room. Emus, ostriches and their smaller cousin, the rhea, are becoming popular for breeding purposes across Texas — which has become the leader in raising the exotic birds.

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## Spring chimney cleaning is vital for fire safety

By JOHN WARDE  
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Fireplaces, wood stoves and chimneys require annual inspections and cleaning, especially if used regularly. Promptness is crucial.

Burning wood produces creosote, a tarlike substance that lines a chimney with a sticky flammable coating. If allowed to cool until the next heating season, the creosote hardens to form a glassy layer that resists removal.

Thick deposits of creosote can crack masonry and loosen stovepipes. More important, allowing creosote to build up can lead to a chimney fire.

Although cleaning a short stovepipe or a chimney on a one-story house is not too difficult — brushes and other equipment are available from fireplace and wood-stove dealers — most homeowners elect to use a professional chimney sweep.

Few states license or certify sweeps. The best way to find one is to ask for recommendations from friends and perhaps the Fire Department. Be sure that the sweep has workers compensation insurance. Many sweeps are members of the National Chimney Sweep Guild or the Wood Heating Education and Research Foundation.

As part of the cleaning, have the chimney or stovepipe inspected for

damage, especially deteriorated mortar, which can allow heat from a fire to enter walls. For a second opinion if deterioration is apparent, call an independent building inspector. Repairs involving mortar are usually best performed by a fireplace mason.

Chimney sweeps generally include cleaning fireplaces and wood stoves, but those are jobs that homeowners can realistically perform themselves to save money. Start by removing the ashes, but wait 24 to 48 hours after using the fireplace or stove to be sure that no embers still smolder. Then cover the hearth and floor with a dropcloth or newspapers and move furniture out of the way.

Next close the fireplace or stove damper and windows or doors that might produce drafts. Place a large metal bucket on the hearth near the fireplace or stove opening.

Don a dust mask, gently sweep or scoop the ashes with a brush and shovel and put them into the bucket. If a wood stove has a removable ash box, sweep the ashes into it and empty the box into the bucket. Work slowly to avoid scattering the ashes and raising puffs of soot.

Store the ashes outside in a metal garbage can with a tight-fitting lid for several

days. After making sure that they are cool, you may be able to discard the ashes with regular garbage or spread them as garden fertilizer.

To clean inside a fireplace or wood stove, wear a hat, goggles and gloves, plus a mask. Starting at the top, scrub the surfaces with a fiber-bristle brush to remove all soot, especially in corners. With a fireplace, also scrub the damper or remove and clean it separately.

Vacuum the inside of a fireplace or wood stove with just a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner or one designed for that purpose. Avoid using an ordinary household vacuum, as soot can clog the motor or be sent out the exhaust through the house.

To clean and protect the outside of a wood stove, apply paste stove polish, following the directions. To clean fireplace grates, andirons and tools, scrub them with a bristle brush and a solution of household detergent and warm water. Then rinse with plain water and dry with a soft cloth. For heavy-duty cleaning, mix the solution according to the instructions or use about a half-cup of detergent to a gallon of warm water.

Brighten brass and other polished metal with metal polish. Spruce up cast iron with paste stove polish or use heat-resistant spray

paint. Clean glass fireplace doors with ordinary window cleaner, unless different instructions are supplied. Some door manufacturers recommend household oven cleaner for removing stubborn stains or film.

To clean brick or stone hearths and trim except marble, scrub surfaces with a fiber-bristle brush dipped in the detergent solution, or in a stronger solution made by mixing a half-cup of trisodium phosphate, the commercial cleaning powder, and a tablespoon of household laundry bleach with a gallon of warm water. Wear rubber gloves and goggles.

Before applying either solution, thoroughly wet porous materials like brick, mortar and sandstone with water. Afterward, sponge with clear water to rinse and then blot dry.

For general cleaning of marble, use a marble-cleaning product. They are available from marble companies and janitorial suppliers. To remove smoke stains from marble, wash the surface with a marble cleaner containing acetate and acetone. Acetone burns skin and is harmful to breathe. So wear rubber gloves and goggles and provide plenty of ventilation.

If that does not work, buy

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### Flying, from Page 1

feeder cattle to beef up their cash flow during the winter months.

A genial man who stands over six feet tall and weighs 220 pounds, Diller says he enjoys farming, particularly when he is able to use modern methods to cut expenses, raise profits, and improve the environment.

