#### By Don Nelson

And you thought the Internal Revenue Service didn't have a sense of humor.

At the annual Texas Press Association summer convention four weeks ago, Bob Branson, a public affairs specialist with the IRS office in Austin, shared some hilarious letters that the IRS has received from taxpayers through the years.

Branson even read them with feeling, to emulate the unbridled emotions the writers must have felt when they wrote them.

(Who said the government can't feel our pain?) To-wit:

Dear IRS: Stop sending me these bills. I've been dead for almost a year.

■ Dear IRS: Enclosed please find my estimated tax return. You'll note I did not sign my name to it. If I'm gonna guess how much I earned, you can guess who sent it

■ Dear IRS: As I was getting the tax forms out of the box I was bitten by a black widow spider and I've been too sick since to complete the return. I'm not really accusing your office of sending the spider with the form, but let's face it, day morning's town hall meeting. fellas, I didn't put it there.

Finding that a particular taxpayer was deceased, the IRS forwarded a tax notice to the dead man's tax preparer. The accountant sent the IRS this response:

Dear IRS: You asked why soand-so did not file his tax return. The above named taxpayer was unable to renew his nonrenewable lease on life and therefore left no forwarding address. And yet, at sometime in the future, if I should see him in heaven, I will pass on your request for his tax return. If, on the other hand, he went elsewhere, you can get it yourself.

One of the classic IRS stories, Branson said, involved the late country singer, Conway Twitty, who opened a chain of hamburger joints called "Twitty Burger."

Twitty lost money on the venture and went out of business. He paid off the investors, then tried to deduct those payments from his taxes. The IRS told him he couldn't do that. Twitty took it to court.

The tax court judge issued his zany decision in verse, entitled "Ode to Conway Twitty":

Twitty Burger went belly-up, but Conway remained true,

He repaid his investors, one and all-it was the moral thing to do.

His fans would not have liked it; it could have hurt his fame,

Had any investors sued him like Merle Haggard or Sonny James.

When it was time to file taxes,

Conway thought what he would do, Was deduct those payments as a business expense under Section

162. In order to allow these deductions (comes the argument of the com-

The payments must be ordinary and necessary to a business of the petitioner.

Now, had Conway not repaid the investors, his career would have

been under cloud, So, under the unique facts of this case, held, the deductions are al-

Not to be outdone, the IRS is-

(Note: Twitty's real name was Harold Jenkins.)

Harold Jenkins and Conway Twitty, they were both the same. But one was born; the other achieved fame.

The man is talented and has many a friend; They opened a restaurant; his name he did lend.

There are two different things:

making burgers and song. The business went sour; it didn't take long.

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EXPLAINING RURAL HEALTH CLINICS—Melissa Kemp (left) explains a point about Rural Health Clinics during a meeting Saturday at Dimmitt City Hall. The meeting was sponsored by Castro

County Hospital District. Kemp has worked with rural health clinics since 1986 in southwest Texas and Austin. Photo by John Brooks

# Clinic questions aired

Based on its ratio of doctors to population, Castro County is "very underserved" medically and is a prime candidate for a rural health clinic program, Melissa Kemp told a Dimmitt audience of 26 at Satur-

Kemp is the grants administrator for the Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Marfa and formerly was with the state's Center for Rural Health Initiatives. She was described by Hospital Adminstrator Steve Goode as "probably THE expert in Texas when it comes to rural health clinics."

The two-hour session in Dimmitt's city hall council room was the first of two town hall meetings on the rural health clinic program Saturday. Another followed in Hart that afternoon.

Tracing the history of rural health clinics in Texas, Kemp noted that there are now more than 200 such clinics in the state, "so you know something is working."

A clinic's service area, by law, must be "medically underserved," Kemp explained. "Castro County is considered as 'very underserved.'"

If a physician or a hospital district goes into the rural health clinic program to make money, they're in it for the wrong reason, Kemp said. She also noted that it usually takes two to three years for a rural health clinic to start breaking even finan-

cially. "The intent of a rural health clinic is to increase access, not to make a million dollars," she said. "One of the main ways to do this is to utilize the mid-level practitioner physician assistants, nurse

practitioners and certified nurse midwives."

been filed in the case.

A rural health clinic is required to have at least one physician assistant on duty at least 50% of the time that it is open, Kemp said.

"What's the cost difference here to a patient between a medical doctor and a physician assistant?" Morris Wilcox asked.

Vince Moss, Castro County Community Clinics administrator, said that "all the patients at all our clinics are charged the same amount-about \$35-whether they see a PA or an MD."

Rural health clinics are open to everyone, and are required to receive Medicaid and Medicare patients, Kemp explained.

From the audience, Mildred Bradford commented, "I think one of the problems here is that we have emphasized Medicare and Medicaid, and other people don't know that they can come to a rural health clinic for care."

"Sure—that is a fallacy about private-pay patients," Kemp said.

She added, "You need everybody to utilize the clinic. In little-bitty towns, the rural health clinic is THE primary-care clinic. And it's good care."

"My only gripe," said Sal DiCuffa, "is that they sprang (the rural health clinic program) on us without telling us anything about it. We didn't know anything about it until we read it in the paper—after the

"There was a feasibility study and a lot of research that went into it here," Gwen Bryant countered. "If you aren't going to attend the board meetings, you have to trust your board on these things."

POT PLANTS CONFISCATED—Castro County Sheriff's Deputies

Don Williams (left) and W.H. Cox Jr. pulled these 25 plants believed

to be marijuana from the back yard of a home in the Hacker

Addition northwest of Hart on Monday. Deputies learned of the pot

from several sources, they said. Some of the plants had been injured

by someone spraying to kill weeds along a fenceline. Charges haven't

Photo by John Brooks

Teresa Lindsey commented that the community wasn't involved in the decision to establish rural health clinics here, and that the program "wasn't really brought before the community.

"Marketing is very, very important," Kemp said. "You've got to let folks know what services you provide."

"We have to provide care for our indigent patients whether they go to Amarillo, Lubbock or wherever," said Rhonda Killough, L.V.N. "Isn't it more cost-effective to care for our own here?"

Kemp answered that this was one of the main considerations for most hospital districts in establishing rural health clinics.

Goode noted that the national poverty rate is 10%, but that in Castro County it is 29%. People near and below the poverty line are the ones who qualify for Medicaid

George Sides brought up the public-relations problem that the hospital district has experienced in its rural health clinic program here.

"Seven or eight years ago, when the hospital district had to raise the tax rate from 10 cents to 35 cents to keep the hospital open, several of us got out and worked to help get that passed," Sides said. "At that time, it was told to us that it would require three years to pay back the half a million that we owed to the government.

"Since then, there's never been anything said like, 'Well, we've got this done, so we're going to cut our taxes back.'...

"As a property owner, I think the right thing."

that when this health-care program came in here, we didn't have enough information. We thought, 'Well, the hospital district has got a lot of money, and now they're doing something else with our money instead of lowering our taxes.' And this is a lot of concern among taxpayers. I think this is where a lot of our problems come

Mildred Bradford countered, "Would you rather have your tax money back, or health care?"

"What I'm saying," Sides said, "is that I think a lot of us felt like we were betrayed. ... I want the doctors here, and I want the hospital here. I don't want to go to Plainview or Amarillo. But I was concerned when I went down to the hospital and they were putting concrete down for a parking lot when asphalt would have been sufficient. I just get concerned as a taxpayer

Goode added, "If you don't go to a hospital board meeting, and there's something going on that you don't understand, feel free to call me. I'll be glad to explain the details to you. And I hope, when I'm through explaining it to you, that you'll feel the board has done

how my tax money is spent."

Kemp suggested that the hospital board and administrators "sit down with representatives of the city, the county, the economic development board and other representatives of the community and ask them, 'Where do we want to be in five years? Do we want a cat-scan, do we want this service or that?' If people want something, they'll support it."

## Kemp urges marketing for Hart clinic success

A handful of Hart residents showed up for a one-hour session to discuss rural health clinics Saturday in the community room of Hale County State Bank-Hart Banking

Melissa Kemp of Alpine, formerly with the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, gave a brief overview of rural health clinics and told what could evolve with community support of the Hawkins Community Clinic in Hart. The clinic is in its second year of operations, and has been budgeted for a paper loss of \$130,000.

"How much loss should there be before we say it is not working?" asked Vince Moss, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics.

"It's the intent," Kemp said. "You need to provide services where services are not available. You don't want to lose hundreds and hundreds of thousands, but it is much more expensive in the long run if patients have to go to the hospital with major problems."

The clinic, as are all rural health clinics nationwide, is staffed by one or more physician's assistants, and a doctor is in the clinic at least once a week. Some people have complained about not getting to see a full-fledged doctor and want to pay less if they see a PA instead of a doctor. "They should pay the same

amount whether they see a doctor or a mid-level practitioner," Kemp said. "PA's are not everything for everyone, and mid-level practitioners know from their training that if they can't handle it they should contact a doctor immediately."

"People call me after a year and ask if they can use the clinic," said Cindy Lee, receptionist at the Hart clinic. "I have done just over 500 charts and it has been real slow trying to get people to come in."

"Do a health fair, check people's cholesterol, and they might come in the next week," Kemp said. "You can do free screenings for blood pressure. You have to market it, and use your enthusiasm to bring people in."

Lee said a lot of traffic comes from folks who have used doctors in Dimmitt, Plainview or elsewhere who might not be able to see their July Molsture regular doctor for some reason.

"It's taken people a long time to realize we are here," Lee said.

## Hart Days will salute

The old west will be celebrated at the annual Hart Days celebration, Friday and Saturday in Hart.

The theme for this year is "Ode to the Wild, Wild West." Activities began with a carnival Wednesday which will run through Saturday.

Throughout the celebration, members of the WITH Association will be sponsoring a Duck Race for a trip to Las Vegas. "Vegas Show Ducks" are being sold for \$10 each, and the winner will receive a free trip to Las Vegas, including airfare for two and two nights' accomodations in a hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

The duck race will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Entries are being accepted for a mini-fair to be displayed Saturday in a tent at McLain's Car Wash. Exhibitors must be Hart residents and can enter one of three categories: canning; farm and garden; and horticulture.

Entrants 18 or under will be in the Youth Division; all others will be in the Adult Division.

Entries are due Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the bank. Fair packets with rules can be found at Hart City Hall, Cargill, Hart Bank and The Company Store.

Events begin with a Hart Days Pet Show-Off at 5 p.m. at McLain's Car Wash. Ginia Malone said owners should bring their pets, which is designed to show off the best pets

The Hart Fire Dept. will sponsor bingo at the fire station from 7 p.m. until midnight. Bingo will be available again Saturday, if crowds warrant it, after the parade. Bingo will be scheduled again Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The Dudes 'n Dolls Contest will be at the Hart Elementary Gym at 7:30 p.m. Several Hart men will be vying for the title of Miss Hart in the contest. Other entertainment is scheduled, and admission is 50 cents for children under 12 and \$1 for everyone 12 and older. Proceeds will go to the Hart Days Committee.

### Saturday

Saturday's activities begin with the parade at 10 a.m. Categories include floats, antique tractors, antique cars and pickups, and bicycles, four-wheelers, go-karts and

Parade entries may be made by calling Jarrel Sewell at 938-2178 in the day or 647 - 5645 evenings. Jones may be called at 647-5220.

A reception for honored pioneers Nora Lancaster and Manuela Rodriguez will be held after the parade. The reception will be in the bank community room.

Other activities include:

—Zealot Club ice cream sales. Lions Club horseshoe tournament.

-Pies (whole or by the piece) sold by United Methodist Women. —Children's tractor pull at 1

—WITH Association ice cream sales.

- Food booths by various organizations. A softball tournament will be

held Saturday and Sunday at the Hart baseball field, sponsored by Parents Who Care.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday and feature teams from surrounding towns. Junior high cheerleaders will operate the concession stand, and there is no admission charge.

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# On the Go

Ruth Cochran has returned to Dimmitt after spending a month in Texarkana. Most of her time was spent tending to business, but she did manage to squeeze in some time for rest and recreation. On July Fourth, Ruth took her aunt, Ouida Orr, to Central Mall in Texarkana to see the annual fireworks display. This year's display was larger and lasted longer than ever

On July 11, Ruth went to Mena Ark., to see her cousins Trish and Mark Wilcox and their daughters, Rachel and Markelle. Trish and Mark are remodeling a lovely rock home on the edge of the Ouachita National Forrest near Mena.

six friends from Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer took Ruth and her step-mother, Margaret, out to the Hushpuppy Restaurant for a wonderful all - you - can - eat fish dinner. "The Girls," as they are known, are long time friends of Ruth's and her family.

Friday, July 15, Ruth and Margaret sponsored "Horace's Hamburger Supper" at the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Texarkana. Over 50 people attended the annual event begun by Ruth's Dad, Horace Cochran, how passed away in May. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs cooked over oak wood on a grill. Ruth and Margaret continued the tradition in memory of Horace.

Ruth left for Dimmitt on Saturday, July 16, spending the night with Maxine Myers's aunt, Martha Lou McKay in Childress.

Ruth said she enjoyed her visit but is glad to be home.

Walter Maynard and Debra Ball recently returned from a week's stay in Glorieta, N.M. They attended "Music Week" at the Baptist Camp. During the week both attended some excellent classes and conferences in music. Walter attended piano classes that gave great ideas for church worship. The wellknown composer - arranger, Kurt Kaiser, taught her classes. He also gave a mini - concert one night. Debra attended vocal classes and learned much to be utilized by herself, as well as sharing with the choir back home in her church. There was much great music each night. One night all the electricity went out in Glorieta and everything had to be cancelled that night. A children's choir from Oklahoma was to have performed that night and they were very disappointed. Walter and Debra went into Santa Fe a few times during the week. One afternoon was spent shopping at a new outlet mall. It was like a small town and there were some very nice places to shop. They took in a couple of movies and ate some good Mexican food. Alice Young, formerly of Dimmitt, is working at Glorieta this summer, and Walter and Debra treated Alice one night to a movie and then went to El Rancho Chimaya to eat. It is a neat place north of Santa Fe. The food and atmosphere were great! The whole week was totally an inspiration to both Walter and Debra.

Saundra Honea of Plano spent a few days with her mother, Oleada Hance, in Dimmitt. Oleada's granddaughters, Shari Mason, and children Ashley and Allison, and Lisa Keith, and children, Chris and



FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the Castro County News office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners: Jessie Capley Amber Allison

Crystal, all of Dumas, came to see their mother, Saundra and grandmother, Oleada.

Paul and Barbara Kenley spent their vacation on the East Coast recently. They arrived in Washington, D.C. on July 4th and drove on to Philadelphia, where they toured Independence Hall and related landmarks. From there they drove on to Valley Forge, where they toured the winter headquarters of Washington's Continental Army. While at Valley Forge, they also visited Freedoms Foundation, from which Barbara was awarded the George Washington Medal of Freedom when she was in high school. On Tuesday, July 12, a group of They then drove to Baltimore, where they met their daughter, Nikki, at the Baltimore airport. The remainder of the week they were in Washington, D.C., Hampton and Williamsburg, Va. Two of the highlights of the trip were the Holocaust Museum, and attending a musical at the Ford's Theater, where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. After their vacation, Paul and Barbara flew to Waco for the annual Baylor Ministers Conference, and Nikki flew back to Lubbock.

> Herschell and Nellie Felder of Hart celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They married in 1929 in Hollis, Okla. They had four children, W.H. Felder Jr. of Sunray, Barbara Godfrey of Plainview, Jerry Felder (deceased) and Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt. Bobby and Wanda Murcok drove over to Hart on Sunday morning and took the Felders to the morning worship services at the Church of Christ. They were honored at church and the young families said that was a good example for them to follow to live together that long. Nellie's brother and wife, Clay and Mildred Anderson, drove over from Plainview to wish the couple a "Happy Anniversary." Bobby and Wanda prepared dinner for the special occasion.

A large crowd gathered at the gazebo on Friday at noon bringing their brown bag lunch and enjoying visiting with friends before the concert began. The entertainment was furnished by Tommy Stewart, who sang for 30 minutes, and Vince and Valerie Moss and Bill Sava finished out the hour. Tommy Stewart is from Tulia but is living in Dimmitt now. He attended school in Tulia with my nephew, Kelley

Sheril Hucks and children Heather, Tyler and baby Hunter, of Pampa spent a few days visiting with Bay and Bobbie Bladridge. Sheril and the baby returned home, but Heather and Tyler stayed in Dimmitt for a longer visit.

Milton and Sandra Bagwell went to Wichita Falls to welcome a new grandson, T.J., who was born on July 8, to Dave and Carol Moyers. He has an eleven-year-old brother, Royce, and an eight-year-old sister, Heather.

Shelley Rice gave the devotional on Thursday morning at the Canterbury Villa. Her subject was "The Cure for Anxiety." Jesus can take care of our anxious times. She read a poem Just For You. Renise Blair and Paul Kenley sang Peace, Wonderful Peace and Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord, as Renise played the guitar. Others singing were Billie Kirby, Irene Carpenter, Oma Dee Heard, Mauzee Youts, and Mary Edna Hendrix.

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Edna Hendrix,

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center, and she served a delicious peach cobbler with ice cream. Dude McLauren won high score and Virginia Crider won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingingsmith, Ferne Dickey, Neva Hickey, Loranell Hamilton, Elizabeth Huckabay, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Johnnie Vannoy, Alma Kenmore, and Retta Cluck.

The Bible School students at First United Mehtodist Church performed the musical Go, Go Jonah! Sunday morning.

The musical, by Kathie Hill, tells the story in song of God calling Jonah to minister to the people of Nineveh, and of Jonah's little "fishing trip" along the way.

The cast is as follows: Announcer - Jenny Robertson, Jess -Trinity Robb, Annie - Kendra Shannon, Chris — Debbie Peralez, Buddy - Jake Loudder, J.J. - Jill Merritt, Jonah - Trey Robb, Soloists - Katy Loudder, Alicia Heard, and Trinity Robb, Captain - Ramey Rice, 1st Mate - Ian Harris, 2nd Mate — Daniel Coleman, 3rd Mate - Brittany Williams, 4th Mate - Tyler Myatt, 5th Mate — Adam Wright, King — Andy Martin.

Ed and Betty Freeman left Dimmitt on Sunday afternoon, July 17, to go to a Renewal Conference at Mo Ranch at Hunt.

On the way, they stopped at Lubbock Village to see Bea Hawkins. At noon, Bea had informed them that her pastor and his wife from Dimmitt were coming that afternoon and they would sing for them. Arriving at Lubbock Village the Freemans found the lounge area full of people waiting to hear them sing. So we they sang, completely unrehearsed about six numbers.

After spending the night in San Angelo, they drove to Kerrville where they had lunch with Clyde and Lois Hester at the Catfish King. Ed and Lois were both in the class of 1933 at Virginia,

Speakers at the conference were the very best, the music was inspiring, and the fellwoship was great. The conference ended Thursday noon and the Freemans drove home to Dimmitt.

The Frank Wise family has had Linda and Kevin Welch and their children visiting along with Susan Cerday and her tribe.

Oneida and S.R. Hutto have had grandchildren visiting in recent weeks.

Mattie Seale sent her grandchild and friend to basketball camp while they were here visiting.

Barbara Sava has had her sister and some of her children and grandchildren with her recently. They are from Texarkana.

Emma Jean and Billie King have held a family reunion at their place and had a continual stream of children and grandchildren visiting.

Jackie McLeroy had her grandchildren, Tye and Julie, with her and took her mother, Laura Small, with them to Tres Ritos to get Nick from Boy Scout camp.

Kami Hand has been to visit her father, Nick, and her grandmother, and to electric camp and tennis

## **Gatewood family** meets for reunion

Velma Birchfield hosted 35 descendants of the J.W. and Arrie Taylor Gatewood family on Sunday in Dimmitt.

The family formerly lived in Flagg. The family gathered from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Nevada.

Children of J.W. and Arrie Taylor Gatewood present were Birchfield: Stella Wester and Willodyne

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Brooks of Hereford; Altha Owens of Fort Worth; and L.C. Gatewood from Lansing, Kan. Others present were 12 grandchildren, five greatgrandchildren, five great - great grandchildren and one great-greatgreat-grandson. Also there as a guest of Carolyn Grijalva, Eli Krtistim Skreddemes of Bergum, Norway, is an exchange student who lived in Little Rock, Ark. Also attending were Gatewood cousins Jimmy and Mary Ann James and three children of Kress.

The entertainment included a fashion parade of hats and recitation of Findercella.

Each person brought their favorite food. Velma said she failed to make enough chess pie to satisfy her family.

The Bill Clarks still have their grandchildren, Ian, Kay and Zak Harris, here from California. They attended the Methodist Bible School and Deanne's mother, Elva Forrester, and Deanne's son, Jim, came to the closing program Sunday. Allen Haggard of San Antonio, Deanne's dad, stayed in Dimmitt a few days.

Kay and Tommy Kellar celebrated a wedding anniversary recently in Ruidoso.

Wayne and Darlene Collins made it to Ruidoso for a weekend and Darlene accompanied Wayne to Boston for a meeting.

Tina Rawlings has had several family members helping to get her moved into Canterbury Villa and out of her apartment.

Gary Langford spent a few days in Plains Memorial Hospital recent-

Janet Sammann is beginning to recover from a serious automobile accident involving bales of hay in Arkansas. Ty Annen is home recovering nicely after an auto accident in Chicago.

Doris Flynt just returned home after a cousin's funeral and a visit to her daughter's in the Dallas area.

The Don Moores had a breed champ in a pig show in Kerrville.

Geneva Justice has been entertaining her daughter, Avie, and granddaughters the past few weeks.

Alma Kenmore went with the Goodwins to a family reunion in Oklahoma.

Alice Collyer, now of Fort Worth, is overcoming a broken

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Our sympathy to the family of Rose Mary Schmucker, 74, of Hereford, who passed away July 19 in Amarillo, after a week of treatment in St. Anthony's Hospital for a heart attack. Funeral mass was read in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford July 22 with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Hereford. Survivors are her husband, Alvin "Swede" Schmucker, three sons, Bob of Hereford, Harold of Richardson, and Charles of Dallas; four daughters, Dianne Beutel of Dallas, Janice Weinheimer of Groom, Peggy Boyett of Sioux Falls, S.D., Marilyn Woodward of Kerrville; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends from Nazareth attended the rosary service and funeral.

Leonard Gerber returned home Friday to recuperate from a hip replacement at High Plains Baptist Hospital. After many complications we hope he will recover quickly at home.

Prayers are asked for Ray Swirczynski who began a series of chemo-therapy Monday morning at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Ray's daughters, Carolyn Bayer of Muenster, Jeannie Swirczynski of Irving and Cindy Mc-Mahan of Lewisville, spent the past few days here with Ray and his wife, Mattie. Carolyn stayed here to be with her Dad in Amarillo this week.

The children of Bud and Rita Kern honored their parents with a 40th wedding anniversary "Saturday night at the Community Hall" following a worship service at Holy Family Church officiated by Dea-

wedding blessing with the renewal of their wedding vows and a very nion. Grandparents are Bud and children, Dennis, Patti and family; and Regina Pender of Umbarger. Jerry, Carol and family; Jimmy, Elaine and family all live in Na- recently enjoyed an 11-day 1,300 zareth. Theresa, Long and family, fiancee, Trudy, all live in the Dallas area. Patricia and David of San Antonio; Bob, Lori and baby of in Durango, Colo., Kathaleen Cald-Lubbock and Francis, Nini and family of Tennessee came to help celebrate the anniversary. As a spe- Seattle they took a ferry boat to a cial gift they gave their parents a four day trip to Las Vegas with airfare and rent-a-car service. The evening was fun with great food, fellowship and dancing for the entire 40 members of the Walter and Rita Kern family, scores of cousins, friends and customers who are such an important part in their lives. It was an evening that will be remembered for years.

The Wethington family had their first reunion on Sunday in Nazareth at the Community Hall. Close to 200 were present from Michigan, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Tennessee and Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo and several smaller towns in Texas. A great time was had beginning with a worship service in Holy Family Church, a meal served at the Community Hall, a tour of the Nazareth Museum, games and then an evening of music and card games. It was great!

Congratulations to Francis and Nini Kern of Tennessee on the birth of a boy, Seth Thomas, on July 19. Seth has an older brother Jake and sisters Laura and Caitlin. They all traveled to Nazareth for Bud and

con Al Maurer. He had a beautiful Rita Kern's 40th anniversary celebration and the Wethington reunice tribute to their family. Their Rita Kern of Nazareth and Charles

Tony, Angela and Norbert Acker mile trip to Seattle, Wash. On their Tom and Jennifer and child; Mike, way they visited with Angela's Candy and child, Kenny and his sisters, Regina Silva in Gallup, N.M., Mary Helen Stevens in Waterflow, N.M., Pauline Holgate well in Denver, Colo., and Ila Mae Moran in Deer Lodge, Mont. In small island where the Indians cooked a meal for them. They then watched a production similar to "Texas" on the lives and beliefs of the Indian tribes of that region. They also toured their fantastic gift

> Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Cary and Leona Acker recently attended the Matt and Theresa Backes family reunion held in Columbus, Neb., on July 17. They met and visited with so many relatives Viola was related to through her grandmother, Mrs. Herman Huseman (Catherine Backes). They visited the home place of her grandfather, Herman Huseman, in Lindsay, Neb., and the cemetery where relatives are buried. Lindsay is also the hometown of Cary Acker's grandmother Mrs. Philip Acker (Gertrude Behrens).

Bonnie and Gordon Golder of Big Rapids, Mich., spent the weekend here with Bonnie's family, the Kerns. They attended the Kern anniversary celebration and the Wethington reunion. Everyone really enjoyed visiting with Bonnie since she was raised here and even taught in the Nazareth school.



BIG REUNION IN HART—Members of the Riley and Sanders families gathered recently for a reu-

nion in Hart. The family has lived in the area since the 1920s. Photo by Jo Eddy Riley

## Riley family gathers for reunion at Hart

A Riley family reunion was held earlier this month in Hart at the Golden Group building.

Between 80 and 90 family members gathered to visit, take pictures and remember their family history.

Some of the first settlers in Castro County were J.R. and Annie Riley. J.R. and Annie Riley were married in 1902 in Grayson County, where they were involved in farming and ranching. Through a friend and neighbor, T.W. Hart, they learned about Southwestern Casto County. J.R. traveled to what is now Hart in 1904 to look at land and make arrangements to purchase their first section of Castro County land, which eventually was section 16 - blk S. EL & RR survey. The Rileys moved their family, Lorena, age 1, and baby James (Ray), and belongings by railroad to Hereford.

mile east of Hart.

Five children were born in Castro county: Dorothy, Furche, Eva, Elsie and Marie. Eva, who now lives in San Antonio, is the only surviving child.

Family members continuing to and Jodie and Kevin Riley.

From there they moved about one own some of the original and later purchased J.R. and Annie land are granddaughter, Marylyn Riley Higgins and grandsons, Robert Furche Riley, Steven Kim Riley and Ray Joe Riley. Great-grandsons farming J.R. Riley land are Daniel Higgins

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ONE OF OKLAHOMA'S LONGEST-RUNNING AND LARGEST BAND CAMPS was held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on July 10-15. The 39th annual SWOSU Band Camp attracted 430 youngsters

from four states. The week concluded with a final concert by the various camp bands. Among those attending included (from left): Angela Fortenberry, Susan Lange and Sarah Olvera, and Amber Irl-Courtesy Photo

## Sunnyside WITH TEENY BOWDEN

William Douglass, son of Dara and Kelley Green, was born in Methodist Hospital in Plainview July 23. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

They named the baby after his great-grandfather, Alton Loudder, and his grandfather, Doug Loudder.

Wednesday night and Thursday morning .35 inch of rain was received. At 5 p.m. Saturday the temperature was 102 degrees. It lasted a short time because it got cloudy. Several times during the week it was 96 degrees.

Ezell and Verba Sadler, and Larry and Sharon Sadler attended the McWilliams Reunion at Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge. Laura Hurtado and children, Matt and Kristen, also went. Other members of this family from other places attended. James and Patricia Powell, and their daughters, Tresa Sirmans of Amarillo, Ken Amber, and Tiffany, Cheryl Norman and her children, Brett and Brian of Fort Stockton. Evelyn Baggett Venable of Dallas, a former resident of the Sunnyside community, was unable to attend, but some of her children and grandchildren did attend. The Ezell Sadlers came home Sunday night to can, and then attend the Rock Club meeting in Hereford Monday. Larry and Sharon Sadler came in Monday to do some work. Laura and her children were with them.







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## Babbling Brooks

There are those who love Barney. There are those who hate Barney.

Those who love Barney are, for the most part, less than 10 years old. I have a not-quite-two-year-old grandson who loves his mama, really loves his mema and really, really loves his paw-paw. But he really, really, really loves Barney, a purple dinosaur who I wish would become extinct really soon.

Maybe we could get Shoemaker-Levy comet fragments to pummel Barney's house.

Those who hate Barney don't have to live with and around Barney. If they did, they wouldn't hate Barney; they would despise him.

Barney is an insidious plot that may have been the secret weapon Saddam Hussein was warning us about. We were worried about SCUD missiles and chemical weapons and crude nuclear devices while Saddam was unleashing purple dinosaurs that sound like they have bad colds.

Barney has infiltrated our house. My grandson has to watch Barney's daily TV show, of course, and he's seen the Barney network TV special. He has two Barney videos, a stuffed talking Barney, Barney pajamas, Barney houseshoes, Barney shoes, Barney fanny pack, Barney talking book and Barney coloring book. I don't know what else is out there, but I'm sure we'll own it before the year is out. His second birthday is in September and Christmas isn't that far away, so we'll be more purple than a Welch's grape juice factory before too long.

I cannot believe we have not yet had a Barney movie. (By the way, we've seen the exploits of Simba, Musafa and Scar in The Lion King twice.) There have to be Barney water pistols, Barney magazines and Barney compact discs. If there are, we will own them.

Just today (July 22), I went home at noon. Anthony came rushing to the door, greeting his paw-paw with open arms. He grabbed me around the knees and gave me a hug before he pointed to the closet door two feet

"Barn Barn! Barn Barn!" he cried.

He wanted the Barney video. He didn't care which one, although I think he likes the old, generic Barney video better than the Christmas Barney video where this huge purple dinosaur gets stuck in the chimney. He also didn't care if I had come home with 50 lbs. of chocolate, a half-million dollars or the keys to a brand new car. It just so happened that I was the one at the door. It could have been anyone else: Doug the Schwan's Man, Art the Mailman, Tracy the UPS Man, or the Man for Glad. I was just another human who could facilitate his lust for all the Barney he could get.