"I'm a big reader," said Diller, "and that's one of the reasons I got into flying airplanes in the first place."

"I read in a farm magazine about the virtues of using beneficial insects as opposed to pesticides. Since I'm an organic farmer, I don't like to use chemicals or commercial fertilizers on my crops."

Diller faced one major problem: how to distribute the insects over his land in a timely fashion.

"I wanted to use beneficial insects to get rid of the earworms and spider mites on my corn," he said. "It's important to distribute the

insects in six hours — otherwise they'll hatch on you and die quickly. So I decided to do it from the air."

Problem No. 2 surfaced: he wasn't a pilot. Like everything else he tackles, he wanted to do the job himself. After looking through a number of publications that dealt with flying, he decided on a tiny ultralite that weighed 253 pounds and was powered by a 33-horsepower engine.

"The aircraft turned out to be dangerous when these West Texas winds were blowing," he said. "It didn't have much lift and couldn't get the job done."

Diller had trained himself to fly the plane. That was five years ago. The flying lessons took and he decided he needed a plane that was a little larger, with a more powerful engine to buck the winds. One of the stories he had read was about two former U.S. Air Force pilots, Harlow (H.B.) Wise and Dave Owen from Portales, N.M.

The partners owned a company called Laron Aviation and were manufacturing a do-it-yourself kit for people who wanted to build their own aircraft. The plane was called the Streak Shadow.

Diller called for information and the partners invited him down to Portales for a free test ride in the aircraft. Fully loaded with two passengers, the plane weighed under 900 pounds and was powered by a 65-hp engine.

"It performed unbelievably well in the wind," said Diller. "We darted all over the sky and H.B. told me it was nicknamed the 'Volkswagon Of The Air.' He also said the Streak Shadow had set a world's altitude record in England."

That was enough for Diller. Since the plane was superior to anything else he had looked at, he wrote out a check for a down payment on the spot.

The total cost of the kit was \$16,000.

### Ladybugs, from Page 2

yellow pecan aphids.

The Texas Pecan Growers Association will assist in choosing the sites to evaluate how the Harmonias adjust to varying Texas climates.

The alternative to collecting Harmonia in Georgia and releasing them in Texas, Knutson said, was to rear them in greenhouses and labs. It is a costly, labor-intensive process.

The Harmonia ladybug was imported from Japan and released by the U.S. Department of

that look like goggles. Their color varies from light orange to the familiar deep red, and there may be no spots or as many as 18.

The bugs will rest up from their trip, needing only an occasional misting of water during the winter.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Knutson gave them a water misting and let them "exercise" by removing them from the refrigerator long enough to warm up, get a drink and move around a bit.

"We hope the released beetles will multiply and become established in Texas," Knutson said.

"If the Harmonia lady beetle establishes as well here as in other states ... they'll be natural residents of Texas, helping to control aphids on trees and shrubs."

Agriculture in Georgia about 15 years ago. Scientists recently discovered that the ladybug had become established there.

The Harmonias are similar in size to other common ladybugs but distinctive in appearance because of white markings around the eyes

## TFB program encourages use of child seats

WACO — Car accidents are the leading cause of death for children under five, which is the reason the Texas law requires that such pre-schoolers are put in child restraints

Kid in one's lap taboo! "Even though it's the law, there are still a lot of mommas who feel there's nothing wrong with holding their little child in their lap while they drive down the road to the store or some safety representative for the Texas Farm Bureau.

Bullard advises well-meaning mothers not to hold that child since "in the course of an accident, that child could be crushed between the mother and the steering wheel."

While there's no way a person can get around the statute legally, Texas Farm Bureau has at least offered a means of curtailing the expense of purchasing one of the many high quality child safety seats on the market.

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TFB's Child-Saver program allows TFB members to put up a \$20 deposit for a child restraint seat. A TFB member can keep the seat until the child reaches the age of five. At that time, the safety seat can be returned to Farm Bureau and the deposit given back.

The seat, valued at \$60 or more, is available through county FB offices.

Bullard also advised

motorists to follow instructions carefully for strapping a child in a safety seat.

"There are accidents involving children who are improperly placed in a restraint seat," Bullard stated.

"The device is an excellent means of protecting a small child from being injured during an accident," Bullard said. "But, like anything mechanical, it requires people to

utilize it correctly."