Not only is it ridiculous to sit around and watch some guy in a stuffed purple suit bounce around for several hours a day, but there aren't any original songs on the show. Every song is done to some old tune. There was Alouette, Whistle While You Work, and some little ditty to the tune of Frosty the Snowman. Oh, they changed some of the words, but even some of my liberal brethren do a little more than that when they write these scathing anti-Rush Limbaugh editorials. (More about plagiarism and the unauthorized publishing of one's work in a later column.) The frustrating part is you sit there singing Whistle While You Work because you know the words and BAM! they up and change the words on you.

Of course even a two-year-old knows that. Anthony looks over at me, scrunches up his precious little eyes and nose, and says "Noooo!" in the way only a twoyear-old can say his favorite word.

I have not watched the evening news in a week. Some of that is okay; I could care less about O.J.'s deal, but I would like to see the pockmarks on Jupiter. I have not watched the evening news because every day, about 5:15 p.m., we have to put one of those darned Barney tapes in the VCR. We're too broke to get another TV, and it's easier to hear him laugh at Barney than to hear him cry without Barn Barn.



## A View From the Hill

By Congressman BILL SARPALIUS

I have noticed a very disturbing trend in the type of mail received in my office during the five and onehalf years I have been representing the 13th Congressional District.

When I first arrived here in January of 1989, I was very impressed with the volume of mail I received from my constituents and that the vast majority of those letters were heart-felt, sincere and hand-written. It is truly a joy to read those letters and look for a way to assist that constituent, whether it is a legislative issue or a problem with the bureaucracy. Quite frankly, responding to mail is the most personally rewarding part of this job.

In the past year, however, there has been a radical change in that mail. While many hand - written letters arrive in the office daily, the volume of computer - generated postcards has probably quadrupled, representing a good 80% of the total mail volume.

Those postcards — even the computer-generated ones-are just fine. Most of them represent a special interest, usually from the far left or the far right. They come from my constituents and they deserve a thoughtful answer and reply as much as any other mail.

What really bothers me though is occasionally a constituent will send me the entire package they received from the special interest group, and mail it.

Almost always there is an appeal from that special interest group for money. What really irritates me is

when these mailings indicate that unless the recipient sends them some money, it will be impossible for their voice to be heard by their Congressman.

The exact opposite is true. When I read a hand-written or typed postcard or letter, I know that the constituent writing that message strongly believes in their issue. They are writing because they and their family and their close friends believe in something. They are not just blindly clipping a postcard off of a slick mailing, signing their name and sticking it in the mail.

Certainly, not all of these organizations are unscrupulous, but many of them are. And, as far as I am concerned, any organization that says your mail will not be read or answered unless you send that organization some money is unscru-

Special interests of the entire political spectrum are guilty of this practice. Some of the better known and most respected organizations are guilty of this.

I was just reading a book the other day about political action committees. In the 1981-83 election cycle, there was a group that raised \$19 million for the purpose of electing members of Congress of a particular persuasion. Upon examining their report to the Federal Election Commission the following rather than just clip the postcard year, it was learned that \$128,000 went to help elect members of Congress and the remaining \$18.9 million went to a printing and mailing firm owned by one of the

members of the organization raising the money.

Many of the special interest groups that send out these fundraising letters on legislative issues are just as bad.

There is a good rule of thumb to follow when you are asked for money from these goups whether they be from the political left or right. If you believe their message, write it in your own words on a letter or postcard and send it to me. It will only cost you the price of a stamp and I will certainly believe you have deep beliefs and convictions on the subject you are writing

Any group that says you can only reach your Congressman by sending them money is not telling you the truth and most probably does not have your best interest at

During this period, I have noticed a marked increase in total mail volume, a jump of about 50% to nearly 300 letters a day that require an answer. I might add that despite this increase, I was able to return nearly \$150000 of my operating budget to the US Treasury unused last year and I expect to return that much at the end of this

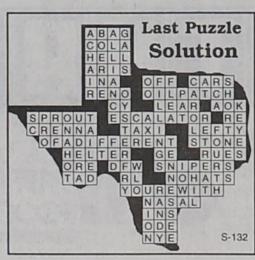
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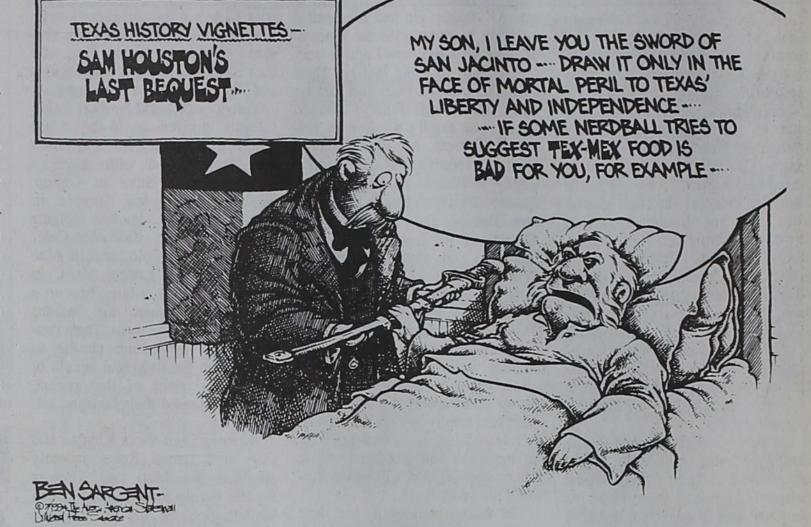
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And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, contact us for a list of where you can write or call them, as well.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Determined to get an innovative system of state jails back on schedule, Senate leaders last week endorsed a plan to temporarily use existing facilities to house most nonviolent felons.

Officials said the lockups are all state-owned and range from a restitution center in El Paso to a boot camp in Fort Worth to a soon-to-be-finished substance abuse treatment facility in Burnet.

The proposal surfaced during an emergency Senate Criminal Justice Committee hearing ordered by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, saying he feared the state jail program, scheduled to begin Sept. 1, was starting off badly.

"This is a real opportunity to get back to the concept we intended for state jails and to do some real community justice," said committee Chairman John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Passed by the Legislature more than a year ago, the state jail system will divert nonviolent inmates such as drug offenders, hot check writers and car thieves from hard-core prisons. Instead, they will be subject to a variety of community-based programs, including job training, public works projects, boot camps, literacy programs and family counseling.

Carol Vance, chairman of the Texas Criminal Justice Board, which oversees prisons, told the committee that there were no real

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problems with the program.

He said the Beaumont prison unit, whose construction has been hampered by rail delays, would be opened by October. By that time, about 100 to 200 offenders would be sentenced to the state jails program, Vance said. Campaign Spending Reports

The campaigns of Democratic Gov. Ann Richards and Republican George W. Bush have filed new campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission. Richards reported raising \$3.1

million and spending \$1.75 million between Feb. 27 and June 30. During the same four-month

period, Bush raised \$3.7 million and spent \$1.4 million. Both candidates appear to have wellfunded bank accounts for the fall campaign.

Reports filed by the governor since July 1991 show her having raised more than \$12 million and spending about \$6.7 million.

Bush, who announced his campaign last fall, has reported raising about \$7.4 million and spending more than \$2.6 million.

**Hutchison Legal Bills Paid** 

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Dallas, has paid off her legal bills and closed her legal defense fund, which raised more than \$884,040 from more than 6,000 people.

Every dollar of the fund, established Nov. 15, 1993, was spent by the time it was closed, her spokesman, David Beckwith, said last week.

Before the fund was established, Hutchison's senatorial campaign spent about \$200,000 on legal expenses, bringing her total legal bills to more than \$1 million.

Hutchison used the money to fight charges of misusing state workers and equipment for personal and political purposes while campaign funds and has delayed state treasurer.

She was acquitted of the charges when Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle declined to present his case against her to a Fort Worth trial jury.

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#### Fisher Soliciting PAC Funds?

Meanwhile, Sen. Hutchison's campaign accused her opponent, Richard Fisher, of "quietly soliciting" political action committee funds, despite his promise not to take PAC money.

Fisher spokesman Martin Johnson said the Democratic candidate is "absolutely not" soliciting PAC

Hutchison's campaign chairman, Patrick Oxford, pointed to a fundraising event by Fisher and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in Washington. An invitation from the group said PAC contributions would be allocated to the committee.

Hutchison's campaign said Fisher was merely "channeling these PAC contributions through a third

#### Texas Leads in Job Growth

Texas led the nation in total jobs created during May, according to the Blue Chip Job Growth Update, published by Arizona State University's Economic Outlook

Texas added 221,300 jobs, up 2.96 percent, which ranked the state 14th in percent gain since May 1993.

Florida ranked second in absolute job growth with 191,100 jobs, followed by Georgia, which added 148,400 jobs.

### Other Highlights

In a memo distributed to more than 10,000 Texas A&M University employees, 15 top A&M officials, including the chancellor and president, pledged "unwavering support" for 10 employees recently charged with falsifying records to disguise alcohol pur-

■ Teresa Doggett, Republican candidate for state comptroller, says she is having trouble raising paying her political consultants. In June, Doggett, who faces incumbent Democrat John Sharp in November, said she considered dropping out of the race because of the state GOP's internal feuding.

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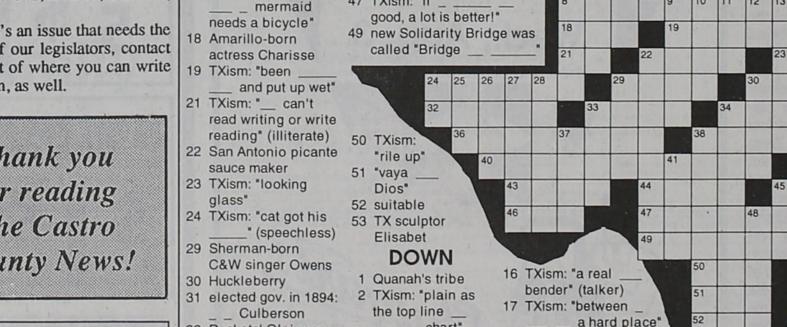




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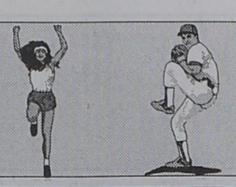
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A'S WIN WEEKEND TOURNAMENT - The Dimmitt A's won a men's baseball tournament held over the weekend at George Howell Park in

Dimmitt. The A's bested four other teams from the area, including Friona and Lubbock, to take the championship trophy. Photo by John Brooks

## Southwest Outdoors By MEL PHILLIPS



Of the 37 Expos, I have attended the last five; without a doubt, this

## McCormick wins grand at Kerrville

Three members of the Dimmitt FFA, Jay McCormick, and Mandi and Max Moore, attended the "Hill Country Extravaganza" steer and swine show in Kerrville Saturday.

Dimmitt winnings included the following:

Jay McCormick's steer was winner of the Heavy Limousin class, and went on to be the Champion Limousin and the Grand Champion

of the Steer show. Mandi Moore exhibited the first place middle weight Chester White prospect which was later named

OPB champion. She also exhibited a seventh place light weight Hampshire market pig. Max Moore exhibited a fifth

place middle weight prospect crossbreed, a fourth place middle weight market, and a third place heavy weight prospect.

Jay McCormick exhibited a first place senior Chester boar, which went on to win Breed Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion of the boars. He also exhibited a third place junior Chester gilt; a third place light Chester market; second place middle weight OPB prospect; third place light market OPB, a fourth place light Hampshire prospect; and a first place light crossbred market, which was later named Crossbred Champion and went on to be named Grand Champion of the market hog show.

## Summer Leagues

July 18th games Bulls 66, Lakers 53. B - Halley Bradley 25, Kim Inomas 21. L -Wendi Ethridge 14, Carrie Bradley 12. Suns 52, Spurs 35. Suns — Kara Culwell 22, Amy Pohlmeler 16. Spurs -Wendi Ethridge 10, Amy Ethridge 9. Rockets 70, Bullets 58. R-Melinda Schmucker 23, Tiffany Wilcox 12. B-

Kim Thomas 28, Jennifer Vick 11. Magic 60, Knicks 52. M — Kara Josselet 18, Tiffany Wilcox 15. K-Robin Schulte 15, Amber Langford 15. 10 Bulls **Bullets** 

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year's show was the best. Best, but not because of the agonizing two hour wait for my press credentials. Best, in spite of the arrogant ASA staff member who ordered the vacuuming of the press room when she decided that my live 45-minute radio talkshow on KGNC was interfering with staff plans to attend a

The 1994 Expo was the best because of the terrific can-do attitude expressed by both the small mom - and - pop dealers and the industry giants. This past year has seen a further consolidation of the fishing industry. The latest example occurred July 12 when the Strike King Lure Company and Pradco (Rebel, Heddon, Bomber and SilverThread) announced that they would team up for promotion and advertising purposes.

The highlight of this year's fourday fishing extravaganza was the ZEBCO luncheon and press conference. Jim Dawson, president of ZEBCO, a Brunswick company, explained in some detail why the company has returned all overseas production back to the US.

and America are fortunate to have students. an individual like Mr. Dawson commit to use American labor, Head Start program should take fishing products in the world. Rety of the ZEBCO 33 spincast reel can be accepted.

and the excellent features of their MotorGuide trolling motors.

After learning more about the hopes and dreams of Mr. Dawson, I truly believe that ZEBCO is destined for continued greatness because his company believes in the

## Hart plans **Head Start** sign-up day

Registration for the Head Start program will be held Aug. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hart Elementary School.

Participation in the program for four-year-olds is based on financial need. Due to changes in federal guidelines, applications must be taken and students will be accepted based on severity of need. Students with disabilities will be given first priority. Enrollment in the Head Brunswick Corp., Tulsa, Okla. Start program will be limited to 20

Persons planning to apply for the talent and skills to make the finest shot records, Social Security card, proof of income, birth certificate gular readers of this column will and verification of public assisrecall my annual springtime essays tance. All of the information must extolling the kid-proof dependabili- be rpesented before the application

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## Moore helps NM team

Mandi Moore of Dimmitt helped her. She was invaluable to our lead Young Guns of Clovis to the championship of the consolation bracket of the Friendship Tournament at the National AAU 11-

The team, made up of players from Eastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle, won the regional tournament on June 12 in Clovis, beating the El Paso Longhorns 65-51. Moore was high point with 18 points in the game.

"Mandi was our point guard and she is kind of a court commander," said coach Rob Pitcock. "I wouldn't know what to do without team."

In the 59-team national field, the Young Guns went 1-2 in their pool. "They break it up into 14 pools," and-under this month in Kenner, Pitcock said. "We had a very tough

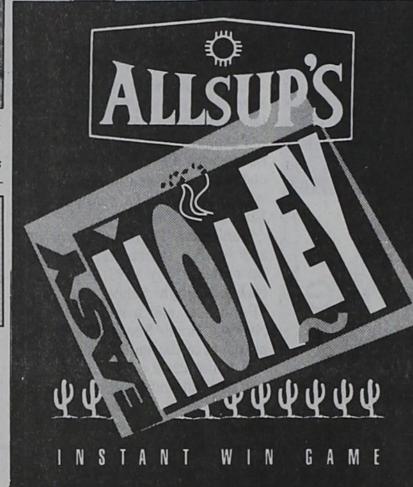
pool."