Tips on the use of child restraint seats include:

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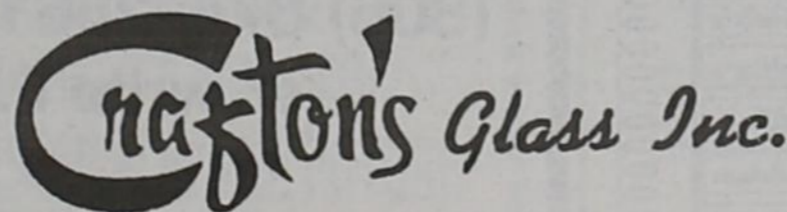
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# Farmer trying more natural method raising traditional crops

Lifelong cotton farmer Mark Wilkes doesn't ~ to talk others into following in his footsteps by switching to organic methods: he lets them decide for themselves, based upon the facts. Wilkes farms about 4,000 acres in the heart of the Texas High Plains. Over one-third of the land he farms is owned by his family and has been for more than 40 years. Wilkes' definition of success is making enough income to comfortably support his family and farm and keeping his land healthy and productive.

"When we first started farming this land, it was all organic except for a couple of the first agricultural chemicals," Wilkes said. As research progressed, more and more chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and exfoliants came into use. By the time Wilkes took over operation of the farm, many more chemicals were in widespread use. Although chemicals could have made his job easier in some respects, his first response was to go easy on them. His sale has always been to limit his involvement with the government, which led to low-input methods because of the cost and regulation of agricultural chemicals. By switching to organic, he has reduced the potential for problems such as water contamination, disposal of chemical containers and poor employee health.

Wilkes' 0 first experimented with growing organically in 1990 as a natural result of his farming sale. It was a very dry year without good planting rain. He didn't feel comfortable spending more money in what looked like a bad year, so he switched to all organic methods on 75 acres of his land, decreasing his input costs to almost nothing. The year turned out to be better than Wilkes had expected, and he turned a good profit on the



Wilks in cotton field

organically grown cotton. In addition, he realized cost savings by eliminating the costs of chemicals.

After this first successful foray into organic growing, Wilkes realized that organic cotton could make him money in both bad and good years and he decided to jump into organics with both feet. He now grows about 3,500 acres of certified organic cotton, including several acres of high value color organic cotton. His yields in 1993 were about 600-700 pounds per acre for irrigated and 210 pounds per acre on d~ land. ~en he farmed conventionally, he would produce about 750 pounds per acre on irrigated and 275 pounds per acre on d~land. Prices for organic cotton now range from 21/2-51/2 times what traditionally-grown cotton sells for. He makes a larger profit with organic cotton than with traditional cotton even though his yields have decreased and his labor costs have gone up because of increased product value and decreased chemical costs.

Wilkes never relied heavily on synthetic chemicals and fertilizers, so the switch to organic production was

not dramatic. He knew that with organic cotton he could make money selling at higher prices, but if necessary~, he could still make a profit selling at traditional prices. His crop yields declined about 15 percent the first year, but the higher price that his cotton commands more than made up for the loss of volume. Since then, his yields have increased and his market price is higher - and net farm income has improved.

On his remaining acreage, Wilkes raises acre and wheat and also has some of his land in the Conservation Reserve~e Program (CRP). The millet is a special~ crop grown organically and sold at more than twice the price of traditional millet to marketers of natural birdseed. Wilkes feels that the risk he took in devoting some of his acreage to millet, a crop outside government support programs, was well worth the risk. "If you choose your crops carefully, you can command a very good price," he stated.

Wilkes swears by Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to solve his insect problems. He has used ladybugs, lacewings and ~trichogramma wasps

to keep pest populations down. He has seen chemical pesticides come and go as they lose effectiveness because of increasing insect tolerance. He says, "The only thing that a bad bug can't develop a tolerance to is another bug - unless they start carrying knives."

Wilkes doesn't see organic sprays as being any more effective than non-organic sprays in this sense. Wilkes uses the common-sense methods of timely cultivation and hoeing to keep weed populations down. Fertilizer is one issue with which Wilkes is still grap-

pling. He has been using cow manure and green manure with moderate success. He has never tried commercial fertilizer because of high transportation costs. He will probably experiment with other methods in the future. He is also planning on beginning a crop rotation program to keep his soil from becoming depleted from constant cotton crops. He will rotate cotton with soybeans, blue corn and other crops that command high prices on the organic market. He wants his farm to grow in size and to become entirely certified organic.

Wilkes is president of the Texas Organic Cotton Growers Association (TOCGA), which was formed in 1992 and has sent newsletters to a mailing list of about 1,500 growers, apparel and textile industry~ representatives and other interested individuals and businesses. The organization is in the process of becoming incorporated and plans to continue educating people about organic cotton. Wilkes sees TOCGA developing into an organization not unlike the National Cotton Council, which would develop nationwide advertising and public awareness campaigns, fabrics and

markets, and send representatives to conventions in related industries. This year, TOCGA has developed an organic cotton producers' cooperative; this group provides a centralized location for mills, retailers and other merchants to purchase raw cotton. Judging from TOCGA's growth ~h and Wilkes' personal experiences, it is easy to see the progress organic cotton has made from its place on the fringes of production just a few years ago.

Wilkes makes the time to be involved with several projects and organizations in his community~. He is willing to assist any farmer interested in organic cotton growing methods on an individual basis.

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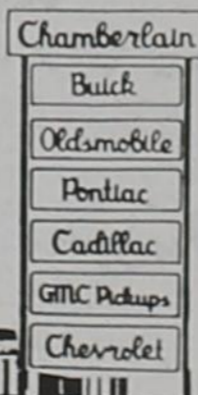
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# A&M program intends to prepare cattleman for 21st Century

**COLLEGE STATION** — As fall classes begin, the partially completed Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Complex near the Brazos River is already bringing an updated educational concept to a new breed of student.

The first beef cattle laboratory sessions have already been held at the new complex's Beef Center. Dr. Bill Turner, professor of animal science and planning coordinator for the new complex, said it will better serve today's agriculture students who differ from those in his college days, when most agriculture students came out of farming and ranching families.

"We're getting what I call second-generation agriculture students who are very bright but often have no hands-on agricultural experi-

ence," Turner said. "We knew land and animals like these students know science and computers."

But the new complex, which will include five major centers when finished, is not a "model farm or ranch," Turner said.

"It will be an all-purpose, interactive facility run not only for the students, but by them, and giving them the best opportunity to achieve and integrate everything they learn," he said.

Cattle will be bred and raised on the 582-acre complex, although many will be finished out at commercial feedlots and other facilities. Students will have the opportunity to see and take part in application and management of a total beef program, Turner said.

The animal science department also

intends the new complex to be a focal point for industry, he said.

"For example, breed associations can come here and hold a field day hosted by students, who would provide complete labor and services," Turner said.

Some students will have working internships at the complex, but it is also a place where other students can watch or practice the things they learn about, where industry groups can hold functions, and even where students can cater meals for their clubs' social events, Turner said. When the complex is completely finished by the spring of 1995, it will include the Beef Center, the Swine Center, the Sheep and Goat Center, the Thomsen Animal Euthenics Center, and the Nutrition and Physiology Center.

The Beef Center was the first of the facilities finished, and Turner said he has imagined that someday all Texas A&M beef science classes could be held there.

However, it will not be fully utilized until further construction projects open new roads and parking lots at the complex in 1994.

Mass transportation will also be available by 1995, bringing students from the main campus to the complex, located some five miles west of the main campus.