Young Guns came back from a 17-1 deficit to beat the Georgia Trojans, 46-39, then lost to the Tennessee Stars, 50-25, and the New York Diamonds, 60-50.

Pitcock said the top two teams in each pool went to the Championship Tournament; the next two in each pool went into the Friendship Tournament. Young Guns lost their first game, 41 - 37, to Arkansas

Little Springers, then won their next three: 37-32 over the Ozark Kutis; 35-33 in two overtimes over the Kansas Miracles; and 52-44 over the Roanoke Stars in the title game. Moore was high point in the championship contest with 12 points. For the tournament, she had 50 points in seven games.

"Her parents (Don and Paralyn Moore) were great," Pitcock said. "They were dedicated to their child and what we were doing. Mandi was always dependable and always led our team in assists. She's the one kid I always wondered what I would do without her."



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## Wedding vows unite Bagley and Taylor

Kelly Jo Bagley and Stephen
"Flip" Taylor Jr. were married on
Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the First
Presbyterian Church chapel in
Amarillo, with Dr. Alan Meenan mother officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Bagley of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Y. Taylor of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt.

The bride wore an ivory wool crepe suit accessorized with a strand of pearls, a wedding gift from the groom.

Maid of honor was Pam Harman of Amarillo, friend of the bride.

Best man was Jay Taylor of Houston, brother of the groom.

Terri Loudder of Dimitt sang Be Thou My Vision and Where Love is Found. A large bouquet of summer silk flower decorated the altar.

Guests registered in a bridal book needlepointed by the groom's mother.

Following the service a brunch was held at the Garden Center for family and close friends of the couple.

Battenburg lace covered tables with centerpieces of blue and white oriental vases filled with snapdragons. Votive candles accented the centerpieces. Guests dined and listened to organ music played by Lilly Marie Howard of Amarillo.

Cake was served by Cory and Cody Ellis, nieces of the bride.

After a trip to New Mexico the couple will make their home in

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McKenzie Brooks, 10 month old daughter of Stony and Keri Griffith of Pampa, wears a one-piece romper by Little Me from Tots and Teens while enjoying a basket of strawberries. McKenzie is the granddaughter of Randy and Lue Griffith and the great-granddaughter

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## Class of '39 plans reunion

The Dimmitt class of 1939 will celebrate their 55th reunion during Harvest Days Aug. 12 and 13.

On Aug. 12, the class will meet at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt at 7:30 for dinner (Dutch treat). Aug. 13, they will meet at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Building to visit, watch the parade and have lunch.

Organizers ask that class members make every effort to attend the reunion.

For more information contact J.R. and Mary Jo Brown at 647-3250, Dorothy (Graham) Sheffy at 647-2576, or Garnett Holland at 647-5544.

## Pohlmeier is honored

Colby Pohlmeier of Nazareth has been awarded a \$100 endowment by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Pohlmeier was one of three carriers for the papers who received an endowment. Three other carriers who graduated this spring earned \$200 scholarships.

Pohlmeier, 17, is the son of J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier. He began his route in May 1993. A senior at Nazareth High School, he is an FFA officer and a member of the National Honor Society. He is vice president of the student council and was junior class president. He is a star football and basketball player, participated in UIL headline writing, and is treasurer of the Catholic Youth Organization.

## Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Sabrina Alexis, daughter of Steve and Rosa Martinez of Hereford, was born July 20 at 11:32 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs. 6 1/2 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Isaac and Anita Sabedra of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Estevan and Guadalupe Martinez of Dawn.

Great-grandparents are Martina Ybarra of Donna and Benigo Ramirez of Mission.

Tama and Coby Lassiter of Hereford are proud parents of a daughter, Berkley Jordan, born July 20 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs., and was 20 inches long. She has an older sister, Carley.

Maternal grandparents are Twila and Lynn West of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Oma and Jim Lassiter of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Oma and Eldon Lilley of Dimmitt.

Adison Drake, son of Mark and Tracy Smothermon of Amarillo, was born July 11, at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 inches long.

He has a brother, Ashton Drew.

Maternal grandparents are Roxanne and Horace Burnett of Amarillo, and Robert McLean of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Delbert and Jackie Smothermon of the Easter Community.

Great-grandparents are Ed and Alta Hutto of Clovis, N.M., James and Virginia Burnett of Brownfield, and Frances Comer of Gans, Okla.

T.J., son of Dave and Carol Moyers of Wichita Falls, was born July 8 at Witchita General. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 ozs. and was

21 inches long.

He has a brother, Royce, 11, and a sister,

Maternal grandparents are Milton and Sandra Bagwell of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Roy and Laorene Moyers of Childrens

Great-grandparents are Ivor and Hazel Bagwell of Dimmitt.

DIMMITT VARSITY CHEERLEADERS (from left) Mandy Davis, Holly Wise and Carla Petty, all seniors, have been selected as honor winners by the Universal Cheerleading Association. They were chosen through try-outs at the cheerleading camp held in Dimmitt recently, with an UCA instructor making the final selection. As honor winners, the

three have qualified to participate in the annual Macy's Day Parade, as well as a Christmas parade in London, England. DHS cheerleader sponsor Jackie Odom said the three are working on fundraising projects to see which special event they will be able to attend.

Courtesy Photo

## Breast screening slated

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will again conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Breast cancer affects one in 9 women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800 - 377 - HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Museum group meets tonight

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The regular monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

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Walking tall in cotton.

Old Salty dog was so happy until the time came to send him home, Walking tall in cotton

Walking tall in cotton.

Now Bruton, Boozer and Hunter didn't know her name was "really"

Salty Dog . . . but they do now!

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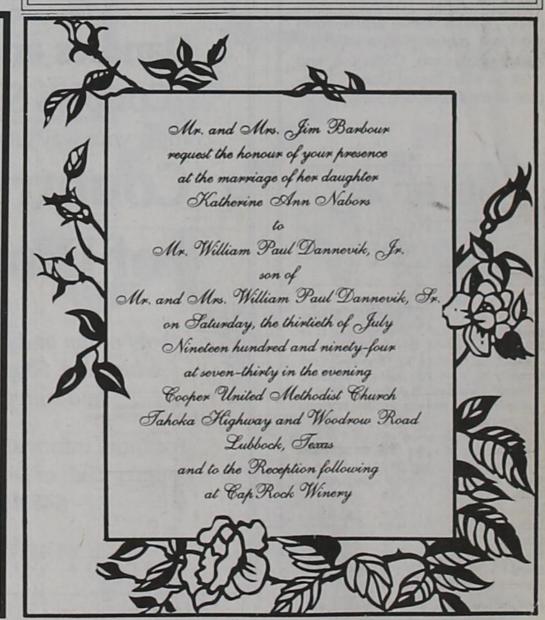
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CASSIDY WILHELM AND CHAD JENNINGS ... Participated in Government-In-Action Youth Tour

## Wilhelm, Jennings earn Washington tour

Cassidy Wilhelm of Nazareth Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution, and Chad Jennings of Dimmitt participated in the 1994 Government-In-Action Youth Tour, representing Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, June 10-22.

The youth tour is sponsored by the electric cooperatives of Texas and is coordinated by Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Jennings is the son of Leland and Vickie Jennings of Dimmitt. Wilhelm is the daughter of Dean and Dianne Wilhelm of Nazareth.

The tour was promoted and encouraged by President Lyndon Johnson when he was a US Senator from Texas in the 1950s. He selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the teenagers visited US Rep. Bill Sarpalius and observed the legislative process in action. Other highlights included visited the many famous monuments, memorials and other attractions around Washington. Among the attractions were the White House, Arlington National

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Court and the Vietnam Memorial.

Special activities included Rural

Youth Day, participating in the

wreath - laying ceremony at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in

Arlington National Cemetery,

viewing the sunset parade at the

Members of the Frank Sanders and Hobson Sanders families gathered July 16-17 for a reunion in the Hart Golden Group building.

Family members came from North Carolina, Colorado, New Mexico and throughout Texas, including Austin, San Marcos, Pflugerville, Midland, Corpus Christi, Big Spring, Littlefield, Earth, Dodd, Springlake, Lubbock, Floydada, Dimmitt, Plainview and Mission.

Frank Sanders came to Castro County in 1923 from Wellington. He made his first crop in 1924. He farmed the Maples land bought from J.R. Riley in 1916. Frank and Grace Sanders had five boys and one girl: Etta Mae Riley, and Royce, Robert, W.T., Charley and Dean Sanders. Dean Sanders, who lives in Hart, is the only survivor of the Frank and Grace Sanders family.

Hobson Sanders came to Hart in 1925. He lived in New Mexico for a year before moving in 1932 to a farm northeast of Springlake. Surviving members of the nine-children family include Jessie Ray of Dimmitt, Wanda and Rita of Greeley, Colo., Tom of Earth and Shot of Whiteface.

There was lots of eating and visiting and picture taking. The count for Saturday was 90 and Sunday was 82.



## Sarpalius' office plans Aug. 11 visit

U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Dimmitt on August 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

The mobile office allows the Congressman to bring his office's services directly to his constituents.

"I have always believed that to be an effective public servant you have to go to the people and hear their wants and needs," Sarpalius said. "I was elected not just to represent you, but to serve you. That's why I have this mobile office."

The mobile office will be traveling to each town in the district on a periodic basis. For more information, contact Guy Brown, Community Representative, at 817/767 -

## FFA'ers attend state convention

Two Dimmitt FFA members, Chris Davis and Jay McCormick, and their advisor, David McCormick, attended the State FFA convention in Fort Worth July 12-15.

Davis is the sentinel of the Dimmitt FFA chapter, and Jay McCormick is the chapter reporter.

Delegates from across the state representing 1,500 chapters attended leadership and business sessions during the convention.

Election of state officers was conducted and state award winners were recognized.



Jimmy Lackey

## WT alumni meet Monday

Jimmy Lackey, executive director of the West Texas A&M University Alumni Association, will adress Castro County alumni of WTAMU at a gathering Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the home of Ray and Barbara Bain, 1802 Butler Blvd. in Dimmitt.

The event is open to all graduates and former students of WTA-MU and their spouses. Barbara Bain currently represents Dimmitt and Castro County on the Alumni Association's board of directors. Hamburgers and home-made ice cream will be served.

The Alumni Association, established in 1953, exists to serve as a liaison between the university and its graduates and former students. It is the goal of the Alumni Association to generate alumni support following college days.

By creating alumni chapters, providing quality communications and increasing scholarship assistance to deserving students, the Alumni Association plays a vital role in the life of the university.

## Church Happenings

#### Presbyterian **Happenings**

Presbyterians will be responsible for the service at Canterbury Villa, Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday Church School classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"Practicing the Forgiveness of God" 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.

#### **Christian Church**

Spence Moore of Amarillo will be the speaker for the morning and evening services Sunday at Dimmitt's First Christian Church. He also will present special messages

Interim minister Roy Barringer is on vacation.

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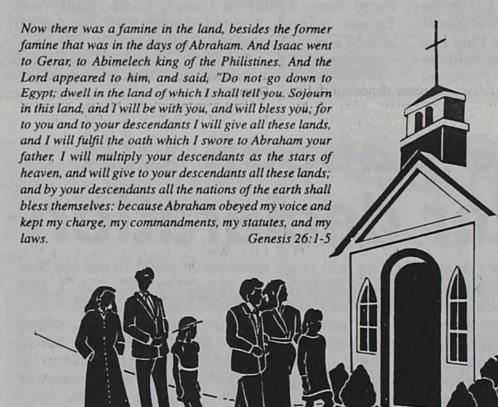
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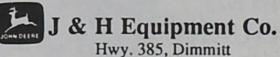
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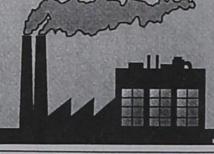
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By DON TAYLOR

## Words of Wisdom XI

I've read where fine wines increase in value and taste as they age. As I began to research for this column I wondered if the same generalziation would apply to the words of the wise.

The more I compared the wise sayings of men and women prior to 1900, the more I realized that most modern wisdom is not new. Many modern quotes are just vintage wisdom restated in today's language.

In this column we will restrict ourselves to vintage wisdom, wise sayings of those who spoke their words of wisdom prior to 1900. These quotes have aged at least 94 years; in some cases, much longer. I think you will agree that truth always withstands the test of time.

#### Vintage wisdom

-Truth fears no trial-Thomas Fuller (1732)

—Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; nay, you may kick it all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening. - Oliver Wendell Homes, Jr. (1860)

—Such is the irresistable nature of truth that all it asks, and all it wants, is liberty of appearing. - Thomas Paine

—I should say sincerity, a deep, great, genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.-Thomas Carlyle (1841)

-Those who are well assured of their own standing are least apt to trespass on that of others. -Washington Irving (1819)

-Though patience be a tired mare, yet she will plod. -Shakespeare (1598)

-Life consists in what a man is thinking of all day.-Ralph Waldo Emerson (1847)

-It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage. -Henry Ward Beecher

- Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens. -Daniel Webster (1820)

-It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.-Thomas Jefferson (1788)

— It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him. - Abraham Lincoln (1862)

#### Very early vintage

-What is dignity without honesty? -Cicero (1st Century B.C.)

-Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things only hoped for. -Epicurus (425 B.C.)

-He who requires much from himself and little from others, will keep himself from being the object of resentment. -Confucius (6th Century B.C.)

-Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them. -Publilius Syrus (1st Century,

-Know from the bounteous heaven all riches flow; And what man gives, the gods by man bestow. -Homer (9th

Centry B.C.) -No wise man stands behind an ass

when he kicks. -Terence (161 B.C.) -It is terrible to speak well and be

wrong. -Sophocles (418 B.C.) - The same man cannot well be skilled in everything; each has his special

excellence. -Euripides (455 B.C.) -It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen. -Aristotle

(4th Century B.C.) -There has never been a poet or orator who thought another better than

himself. -Cicero (1st Century B.C.) -It is thus with farming: If you do one thing late, you will be late in all your work. -Cato the Elder (2nd Century B.C.)

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this one. Tour organizers are antici-

pating the tour to be held annually

and to develop into our area's

major agricultural event of the year.



TALL COTTON - Castro County Extension Agents (from left) Brian Reynolds, J.D. Ragland and Andy Williams examine cotton on the Paul Fry farm west of Dimmitt. Extension Agents will be hosting area farmers during the Llano Estacado

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Farm Tour, Friday in Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties. The tour begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. at Lazbuddie High School.

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## **US Senate passes bill** for disaster declaration

The US Senate has passed legislation that provides emergency disaster aid to Texas farmers who suffered crop losses due to freeze and other adverse weather conditions earlier this year, said US Sen. Phil Gramm.

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vide significant assistance to those farm families, communities and agribusinesses who are suffering from this year's disastrous growing conditions."

The legislation is in a conference

David Shannon

Ray Shannon

"This disaster funding will pro- committee, where House and Senate negotiators will draft a final version of the bill.

Texas wheat producers suffered severe yield loss caused by adverse weather conditions this season. Experts pegged this year's statewide wheat production at 40% below normal at about 78 million bushels.

"These funds provide important emergency resources for Texas Panhandle wheat producers and South Plains cotton producers who endured devastating losses earlier this year," Gramm said.

#### **Immunization** clinics scheduled

Free immunizations will be given every Wednbesday in August for all school-aged children. These are being offered through the Shots Across Texas campaign.

Shots that are required for school include four-year-old boosters, a second MMR which is required before age 12, and a tetanus booster required after age 14.