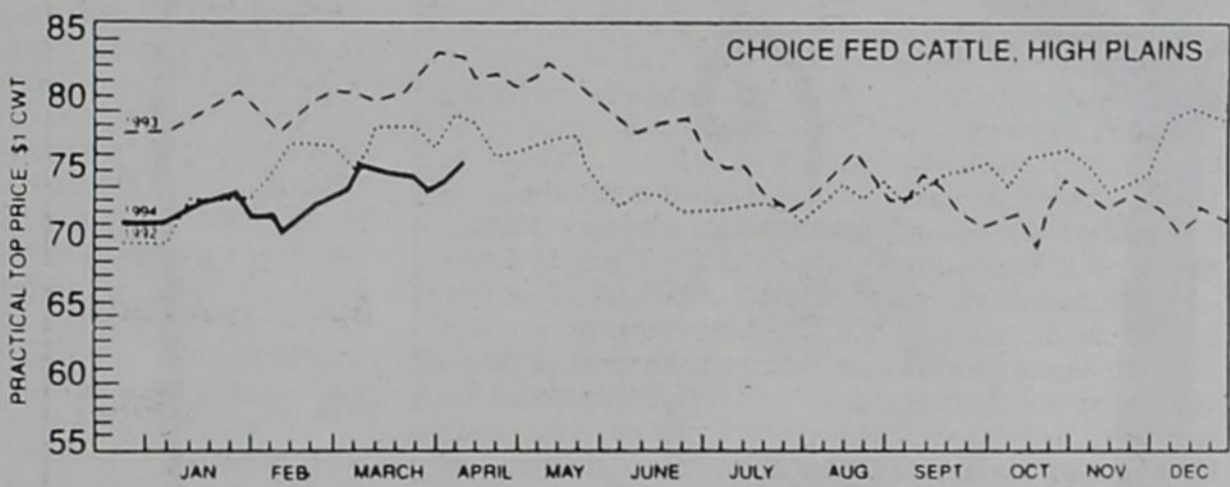
Another year of pasture development is also necessary, and a house on the grounds will be converted to the G. Rollie White Visitor Center. During the summer, the Texas A&M University Board of Regents assigned the house to the animal science department for renovation.

Two student caretakers eventually will live

full-time in the house, which is envisioned as a central location for both visitors to meet and for students riding transportation to or from campus.

Turner said the new complex should make Texas A&M unique among land-grant universities, because it is the only complex he knows of with class-

rooms, laboratories, animal support facilities and a potential for extensive student interaction with all major agricultural animals within a short bus ride from campus. The facility will also provide students an exposure to state-of-the-art research and extension programs, he said.



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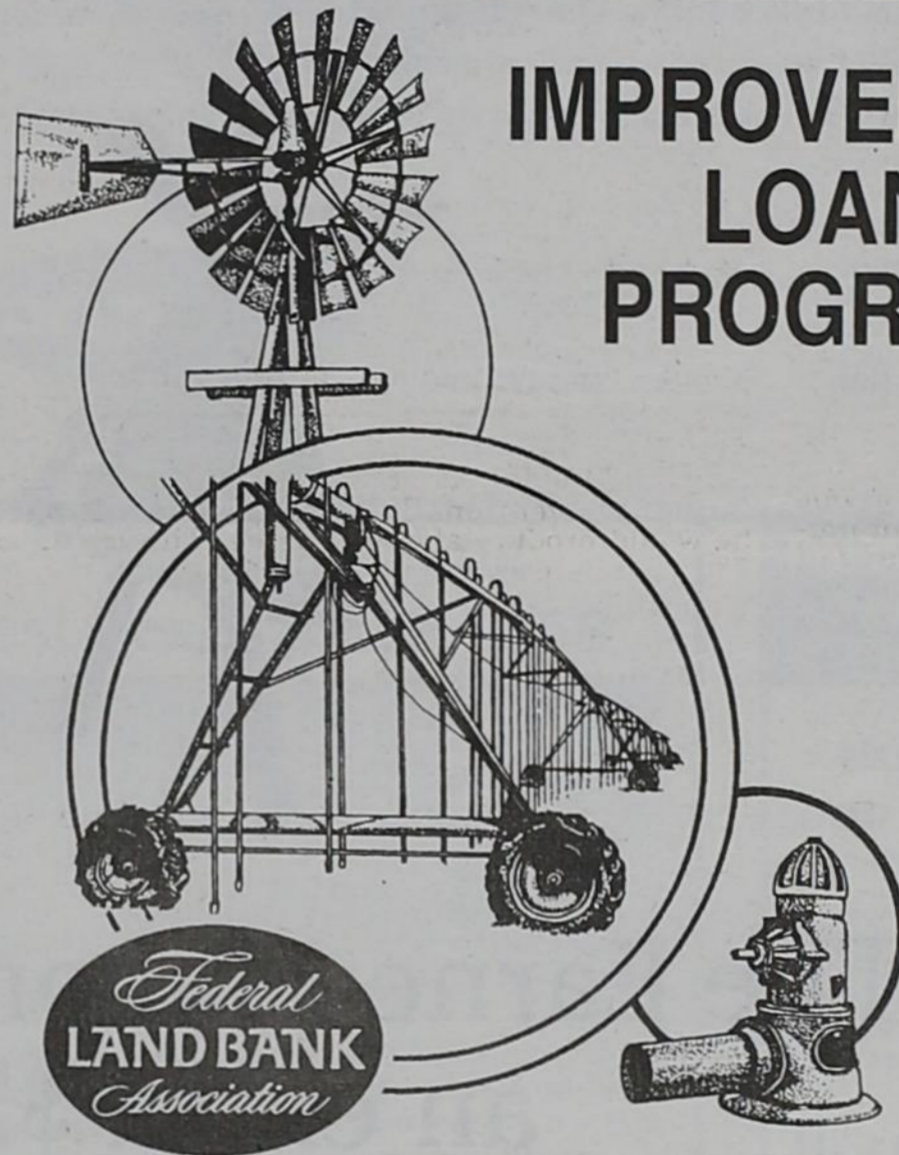
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# Kanaf: New paper source and new diversified crop