Appointments may be made by calling 647-2404 or going by 108 SW Second. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Following the morning presentations, lunch and an agricultural awards program will take place. Awards will include special recognition to area county producers and cooperators for their interest in re-

> Texas Corn Producers Board. p.m. Four stops have been scheduled. School buses will be available

will feature "Corn Disease Management" by Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Agronomist, College Station; "Chemigation Safety" by Dr. Rose Mary Seymour, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Lubbock; and James Esty, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, of Littlefield, who will discuss "Worker Protection Stan-

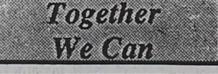
Tour stops will include corn and milo silage production in Parmer County, herbicide control in corn in Castro County, cotton earliness in Lamb County and cotton varieties

## Chemical gets Sec. 18 clearance

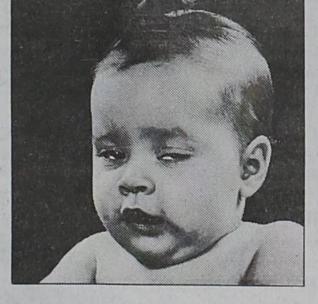
A Section 18 emergency clearance has been granted by the US Environmental Protection Agency for use of bifenthrin, sold as Capture 2EC, in Castro and 20 other

Ag Commissioner Rick Perry be followed.

Estimates show Texas corn producers could lose \$5.3 million in net revenue without the use of Capture. The Section 18 exemption will expire on Sept. 15.



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## Area crops featured in regional tour Friday Tour participants will have an

On site tour stops will begin at 1

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and County Agricultural Committees will be sponsoring the Llano Estacado Farm Tour Friday. The tour will include Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties. sult demonstration work. Lunch will be sponsored by the

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Lazbuddie School Cafeteria in Lazbuddie, and is open to the public. Meal tickets will also be presented at this time. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided during for provided transportation. registration.

Program topics and presentations

in Bailey County.

Texas counties.

said the specific exemption allows the use of Bifenthrin to control mites on field and popcorn. Bifenthrin must be applied by, or under the direct supervision of, certified commercial or private pesticide applicators. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA-registered product label must



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#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Crops across Castro and Lamb Counties overall look good, and last week's rains definitely helped. Spider mites, and corn borers numbers continue to increase in the area corn. Cotton is well into bloom with little insect problems. Greenbugs in sorghum remain light.

#### SORGHUM

Greenbug numbers remain low, but continue to check for this pest. Greenbugs are aphids that suck plant juices and inject toxins into small grain plants. These aphids are pale green, approximately 1/16 inch long, with characteristic dark green stripes on the back.

#### COTTON

Cotton bollworm trap counts continue to fluctuate, but monitoring for an egg lay in cotton is justified. At this time most of the cotton bollworm moths (corn earworm) are attracted to the corn, but a few could lay eggs in the cotton. Cotton bollworms especially need to be watched in the southern portions of Lamb county due to less corn being grown in that area. Dr. Jim Leser, Extension Entomologist, believes that the more moderate temperatures, coupled with the larger shade producing plants will result in an improvement in survival and the development of some economically damaging infestations. During the egg stage massive bollworm mortality can take place. Most mortality takes place during the egg stage (3 days) and the first 3 days of larval life. Dr. Leser would expect under average conditions about 65% mortality to occur. If a field started with 30,000 eggs per acre, it could possibly produce 10,500 four day old worms. This is above the treatment threshold of 10,000 small worms per acre.

Make whole plant inspections of five randomly chosen sets of three adjacent cotton plants in each section.

If you do decide to treat these July bollworm infestations do not

use a pyrethroid, because they will flare aphid populations within the field. Consider materials such as mixtures of ovicides (Larvin, Lannate, Curacron, and Ovasyn) and the biological insecticides such as Biocot, Condor, Dipel ES NT, Design, Javelin, MVP, or Raptor; or larvicidal rates of Larvin, Lannate, Curacron, and Bolstar. Do not use combinations of pyrethroids and biological insecticides. These have no use in our area according to Dr. CORN

Corn is ranging from the tasseling and bloom stage to the soft dough stage across Castro and Lamb Counties. Spider mite numbers are on the increase in some fields. Economically high numbers of spider mites are not in every field, but remain somewhat spotty. Even within a field high numbers can only be seen in part of the field. Like I said in last week's newsletter, high numbers are expected to be seen along county roads or highways where the corn is drier and more stessed. Both Castro and Lamb counties have been authorized to use Capture under section 18 provisions for control of Banks grass mite. Dimethoate plus a pyrethroid such as Pounce, Ambush, Asana, and Pydrin have been used in the past for Banks grass mite control. These combinations have generally given 7 to 10 days' control based on observations. Dimethoate plus Furadan has been used successfully in the past for mite control and has given around 10 to 14 days' control. The dimethoate plus Capture at low rates has usually given 14 to 21 days while high rates of Capture plus dimethoate have given 21 days or greater control. Control will be influenced by application volumes (gallon/acre) and environmental conditions (rain or hot, dry weather).

European corn borer egg lays have become more widespread west of Dimmitt this week. Several fields had upwards of 20% egg lay. Unlike the Southwestern corn borer eggs, the European corn borer eggs are found on the underside of the leaf next to the midrib. They are very easy to see because of the large size of the egg masses. Most of the masses found have had from 18 to 30 eggs. The economic threshold we have used for this pest is when an average of 10 to 20 hatched and unhatched egg masses can be found per 100 plants. Again, the insecticide applications mentioned earlier will control European corn borer, except the dimethoate applied alone.

Southwestern corn borer (SWCB) numbers continue to increase in the area pheromone traps. At the end of last week some fields had economic infestations of 20 to 25% infestations of eggs. Some of the eggs were freshly laid, creamy white with no red bands, while other eggs had three red bands. These eggs will hatch in about 5 days. This week we need to watch for first and second instar larvae. These are very small and usually found behind the leaf collars. Timing of insecticides is generally targeted at egg hatch. Applications can usually be made up to 10 days after egg hatch to achieve acceptable control. Once larvae reach the third instar they begin to bore into the stalk. Once they enter the stalk the percent control with an insecticide drops dramatically even though they will move in and out of the stalk until they move to the base of the plant in preparation for overwintering. Most of the insecticide applications mentioned in the spider mite section will also provide southwestern corn borer control, except dimethoate used alone.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Llano Estacado Farm Tour will be held Friday with Castro, Lamb, Bailey and Parmer Counties participating. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria. 4.5 CEU's offered. Lunch provided by the Texas Corn Producers Board. RSVP with your Extension Office.

## TDA, USDA will inspect spray records

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has entered into an agreement with the Agriculture Marketing Service of the US Dept. of Agriculture to conduct compliance assistance inspections of private applicator records. The inspections will be randomly divided and include all regions of the state.

The 1990 Farm Bill requires private applicators to keep records of federal restricted use pesticides for two years. Within 30 days after application, a private applicator must have written records of:

-The brand name or product name of the federal restricted use pesticide and its EPA registration number (pesticides include herbicides, fungicides and insecticides);

- The total amount of the product used, not the quantity after water or other substances were added;

-The size of the area treated in a unit of measure such as acre, linear foot, number of animals, etc.; -The crop, commodity, stored

cation was made; —The specific location of the application:

product or site to which the appli-

-The month, date and year of the application; and

-The name and certificate or license number of the applicator or applicator's supervisor.

For more information about the USDA record keeping program, contact your local Texas Agricultural Extension Service office. For information about pesticide applicator licenses or pesticide use training, contact TDA's Pesticide Programs Division at (512) 475-1657.

## DHS slates registration for Aug. 9

Registration for the 1994 - 95 school year will be held Aug. 9 at Dimmitt High School.

Registration will take place in the DHS cafeteria. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. for freshmen; 11 a.m. for sophomores; 1 p.m. for seniors; and 2 p.m. for juniors.



(first row) Kami Jo Hand, Kristin Hales, Mitchell Brockman, (second row) B.J. Kern, Matthew Kern,

ATTENDING SPS ELECTRICITY CAMP were Karmen Pohlmeier, Kaci Schulte, and county agent, Bryan Reynolds. Courtesy Photo

## 8 attend electric camp

Eight Castro County residents recently participated in an electricity camp sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company. More than 125 4-H'ers from throughout the Texas South Plains attended the camp June 27-July 1 at Camp Scott Able, near Cloudcroft, N.M.

The Castro County participants were Kristin Hales, Karmen Pohlmeier, Kaci Schulte, Kami Jo Hand, Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern, B.J. Kern and county agent Bryan Reynolds.

Students had opportunities to build their own "hands - on" projects. They also participated in demonstrations and lectures on basic electricity, safety, wiring and electrical terminology.

County agents and SPS employees served as advisers and instructors.

## **Briscoe County** plans birthday blowout Aug. 13

Briscoe County residents will celebrate the county's 102nd birthday on Aug. 13 at the Courthouse Square in Silverton. Events planned for the day include class reunions, Caprock Jamboree and others jam session, parade, BBQ supper and

Clubs, organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the event by setting up booths around the courthouse square. Booths may consist of anything from arts/crafts and food items to games or activities for kids. There will be no charge to set up a booth and spaces are available on a firstIf your GQAL is to own

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## Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

Prospects of a repeat of the 1993 cotton crop have all but disappeared on the High Plains according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG). Best estimates peg dryland cotton losses as high as 1 million acres.

Irrigated acreage is mostly holding its own and has the potential to be as good or better than 1993 in many fields. Prospects for overall production from the area have dwindled to well below 3 million bales as a result of the dryland cotton losses.

"Dry weather continues to be the major problem we face this year," according to Donald Johnson, PCG Executive vice - president. "Every day we hear about more acreage that is completely lost or which has little or no yield potential even if it gets additional rainfall."

Dr. Dan Krieg of Texas Tech University notes that most of the dryland cotton is all but gone, even if it isn't completely dead.

"Yield potential is below 100 pounds in many fields," explains Krieg. "Most of the acreage is so far gone that in areas recently receiving an inch or more of rainfall, plants have failed to recover to a point that they could make additional yield."

Krieg says he has seen similar problems in a few row-irrigated fields that did not get watered until it was too late for the plant to recover.

In general the High Plains will have a significantly smaller crop in 1994. Estimates of the crops eventual size range from around 2 million to just over 2.5 million bales.

Following his successful heart transplant operation PCG Chairman of the Board, Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, has asked PCG to pass along his sincere thanks to everyone on the High Plains and across the rest of the Cotton Belt for the support they have given him during his time in the hospital.

Huffacker underwent the operation on July 16 and currently remains in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock to continue his recovery.

Lubbock will be the site of an "Economics of Defoliation" seminar today (Thursday) in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater. The free seminar is being sponsored by Miles Inc. along with Texas Tech University, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.



IT ALL ADDS UP-Omega Leavitt (back row, second from left), a teacher in the Nazareth schools, attended the third annual math institute for high school math teachers this summer at West Texas A&M University. The program focused on the use of graphing calculators as teaching tools. Courtesy Photo

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MUST SELL! 1993 Astro, extended length, power windows, power door locks, cassette, very clean, low mileage, and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Contact John Baxter in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, (806) 247-2701.

## 14--Automobiles

## **Scott's Trading Post**

Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer S. Hwy. 385

1994 BUICK LeSABRE LIMITED, 4-DR. All available options, very low mileage, beautiful car.

1990 BUICK PARK AVE., 4-DR. All equipment; 33,000 miles; a cream puff.

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FOR SALE: 1986 Ford Taurus, air conditioning, runs great. \$2,400. Call 647-

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MUST SELL! 1992 Ford F150 Supercab XLT, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, tilt, cruise, air conditioning, AMFM cassette, captain's chairs with power lumbar support, center console, V-8, automatic with overdrive, sliding rear window, tinted glass, aluminum wheels and much more! No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Contact John Baxter in the Credit Dept., Friona

18--Services

## FREE

Motors, (806) 247-2701.

**Pregnancy Test** Confidential Counseling Problem Pregnancy Center 505 E. Park Ave., Hereford Call 364-2027 or 364-5299 (Michelle)

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#### 18--Services

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#### 19-Students Wanting Work

NEED YOUR TENNIS RACQUET RESTRUNG? Call Brent or Bryan Portwood at 647-2541.

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WILL DO BABYSITTING. Call 647 -19-10-ifx

NEED ANY YARD WORK done? If so, call Dan Matthews for any odd jobs. 647-3201.

### 20--Help Wanted

**FULL-TIME JANITOR NEEDED 11 p.m.** to 7 a.m. shift. \$5.50 per hour to start. Pick up application at main gate of American Maize 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. only. 20-16-1tc

\$500 SIGN-ON BONUS TELC Corp. is now interviewing qualified drivers for their client, Steere Tank Lines. Steere Tank Lines requires 12 months verifiable tractor trailer experience, CDL License with Haz Mat and tanker endorsement, over 21 years of age, pass DOT physical and drug screen. Company offers 401K. Retirement after 6 months. Life and Health insurance, paid vacations. Call 806-647-3185, Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 20-12-5tc

## 21-Wanted, Misc.

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

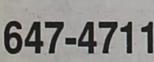
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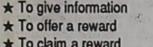
WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131.

#### 22-40-tfc 23--Lost & Found

FOUND: Rottweiler puppy near Allsup's two weeks ago. Need to find good home or the original owner. Call 647-2055. 23-16-1tc







\* To claim a reward \* You remain anonymous



## 25--Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

KENNETH CHRISTIE FEEDLOT, 109 Centre Street, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for an amendment to Permit No. 03488 to authorize an increase in the capacity of cattle feedlot from 4,000 head to a maximum of 10,000 head of cattle. Stormwater is to be retained in one storage pond. Wastewater from the pond is to be disposed of by evaporation and/or irrigation on 35 acres of agricultural land. Manure/solids will be disposed of as fertilizer on 575 acres of agricultural land. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The cattle feedlot is approximately one half mile west of Farm-to-Market Road 1057 and 2.5 miles south from the intersection of Farm-to-Market 1057 and US Highway 60, approximately eight miles southwest of the City of Hereford in Castro County, Texas. This location is in the drainage area of the Frio Draw in Segment No. 0207 of the Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted Aug. 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury-trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to crossexamination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot be the basis for the Commission's ultimate decison. In the event a hearing is held, the Office of Hearings Examiners will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decsion.

If no protests or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit.

Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Chief Clerk's Office, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-7908. Information regarding hearing procedures may be obtained by contacting Kerry D. Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner at the same address or by telephone at (512) 239-4100. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Richard Dee Purkeypile, Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 475-2192. Issued this 15th day of

GLORIA A. VASQUEZ, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-16-1tc

### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals and specifications on group health, life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits for eligible employees. Bid Packets are available at City Hall, 200 East Jones Street. Bids will be received by city manager, Reeford Burrous, with intention to submit recommended bids to the governing board at its meeting on Monday, September 12, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the City of Dimmitt.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Castro County Commissioners Court will accept bids for Group, Comprehensive, Major Medical Insurance on August

Bid packets with needed information may be picked up at the office of Auditor, Maretta Smithson.

Bids will be opened on August 22, 1994 at 10 a.m. by County Commissioners Court. Bidders should be present to answer any questions.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR. Castro County Judge 25-15-2tc

## 25--Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF CASTRO** 

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 6th day of JULY, 1994, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1994, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFI-CIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIM-MITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-

CAUSE No. 92-06-A6496 CASTRO COUNTY VS. MEDRANO, JESSE.

All of Lot Seven (7) and the South 12.5 feet of Lot Eight (8), Block One Hundred Forty-One (141), Original Town

of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. CAUSE No. 92-10-A6558 CASTRO

COUNTY VS. GARCIA, LOUIS MORIN. All of Lot Number Nine (9) and the South Half (S/2) of the West Half (W/2) of the East-West alley, all located in Block Number One Hundred and Fiftythree (153), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

CAUSE No. 91-05-B6319 CASTRO COUNTY VS. ROBLEDO, EUSEBIO.

All of lot Number One(1) in Block Number Fifty-one (51), Original Town of Dimmitt, in Castro County, Texas. CAUSE No. 91-10-A6224 CASTRO COUNTY VS. ARGUIJO, ROBERT.

All of Lot Nine (9), in Block One Hundred Three (103), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of JULY, 1994 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest at 10%, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of the CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDE-PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAS-TRO COUNTY AND CASTRO COUNTY **EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT** INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1994

C.D. FITZGEARLD Sheriff Castro County Texas By Jerry Jansa Deputy 25-14-3tc

## More about

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He repaid his friends. Why did he

Was it business or friendship? Which is fact?

Business before held is deducti-

ble, they feel. We disagree with the answer, but

let's not appeal.

Gripers and whiners are getting entirely too much attention in our

The strength of our nation has always been people who utilize their freedoms and their own capabilities to become the best they can be, and in turn make our nation the best it can be.

Most Americans still adhere to those ideals. There are millions of good - hearted, generous, caring people all across our land. Don't let anyone convince you otherwise.

Our nation isn't perfect by any means, and never has been. However, we keep trying to live up to the ideals set forth in our Constitution - to correct injustices and secure equal opportunity for every-

But it seems that the more we accomplish, the more the complainers and whiners crank up the intensity. Businesses, governments and institutions are being bombarded with nit-picky lawsuits at every turn, and constant complaints about equal status, entitlements, real or imagined harassment, social deprivation, and all kinds of "rights"human, animal and ecological.

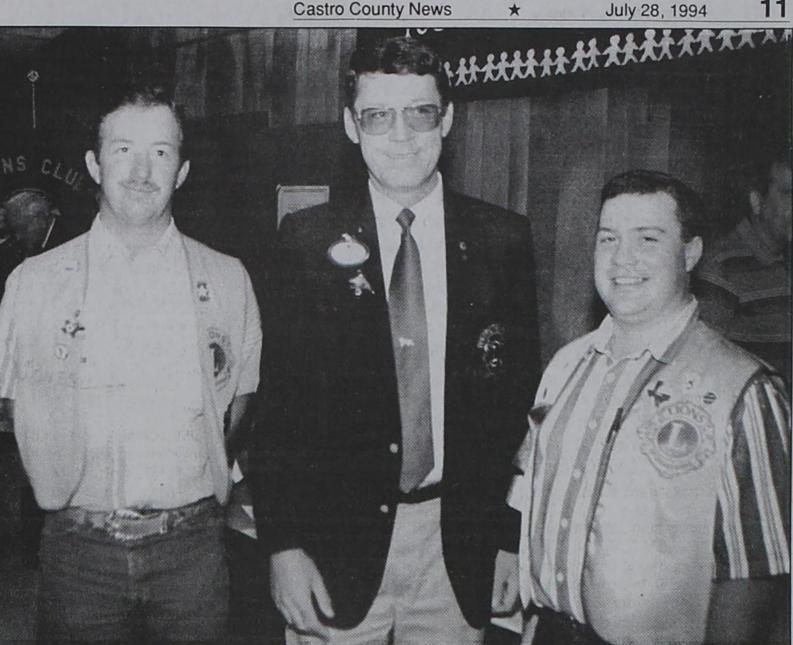
Our Congress and courts have tried to legislate and adjudicate all these conflicts, in the name of fairness, to the point where we're up to our necks in regulations.

For every imaginable type of human conflict, it seems, there has to be a law or a regulation to "do something" about it.

And many people are getting tired of it.

I'm lucky enough to be in a profession that the government is constitutionally forbidden to regulate. A journalist doesn't have to be licensed by any government agency. A newspaper can't take any government subsidies or get a loan from the Small Business Administration or any other government agency. We succeed or fail on our own, through the free - enterprise system and our own abilities, without any help or hindrance from any level of government. Which is just fine with me.

With freedom of the press, of course, comes a whole shopping list of responsibilities—to be as fair as possible in our coverage, to report the events of the day as accurately and impartially as we can, to provide a public forum in which all viewpoints can be voiced.



HART LIONS HOST DISTRICT MEETING-Past Boss Lion Kelly Jones (left) and Boss Lion Todd Pebsworth (right) of the Hart Lions Club visit with District Gov. Sid Shaw of Hereford

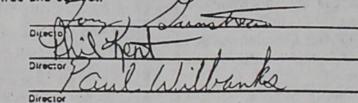
during a cabinet meeting for Lions International District 2-T1 Saturday at Hart Elementary School cafeteria. Representatives of most of the 63 clubs in the district attended the meeting. Photo by John Brooks

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We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true and correct.

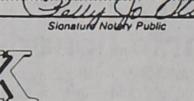


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## Obituaries

## Elena Arguijo

Elena Arguijo, 55, of Dimmitt, died July 21, 1994.

Services were Saturday at Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Torres, pastor of Iglesia de Dios del Primogenito, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Arguijo was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Corpus Christi. She moved to Dimmitt in 1959 from Robstown. She married Robert Arguijo in June 1960. She was a member of Iglesia de Dios del Primogenito and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, David Arguijo of Hereford, Noe Arguijo of Friona, and Joshua Arguijo and Aaron Arguijo, both of Dimmitt; six daughters, Sylvia Silva of Littlefield, Susana Fuentes of Amarillo, and Elizabeth Nanez, Martha Barrios, Deborah Sanchez and Sheila Jouett, all of Dimmitt; her mother, Guadalupe Romero of Dimmitt; a sister, Dora Hernandez of Robstown; two brothers, Pedro Perraida of San Antonio and Rodolfo Romero of Robstown; and 39 grandchildren.

## **Paul Bennett**

Paul Marvin Bennett, 59, of Amarillo died July 20 in Sand Springs, Okla.

Graveside services were held July 22 at Woodland Cemetery with Rev. Larry Tuttle officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Mobley - Dodson Funeral Service.

Mr. Bennett was born April 7, 1935, in Sand Springs. He married Marilou Perkins in Sand Springs on October 5, 1955.

He was a truck driver for Bald-

win Transportation. He is survived by his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Bryan Reynolds of Dimmitt; four sisters, Kathleen Brown of Tulsa, Okla., Etta Cook of Sand Springs, Edna Baker of Missouri, and Ellen Bash of Tulsa; three brothers, Floyd Bennett of Benton, Ark., Jerry Bennett of Tulsa, and Larry Bennett of Sand Springs; and a granddaughter, Harley K. Reynolds.

## **Carlos Cedillo**

Carlos David Cedillo, 3, died July 20, 1994.

Services were Friday in the Pentecostal Church in Hart with the Rev. Roger Velasquez, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hart Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home.

He was born in Plainview on Sept. 18, 1990. He was a lifetime resident of Hart.

Survivors include his parents, Carlos and Esther Cedillo of Hart; a brother, Christopher Cedillo of Hart; two sisters, Leslie Cedillo and Beatrice Cedillo, both of Hart; and his grandparents, Daniel and Rebecca Rodriquez of Hart and Ventura and Esperanza Cedillo of Durango, Mexico.

### J. Mac Cates

Lt. Col. J. Mac Cates, 49, of Carmel, Ind., died Thursday in Indianapolis.

Services were Monday at Central Christian Church in Carmel. Burial was in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery by Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Home of Carmel.

Mr. Cates was a graduate of Texas Tech University in 1967, earning his master's there in 1970. He served 22 years in the US Army, retiring in 1989. He was a teacher in Carmel and surrounding areas following his retirement from the military. He was a member of the Central Christian Church and

the Retired Officers Assocation. Survivors include his wife, Linda Ann; two sons, Harold R. Cates of Killeen and Alexander W. Cates of College Station; two daughters, Jamie R. Cates and Erin K. Cates, both of Carmel; his mother, Ina Rae Cates of Dimmitt; and two sisters, D'Ann Shamburger of Lubbock and Carma Goldsberry of Salem, Ore.

The family suggests memorials to Central Christian Church or to the Indiana Leukemia Society.

## Vardell earns Masonic honor

O.A. "Slim" Vardell will receive a 50-year pin at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Castro Masonic Lodge in Dimmitt.

The event is open to the public, and all of Mr. Vardell's friends are invited to attend. The lodge is located at NW Third and Etter in Dimmitt.

## Jessie Laveral Erath

Jessie Laveral "Bitsy" Erath, 45, of Spur died July 23 at Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. Services were held at 2:30 p.m., Monday at the Church of Christ in Spur with Ernie Bishop, minister, officiating.

Miss Erath was born in Crosbyton, and lived in Spur all her life.

She is survived by her parents, George and Gracie Erath of Spur; a sister, Linda Jackson of Lubbock; two nieces, Shari Murchison of Lubbock and Denise Schilling of Dimmitt; two great-nieces, Jesica Murchison and Magen Murchison of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Dwight Dillashaw, Ed Dillashaw, Clomer Randall and Jackie Young.

## **Murray Hall**

Murray Hall, 68, of Dimmitt, died Saturday.

Services were Monday in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with the Rev. Tommy Ewing, pastor of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Mr. Hall was born Nov. 21, 1926 in Guntwon, Miss. He served in the Naval Air Force from 1947 to 1949. He owned and operated automotive parts stores in Dimmitt and Weslaco from 1961 to 1980. He was also a former employee of Hays Implement Co., and was a former Hart resident.

Survivors include a son, Greg Hall of Weslaco; a daughter, Lisa Magee of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

#### **Rose Mary** Schmucker

Rose Mary Schmucker, 74, of Hereford, died July 19, 1994.

Services were Friday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Msgr. Orville Blum, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park by Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schmucker was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Chicago, Ill. She married Alvis Schmucker on June 11, 1940, in Nazareth. She was a housewife and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and St. Anthony's Parish Organization.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Bob of Hereford, Harold of Plano and Charles of Reno, Nev.; four daughters, Dianne Beutel of Graford, Peggy Boyett of Sioux Falls, S.D., Marilyn Woodard of Amarillo and Janice Weinheimer of Groom; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## **County amends** sheriff's budget

County commissioners wrangled with amendments to the Fiscal Year 1994 budget Monday at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Commissioners considered how best to amend the budget to meet needs in the sheriff's office. Because the county has more prisoners serving jail time than the county jail can hold, the county has had to farm out prisoners to surrounding counties. The county had to pay for \$5,780 worth of prisoner transfer costs out of the county this month, sending the yearly spending for out-of-county prisoner housing over budget.

Commissioners also had to pay for overtime expenses of \$425.69 in the sheriff's office. Most of the overtime came in the communications department, where a part-time worker quit. That put an extra load on the county's four full-time dispatchers.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos complained that Sheriff CD Fitzgearld wasn't watching his overall budget carefully and might have been able to allow for the overload in communications and excess prisoners.

"There was not anything he could do about this," said County Judge Polly Simpson. "This isn't his fault."

Commissioners approved the necessary transfers to cover expenses.

Johnny Stanford of Stanford Body Works complained to commissioners that he was not paid for a full bill for towing in a car for the county recently, but commissioners said they would only pay the bill they were originally presented.

## City takes mulligan on stray golf balls at 647-4780.

City residents on NW 12th who may be bothered by errant golf shots are on their own, city councilmen decided Monday.

Johnny Flores Jr., who lives on the west side of the street, complained to the council July 11 that several errant golf shots had landed in his back yard, narrowly missing small children. He asked the city council to do something, and the council agreed to look into options.

There are no options, City Attorney Jack Edwards told the council.

"There is no legal precedent for holding the city responsible for hitting golf balls into someone's yard," Edwards said. "It's not a municipal course, and the only time there would be a problem is if there were city employees purposely hitting golf balls into those yards.

"The city would be worse off if you try to do something than if you just leave it alone."





STRUMMIN' STEWART — Tommy Stewart entertains the crowd during a Brown Bag Concert, Friday at the gazebo at the courthouse in Dimmitt. A large crowd enjoyed a noon hour of visiting and music sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Photo by John Brooks

## Entries needed for events

Entries are still being accepted for events in the 1994 Castro County Harvest Days, Aug. 10-13 in Dimmitt.

Fair entry packets, including all fair rules, and brochures about Harvest Days events are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford; Castro County Extension Office, in the courthouse basement, and at several businesses in town including the News office.

Fair and quilt show entries are due Aug. 11, and a team roping will be held 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena. To enter the rodeo, call on Tuesday and

There will be an open team roping on Thursday evening, Aug.

For more information on the Queen's and Princess' contest, contact Carla Bradley at 647-5307. Queen candidates are to be 14 and up and the Princess candidates are to be 8-13 years-old. Whichever candidate sells the most rodeo tickets in their respective division will be the winner and receive a belt buckle.

Events on Aug. 12 will include an arts and crafts show; quilt and fair exhibits; pet show; "Youth Sews" fashion event; a youth Star Search contest; an "Accessorize to Maximize" demonstration; a poker Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. run and card challenge; and the first performance of the rodeo.

Highlights for Aug. 13 will include the arts and crafts show, quilts and fair exhibits; the annual parade; early settlers reunion and class reunions at the Senior Citizens Center; Dimmitt Car Show, swap meet, model car contest and antique tractor show, sponsored by DATA; food booths around the Expo area; outdoor games including pillow fights, a dunking board, horseshoe and washer pitching, water polo, volleyball and tug-of-war; open house at the Castro County Museum; cow patty bingo; kids games; guided tours of American Maize - Products; Top of Texas Cloggers; barbecue supper; square dancing; the second rodeo performance; and a street dance featuring



## FRIDAY, JULY 29

2:30-5:30 p.m. - Exhibits due for 4-H Mini Fair; judging begins at 6 p.m. in Hart Bank Community Room.

5 p.m. - Pet Show, McLain's Car Wash 7:30 p.m. Dudes 'n Dolls Contest, Hart Elementary Food booths will be set up by the Fire Station

Bingo Carnival

## SATURDAY, JULY 30

Zealot Club to sell homemade ice cream

8:45 a.m. - Parade entrants line up on west Ave. A. Judging begins.

10 a.m. - Parade begins.

AFTER PARADE: Reception for Honored Pioneers

Quilt Show 4-H fair exhibits on display Lions Club Horseshoe tourney

Food booths Methodist Women Pie Sale

Bingo

W.I.T.H. to sell homemade ice cream 12:30 p.m. - W.I.T.H. Assoc. Lucky Duck Race 1:00 p.m. Tractor Pull, east Bank parking lot west"

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Leisure time profile. . .



Circle Dot's Gregg Taylor.

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

**QUITAQUE** — The breathtaking beauty of the rugged Caprock region

and friendliness of townfolk operating shops and businesses dotting the countryside continto boost Quitaque's new-

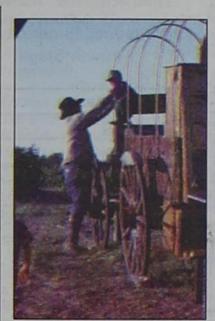
found reputation as a West Texas tourist mecca.