Special to AgReview

For over 40 years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been investigating the possibilities of using the kenaf (ke naf<sup>Q</sup>) plant, a native African plant, for making paper.

Agency tests indicate that newsprint made from the plant is just as strong as conventional paper and requires less ink. Albuquerque-based KP Products backed the first commercial production of kenaf paper last October, and Fort Worth-based Alpha & Omega Printing & Graphics began printing on kenaf bond last November.

So, what is kenaf? And what impact might it have on the printing industry?

Kenaf was introduced to the U.S. during the 1940s as a possible substitute for jute (used for making rope, burlap sacks and other fibrous products). In the late 1970s, private interests became heavily involved. Kenaf newsprint was used several times in newspaper press runs, most recently in 1987, when The Bakersfield Californian printed two sections on kenaf.

Newspaper tests proclaimed the results as good or better than traditional newsprint made from wood pulp, according to the economist in charge of the Kenaf Demonstration Project in the Agricultural Department's Cooperative State Research Service in Washington. The resulting newspapers were brighter, had high contrast and good color. Less ink was needed to print them and the ink did not rub off on hands and clothing. Even after a year in storage, the kenaf newspapers did not turn yellow.

As a fiber source, Kenaf also has the potential to be used for a number of agricultural products. If these markets prove viable, this plant could become a new cash crop for farmers in New Mexico and the southern U.S.

The potential uses of the kenaf plant, however, aren't enough justification for farmers and investors to jump on board yet. They are waiting for positive results - results that require some investment.

Kenaf's roots in the U.S.

After reading an article about the kenaf plant several years ago, Thomas Rymsza moved from New York to Arizona and eventually to New Mexico, growing his own small crop of kenaf, and joining efforts to promote the commercial use of kenaf in the U.S.

While a tree takes 7 to 40+ years to mature to harvestable size,

kenaf, an annual crop, reaches a mature height of 18 feet in 120-150 days after planting, and can produce seven to 11 tons of dry fiber per acre. The outer fiber of the plant comprises about 40 percent of the dry weight of the plant, the inner core about 60 percent. The 60/40 mix is ideal for newsprint, but it's necessary to process the two fiber types separately, and then mix them in different ratios, to produce other paper grades.

In 1992, Rymsza contracted with five farmers in New Mexico to plant two acres of kenaf each. The productive harvest enabled the beginning of commercial use of the plant, with one company conducting pulping tests to determine if kenaf could be used as a cheaper alternative to wood pulp.

Rymsza currently operates under the company name KP Products, based in Albuquerque - the first endeavor to make kenaf paper products for commercial use with the October '92 release of kenaf bond. Rymsza has contracted with a paper mill to produce the paper, but has plans to build a kenaf mill in New Mexico, perhaps by 1995.

He is also working with Kenaf International in Texas, a joint venture company formed in 1981, to promote the crop's commercial use by having some of the kenaf made into paper. The USDA has signed an agreement for about a ton of bond paper for office letterhead. Kenaf International and Earth Care Paper in Madison, Wisc., have both contracted for a ton of paper each.

Rymsza expects to produce a minimum of 500 tons of kenaf bond in 1993, and will sell the product both directly and through pending East Coast, West Coast and Texas distributors. Desert Paper and Envelope in Albuquerque sells kenaf product in volume and Earth Care Paper sells smaller quantities of the stock.