Those choosing to stopover at nearby scenic Caprock Canyons State Park or attend some of the many tourist events scheduled through the year have discovered that the spirit of the Old West and country hospitality is still alive

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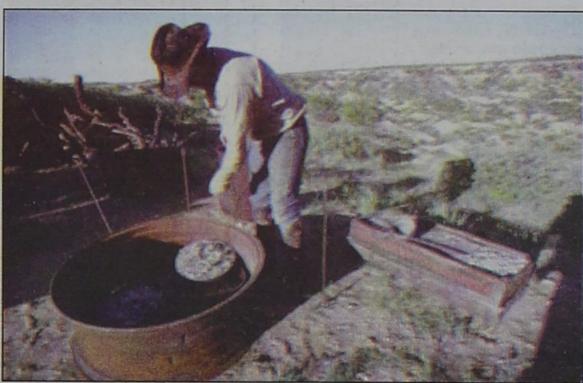
Gregg Taylor points out scenery to visitors Lee and Pearl Tapp.



Circle Dot a scenic spot Photos capture the experience of a chuckwagon supper at the Circle Dot Ranch near Quitaque.



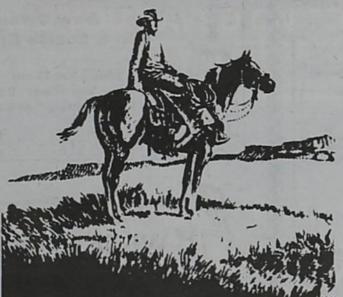
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## A&M gauges effects of heat stress on corn

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AMARILLO — Record high temperatures and below normal rainfall has caused severe stress on much of the corn in the Texas Panhandle.

Due to the stress placed on corn throughout the month of June, we can expect plants to be shorter than normal. shortness height, in itself, will not during tasseling and necessarily mean a reduction in yield.

However, as stress occurs during the late

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vegetative stage (two weeks prior to tassel emergence) yield may be reduced due to fewer potential number of kernels per ear row being developed.

Stress also tends to speed up the maturing process of the plant; thus, tasseling and silking may occur earlier than expected.

When stress occurs silking, a higher rate of kernel abortion may take place because the differentiation process

of reproductive parts is occurring at a faster than normal rate. Under severe stress conditions silking may be delayed until after much of the pollen has been shed leading to barren stalks and poorly filled ears.

sterility. The likelihood of this occurring is greater with increased temperatures above 95 degrees when coupled with moisture stress.

The high tempera-Temperatures above tures along with high

95 degrees during pollen

shed can cause pollen

yield reduction per day of stress

Growth Stage

% Yield Reduction

Late vegetative	2
Flowering	6-8
Ear filling	4-7

#### Table 3. Estimated Percent Corn Yield Loss Due to Defoliation Occurring at Various Stages of Growth. Stage of Growth 7 Leaf 8 Leaf 9 Leaf 10 Leaf 11 Leaf 12 Leaf 13 Leaf 14 Leaf 15 Leaf 16 Leaf 17 Leaf 18 Leaf 19-21 Leaf Tassel Silked Silks Brown Pre-Blister Blister Early Milk Milk Late Milk Soft Dough Early Dent Dent Late Dent Nearly Mature Reprinted by permission from the National Crop Insurance Service's "Com Loss Instructions" (Rev. 1984)

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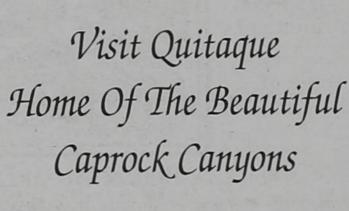
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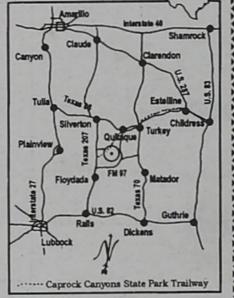
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# Tech Ag/Comm degree trains journalists to speak and write to the farm& ranch audience

By WENDY WALTON

AgReview Writer

LUBBOCK — Major work shaped the exterior of the Tech Agricultural Education and Communication building in 1994. But even bigger changes revamped the ag communications curriculum inside.

Dr. Paul Vaughn, chairman of the department of agricultural education and communications compiled the following curriculum information based on the catalogs during the past years. Agricultural communications (ag comm) has been a part of the agricultural education (ag ed) department since 1973 at Texas Tech. In the beginning, students followed the same curriculum as the ag ed students with an addition of 29 hours from the mass communication (mass communication) department.

In 1975, some changes took place in the curriculum by adding an additional six hours of mass comm classes to the program. Ag comm changed from an option to a specialization in 1982, and the courses taken in the mass communications department increased to 45 hours.

Six hours of ag comm were added and the mass comm courses were reduced to 39 hours. Internship hours became available for credit.

The final changes in the curriculum took place in 1987, by adding 12

hours of ag comm classes, and reducing mass comm to 21 hours. Ag comm is currently a degree in the ag ed department at Texas Tech.

Dr. Robert Terry Jr., assistant professor and ag comm adviser, is conducting a research project, with graduate assistant, Frankie Evans handling all the research and development of the project, "Enhancing and Evaluating the national Agriculture Communications Curriculum." The study is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"As comm as undergone changes for the last 20 years. The current curriculum in the ag comm department is being analyzed and studied to determine if ag comm graduates are ready for the work force," Evans explained.

Evans conducted an intense survey and review of literature of various ag comm programs across the nation throughout the fall and spring semesters. Eighty professors in the field of ag comm were selected from 70 organizational directories.

The surveys were distributed to 12 executive members of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Livestock Publications Council, American Agricultural Editor's Association, National Association of Farm Broadcasters, National Association of Farm Broadcasters,

Agricultural Relations Council and Cooperative Communicator Association.

Evans also commented the object of the survey was to ask employers in the field of ag comm courses to evaluate the current curriculum. The survey consisted of three rounds, the panel members participating in the surveys were asked to rate the class curriculum listed. The round three results were used as an instrument to assure the areas selected to be included in the curriculum reflect the intent of the group.

Evans also requested catalogs or curriculum guides from across the nations from various ag comm and ag journalism programs. The materials will be used to update the curriculum guides as part of the USDA research grant.

California Polytechnical Institute located at San Luis Obispo, Calif. also is involved in the research. Dr. Scott Vernon and Meredith Reahrman are conducting research as part of the curriculum improvement programs.

The Livestock Publications Council held a national conference July 27-30. Texas Tech and Cal Poly presented theresults of the study.

"Both Texas Tech and Cal Poly are paving the way for a national ag curriculum base," Evans explained.



AG-SPECIFIC CURRICULUM — Cindy Buckner (left), Texas Tech Ag Education major from Chico, visits with Allyson Brunson, ag communications major from Littlefield. Both have received training in ag journalism through a new Tech degree.

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Newest attraction to the Caprock Canyons

State Trailway, first opened in 1993.

The Trailway begins near South Plains in Floyd County and winds 21 miles to the state park over the original route of the abandoned Fort Worth and Denver Railroad roadbed

The trailway is open for hiking, biking or horse riding. And, there is also a guided tour on motorized vans.

A motorized tour of either two or four hours duration is operated by Joe and Virginia Taylor. Their van whisks visitors along the scenic route with a stop at historic Clarity Tunnel.

Hewn through a draw tourists here is caprock embankment when the former rail

line was first built, Clarity Tunnel is one of only two such railroad tunnels still in existence in the Lone Star State.

A little known attraction at the tunnel, and whose popularity is growing, is a nightly flight of bats exiting the tunnel about 9 p.m. each evening. To date, only the traveler willing to hike the two and one-half mile route to the mouth of the cave at dusk has witnessed the event.

Quitaque area events for tourists to the area has mushroomed over

the past year or two. The Circle Dot Ranch, operated by Joe and Virginia Taylor and family, holds regular Chuckwagon suppers along the rim of the Caprock. It also schedules Comanchero breakfasts on its ranch. The events are held in the months of May through October.

Information about the reservations for the Circle Dot meals or the motorized tours of the state trailway are available by calling Virginia Taylor at 983-

Numerous establishments are now catering to travelers desiring to stay over for a night or longer.

Big C RV Park has opened in the northern part of the city along the route leading to Caprock Canyons State Park.

The historic Hotel

Turkey located 20 miles east of Quitaque in the town of Turkey, features lodging in a restored, 1927-era setting. The hotel bills itself as a bed and breakfast retreat anbd conference center. It offers RV hookups along with stables and barnyard animals for the kids.

Three bed and breakfast establishments in the immediate area are catering also Quitaque-bound travelers:

Dale and Dona Smith Bed and Breakfast is located four miles west and two miles south of Quitaque on the banks

of Los Lingos Creek. Quitaque Quail Lodge, owned by Gus

and Vinita Hrncir, is located three and onehalf miles west of

Quitaque on Texas 86. The Rails to Trails Sports and Hunting Lodges, owned by Lee and Pearl Tapp, is located in town. It was originally opened as the Quitaque Hotel in 1930s and has recently been restored and rebuilt. It is one half block south of caution light on main street.

Recurring events round Quitaque around include:

National Trails Day is held each first weekend in June, spotlighting the area's western heritage and focusing the Caprock Canyons Trailway. This year the first annual combined bicycle race, featuring 40, 18, and six-mile races was initiated and will become

an annual event. Soon the community will announce its second annual Fall Foliage tour, highlighting the beauty of turning leaves along the state trailway as well as Los Lingos and Quitaque creeks.

A special Christmas event, the Caprock Country Christmas, is held each fall and features a display of arts and crafts at booths around the city for Christmas gift giving.

Caprock Canyons Cafe, a longtime city eating establishment, is owned by Dona and Louise Brummett, features country cooking and general menu items.

Sportsman Cafe, owned Roye Pigg, is known for its offering of Texas-sized hamburgers, chicken fried steak and a regular Friday night fajita feast.

A unique giftshop, called Karol's Kountry Korner, has been opened in the former location of an old filling station and former longtime city grocery. Opened in 1989, it is owned by Karol Pigg, granddaughter of origiowner nal Blankenship.

The city also boasts an authentic variety store, still operated in the manner of similar firms which sprung up across the country in the teh 1930s and 1940s. Farley's Flowers and Variety continues operation much like its predecessors which have since vanished.

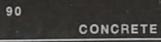
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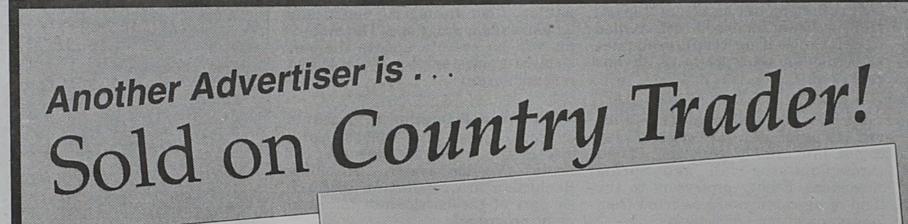
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## Mac computers to get upgrade, though not a major one

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next software upgrade.

## System 7.5 on way for Macs

By PETER H. LEWIS

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Last week in this space we learned about forthcoming Microsoft Windows 4.0 operating system, codenamed Chicago.

This week we can preview Apple Computer's next Macintosh operatsystem update, System 7.5, expected to released September.

Chicago is the Windy City, a toddlin' town, hog-butcher to the world. If Apple's System 7.5 were a city, it would probably be New Orleans, the Big Easy. It has approximately 50 new features that make the Macintosh even easier to use. New Orleans also conjures images of jazz and gumbo and just a hint of mystery. There is all of that in System 7.5, too.

software-Astute watchers will recognize that while Microsoft's next version of Windows

makes an integer leap visual pointers major System 7.5 is just a few steps up from the current System 7.2.

"This isn't the Big One," noted Bob Le Vitus, author "Macintosh System 7.5 for Dummies," scheduled for release at the same time as the software. The Big One is expected to be System 8.0, which will not appear until later next year. Meanwhile, version 7.5 has more than enough goodies to warrant an interim switch.

The Macintosh has long been acknowledged as the easiest of the major personal computers to learn to use and operate. But even experienced Mac users spend some time scratching their heads over cryptic error messages and balky commands.

One of the most noticeable improvements in System 7.5 is called active assistance. previous Apple's attempt at online assistance, called Balloon help, was about as helpful as an aneurysm. The new system provides step-by-step guidance through the most common operations, with

from 3.X to 4.0, implying screen to minimize the upgrade, chance of making a mistake.

> The active assistance system can go beyond basic Macintosh operations. A maker of a Macintosh word processing program might use it, for example, to guide the user through inserting a chart into a document. Microsoft uses a similar technique, called Wizards, in some of its Windows applications, but Apple now does it better on both the operating system and application levels.

> Similarly, Apple has improved on drag-anddrop editing, which some Windows users enjoy. In the System 7.5 scheme, text or graphics from one program can be highlighted and dragged not just to another place in the document, but into other applications or even onto the back-

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Windows can be rolled up into the title bar, like window shades, when they block the view of underlying items on

screen.

For those of us whose hard disks are as messy as our desks, the new Find File feature is a godsend. The Macintosh Find command was practically worthless for someone who had lost a text file within a 500-megabyte hard disk. The new system is lightning fast and

easy to use.

Apple has System 7.5 to work better with DOS and Windows files, even if the user has not loaded the actual DOS or Windows applications on the Mac.

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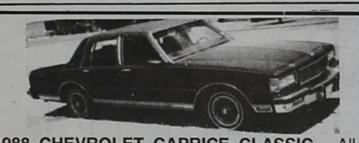
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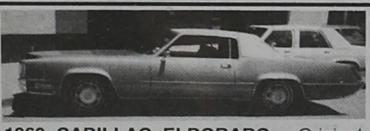
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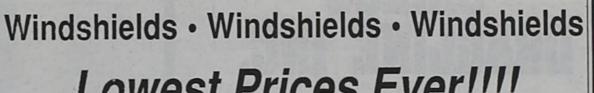
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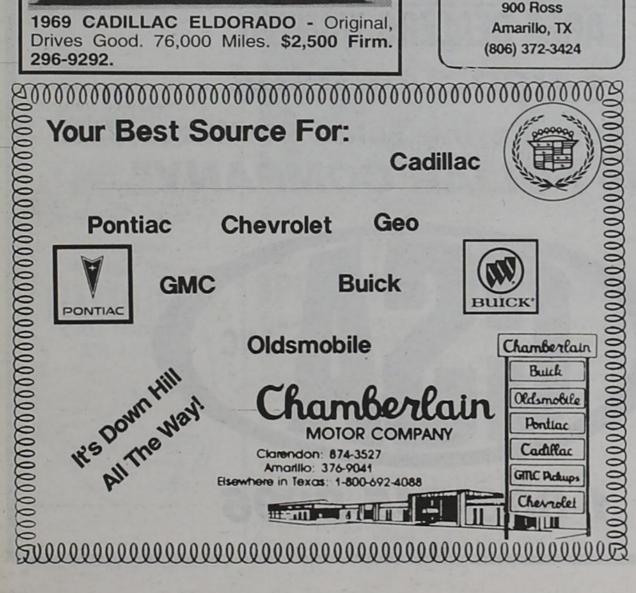
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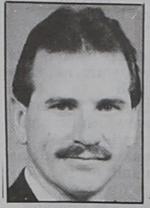


## Demand still weak in corn, sorghum markets

Although Texas corn and sorghum producers continue to suffer from excessive heat and drought, growing conditions in the Midwest continue to be very good. The recent crop condition report again showed improvement in the 17 major states' corn production, but Texas showed a slight decrease. With little demand news coming in, traders will likely continue to focus on weather in the short run. That, in turn, will likely keep prices trending lower, with occasional rallies meeting a fair amount of

Last week's supply/demand estimates, while they are good estimates given the current situation, will likely change as the year progresses. If crop conditions continue to improve, yield expectations will likely increase, and estimated production could move well above the 9 billion bushel level. We are already seeing some private estimates moving above the 9 billion bushel level, and that is part of what is pushing prices lower.