KP's kenaf offset is a semi-bleached (no chlorine) natural color, comparable in thickness and feel to a 20-lb. bond sheet. It is available in 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 11-inch and 11 x 17-inch wrapped reams; #10, A2, #6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and A6 envelopes; 17 x 22, 23 x 25 and 25 x 38-inch cut sheets; and rolls of 3 inch core, 40-inch outside diameter and 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch minimum width. Special sizes and specifications are available.

In November 1992, Alpha & Omega Printing & Graphics, Fort Worth, began using kenaf bond on its 12-year-old A.B. Dick 375 offset duplicator.

"We gave the paper no special considerations in our first attempts to run it, and much to our satisfaction, we found that kenaf bond ran like a champ," says owner Mark Shippy. "Kenaf paper performs at least as well, and in many cases better, than comparable recycled and standard papers. Kenaf bond paper and envelopes are now a part of our regular inventory, and we have had complete success in all of the printing jobs we have produced on the stock."

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# More tree plantings could benefit urban America

NY Times News

Planting trees in cities and suburbs can reap millions of dollars in long-term savings by making it less costly to heat and cool buildings, by absorbing air pollution and by conferring a range of other environmental benefits, according to a study by the U.S. Forest Service.

The three-year study focused on metropolitan Chicago, and the researchers estimated that planting 95,000 trees in Cook and DuPage counties would result in a net benefit of \$38 million over 30 years.

Scientists have long known that trees exert a cooling effect, absorb pollutants, improve water quality, lessen flooding and abate noise, among other benefits. But the new study is believed to be the first to put dollar amounts on the benefits and measure them against the cost of planting and maintaining trees in a specific area. In the course of their investigation, the researchers also produced an unusually detailed examination of the role of vegetation in an urban-suburban ecosystem.

Metropolitan Chicago is particularly well endowed with trees — more than 50 million of them in the two-county

study area, according to the study report by Dr. E. Gregory McPherson, Dr. David J. Nowak and Dr. Rowan A. Rowntree, all research foresters with the Forest Service.

Trees "have long been recognized as valuable community assets" by Chicagoans, McPherson wrote. But, he went on, officials faced with dwindling budgets are questioning whether trees are worth the cost of planting and maintenance, and homeowners are beginning to wonder whether coping with fallen leaves, invasive roots, grass-killing shade and broken branches is worth the trouble. "Urban forestry programs," he wrote, "must now prove their cost-effectiveness."

The report estimated that in 1991 alone, the value of the removal of pollutants like carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone and particulate matter from the air by trees amounted to \$9.2 million in the study area.

By providing shade and blocking winter winds, the study found, a single 25-foot tree can reduce annual heating and cooling costs by 2 to 4 percent, and three adroitly placed trees could save Chicago homeowners \$50 to \$90 a year. The economic analysis

found that energy savings could exceed costs by 35 percent for trees planted near typical two-story buildings and by 90 percent for trees near energy-efficient wood-frame buildings.

"You can manage your trees to improve energy efficiency by planting the right species in the right spot and doing the right pruning," Nowak said.

For example, trees planted on the western side of a house generally provide maximum shade. Trees planted on the southern side would also increase the cooling; but in northern climes, they would also block valuable southern sunlight in the winter, thereby raising heating costs.

Even the branches of leafless deciduous trees can block 30 to 40 percent of incoming solar radiation, Nowak said.

Selecting "solar friendly" trees with

open crowns that drop their leaves early in the fall and sprout them again late in spring can mitigate this problem, according to the report.

Among solar-friendly trees listed in the study are, for instance, ash, Norway maple and poplar. And trees planted on the northern or northwestern side of homes in many northern areas can turn away chilling winter winds, reducing heating costs.

Street trees, which account for 10 percent of Chicago's trees and 24 percent of total leaf-surface area, were found to be a major source of building shade. The researchers calculated that the shade of a large street tree situated to the west of a typical brick residence can reduce the use of air-conditioning energy by 2 to 7 percent.

While the study found that large trees remove 60 to 70 times more pollution than do small ones, it also discovered that most of the Chicago area's trees are small. Many of these are invasive species that sprout readily in disturbed areas, grow quickly and live a relatively short time.

The most common trees are buckthorn, green ash, white ash,

various species of the cherry family, box elder and the American elm. The invasive buckthorn, a European native originally imported as a decorative shrub that has widely proliferated and crowded out many native species, accounts for 12.7 percent of the total tree population but only 2.9 percent of total leaf surface, according to the study.

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