Keep in mind, that one cure for low prices is low prices. If prices continue to work lower, and the dollar stays weak, we may be able to generate some



Dr. Mark Waller

better demand this winter. That could be helpful in building a post-harvest rally.

Unless we see another weather scare in the next few weeks, prices will likely move sideways to lower through the summer and into harvest.

Wheat market uncertainties:

A number of analysts have suggested that wheat has put in its seasonal lows, and it may be time for a post harvest rally. There does seem to be evidence from both a fundamental and a technical standpoint

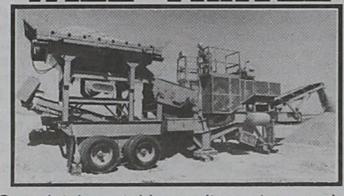
to support this idea, but, as always, there are also some reasons for concern.

Winter wheat harvest pressure is slowing, and much of the harvest time supply/demand imbalance should be past. Wheat futures have shown good support in the face of falling corn and soyubean prices. Season lows on the weekly continuation chart have held against several tests. Furthermore, from a seasonal standpoint it may be about time for a post harvest rally if we consider this a normal crop year.

There are a few red flags out there, however, that should at least signal a need for caution. The market is not providing much of an incentive to store. There is little or no carry in the futures market, and basis appears to be a little better than average in sales now, as opposed to later.

Demand will obviously determine the extent of any rally from this level, and whether post harvest price improvement will be enough to offset storage

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(Dr. Mark Waller, Grain Marketing Specialist with the A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the grain markets.)



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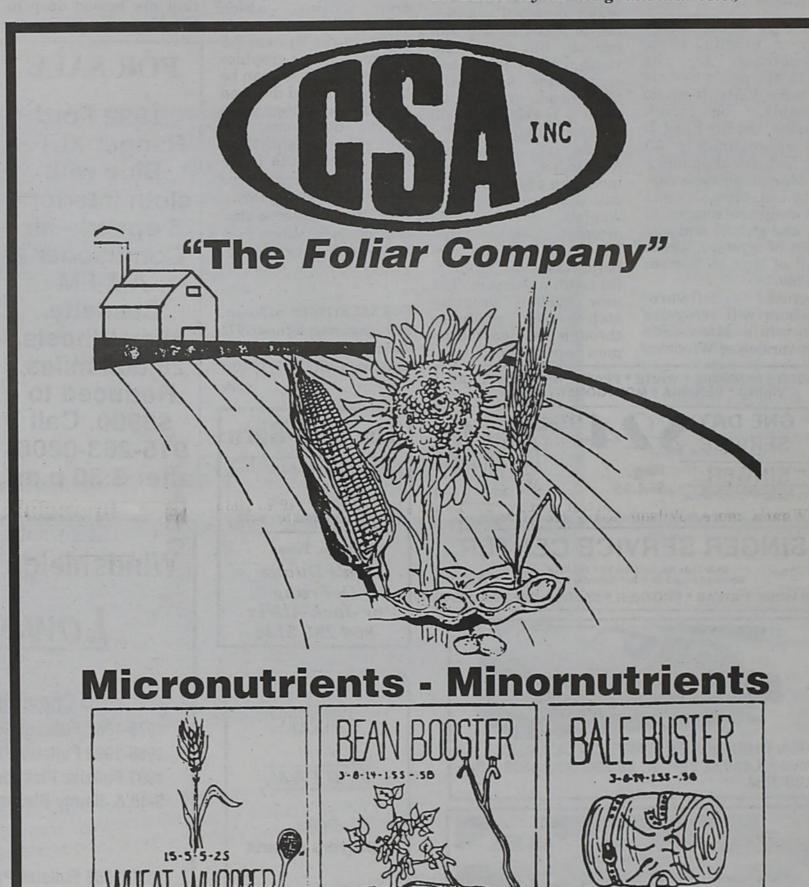
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## Matua withstands heat in grazing under plains pivots

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

LOWRY CITY, Mo. — A new grass for planting as a cattle grazer below center pivots has performed well through the recent blistering summer, reports a national distributor of the new product.

Keith Carmichael, national distributor for Easy Drill Matua Brome Grass, says he is encouraged by a spot check recently of grass stands in the High Plains region.

"We just talked to a producer in Boise City, Okla., and he remarked that the summer heat had not hurt his grass a bit," Carmichael said.

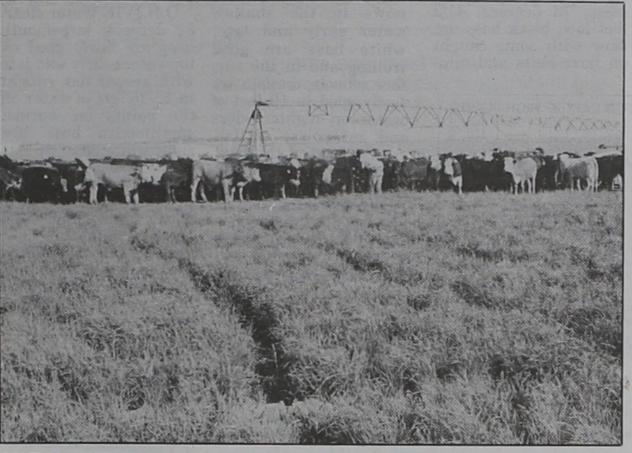
The Lowry City farmer and grass distributor has been on the phone recently with many of his clients in the Texas Panhandle/Oklahoma/E aster New Mexico area.

"I don't know how I could be more pleased with the grass," commented Cecil Wilson, Oklahoma cattleman. He is currently running 400 head of steers on a circle of Matua near Boise City.

"Here it is July and my grass looks better than ever," Wilson said recently.

What's more, Wilson said his cattle have only grazed on about half his grass acres.

He began in March with 250 head of steers, weighing about 350 to 400 pounds on eight 7-acre cells (55 acres); and even though he hayed half of the circle and moved the cattle every four days, he soon real-



MATUA CIRCLE — 400 cattle graze a circle of Matua near Boise City, Okla.

ized he needed more cat-

On May 20, the 55-0acre half circle looked about all the same, he said. It was 20 to 24 inches tall and headed out.

The grass had gotten completely away from the stockers so Wilson brought in another 150 head.

"The amazing thing is that even 250 head on seven acres for four days left behind a lot of grass," he said.

Because of his experience this year, Wilson plans to start with at least 500 head on the circle and move them about every 24 hours during the spring to maintain better forage quality.

His forage analysis showed 15 to 20 inch tall Matua that was not headed, at 22.89 percent crude protein, 25 percent TDN, with a net energy of .79.

According to Oklahoma State University livestock specialist Chuck Strasia, who works with Wilson, the grass has shown potential.

"Matua appears to be an excellent forage that looks very promising," Strasia said.

Strasia said he found Matua's relative feed values "too good to be true," he said.

Forage tests from Wilson's Matua showed relative feed values ranging from 140-152. Relative feed value (RFV) is an index used to compare quality of forages. Mature or full bloom alfalfa is equal to 100 with top quality alfalfa testing in the range from 140 to 165.

By June 10, Wilson began grazing 400 head on the half-circle that had been haved earlier.

He expects to have hay part of the circle again.

When the entire circle is in the grazing system, later in the season, he will have it divided into 16 seven-acre cells.

Although grazing

tem can give the grass form 16 to 48 more days of rest which is one of the most important factors in managing Matua, Carmichael said.

When asked about having "that much fence" on the circle, Wilson told Carmichael, "Now that I've got it down, I can add one cell fence in about 15 minutes — it's worth it."

In most cases irrigator wheels simply run over cross fences, and some producers use heavy springs at one end of the high tensile wire.

Bog Hood of Tyrone, Okla., who grazes steers on a circle of Matua drilled into Spar Bluestem, says, "We have only broken one wire that way for as long as I can remember."

Hood has his system divided into eight 15-acre cells. This kind of system gives the cattleman more control over the cattle and, therefore, some control over the grass.

Faster rotations (15 to

24 days) in the Spring or Fall when the grass is growing fastest helps maintain forage quality as well as build a surplus of grass, Carmichael believes.

Cattlemen like Wilson and others who have tried management intensive grazing and who use this and other forages under center pivot may not think of themselves as pioneers, Carmichael says, but they have proven that they are not afraid to try something new.

"They are certainly on the cutting edge of this," Carmichael said.

As for Wilson and others, the grass has met expectations.

"I am so pleased with what I have here that I plan to put in another circle of Matua this fall right next to the first," he said

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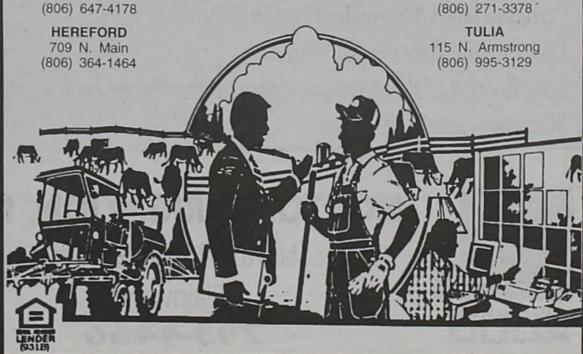
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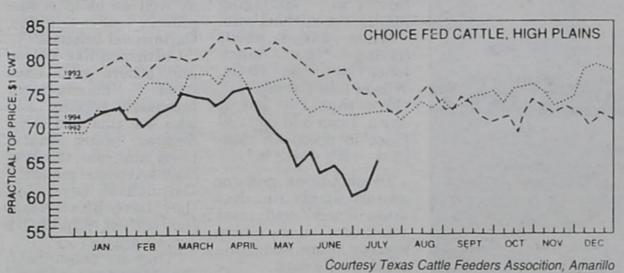
## Fishing improves as summer heat eases grip

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and

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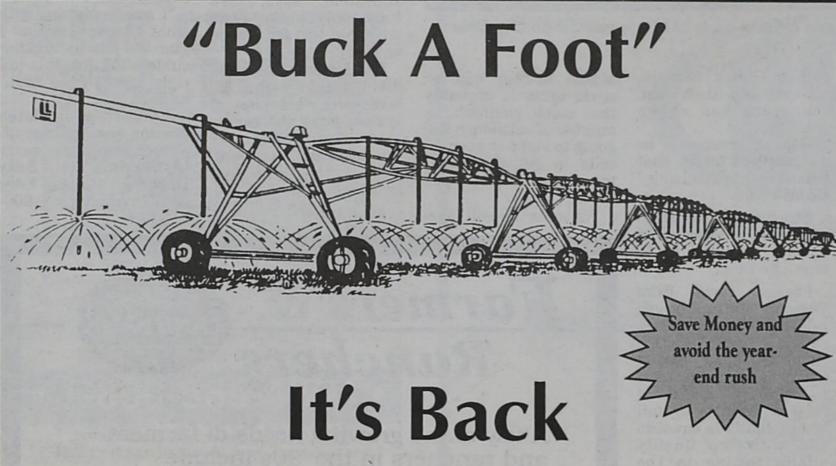
MEREDITH: Water murky, high levels; black bass are fair; catfish are good especially at night.

O.H.IVIE:Water clear, 82 degrees; largemouth bass are fairly good on topwaters early and late with keeper fish caught in 15-25 feet of water off the points on worms; smallmouth bass are slow; white bass are fair in the occasional surface schools off the sandy points in 15-30 feet of water on slabs and spoons; crappie are slow; channel catfish are good over baited holes and on crotlines set in shallow brushy areas in 2-5 feet of water using the bait of your choice.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 86 degrees,

normal level; black bass are slow with some small fish caught shallow; striper are fair with some schooling action at various times during the day; white bass are slow; crappie are fair at the upper end of the lake over brush in 12 feet of water on minnows; catfish are slow.

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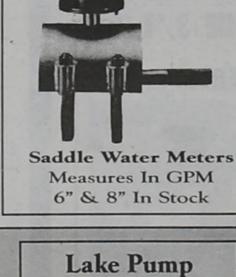


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Increasingly, growers are using insecticides formed by a microorganism, thuringiensis (Bt), to control moth larvae, like tobacco budworms and cotton bollworms. Last year, an estimated 500,000 acres of Texas cotton-about 12 percent of the state's cropwere treated to some extent with Bts.

Bts are harmless to mammals, including humans, and do not endanger birds or fish. Because they only affect insects that consume vegetation, Bts also pose little risk to beneficial insects that eat or parasitize destructive pests.

Essentially, the Bt shuts down the larvae's feeding and gives it a form of blood poisoning. It may remain on the plan for several days, but the larvae ceases to eat or grow. If it doesn't die from the treatment, it may fall prey to a beneficial insect.

The Bt option is prompting farmers, as well as entomologists, to rethink their approach to controlling pests.

'1n 40 years of work, I've tried to replace natural control systems with a chemical-based approach," notes Dr. Bill Plapp, a Texas A&M entomologist. "Now, we're reverting to a natural approach and finding ways to make it work better.

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Bts give natural control forces, like beneficial insects, a chance to gain the upper hand."

Plapp has researched how Bts and related biological controls can aid cotton farmers. Much of the initial Bt work and interest has focused on the coastal plains of Texas, but Plapp is receiving Bt inquiries from the High Plains other growing regions.

Plapp based his own Bt work on ideas developed by Reed Green, a Wharton, Texas, agricultural consultant. Green found in the 1980s that he could mir-

Texas cotton farmers imize worm infestations by regularly treating with amounts of Bt. That maintains a level of the insecticide on the leaf.

Green's system devel-Bacillus oped as farmers were exhausting other control options. Tobacco budworms, in particular, had gained resistance to a wide range of insecticides that kill both harmful and beneficial insects on contact.

> Bts work best on the very youngest larvae, so growers and their consultants must closely monitor fields for early signs of infestations, then apply the insecticides as enough worms emerge from eggs.

> "You can't use Bts like conventional insecticides," points out Duane Schroedter, an Campo, Texas, agricultural consultant. "To an extent, you're vaccinating the cotton plant."

> Compared to conventional insecticides, the cost of treating with Bts is the same or less, Schroedter adds.

> Several major chemical companies have launched Bt cotton insecticides. DuPont and Cibaiegy, for example, now market Bt products. Abbott Laboratories introduced the first Bt commonly used in cotton. Its product, DiPel, has been available for more than

> a decade. Most Bt insecticides are based on naturally occurring strains of Bacillus thuringiensis. But a newer generation of Bt insecticides also has been developed through genetic improvement techniques.

One company, Ecogen Inc., combined genetic traits from two different strains of

Bacillus thuringiensis to form a more potent hybrid. This hybrid Bt, marketed as Condor, was available in Texas on a introductory basis in 1992. Ecogen intended to fully market Condor in Texas last year, but demand in Louisiana Mississippi quickly outstripped its North American reserves, says Richard Garrett, an Ecogen spokesman.

"Farmers shifted to

live years ago, most farmers wouldn't have figured a bioinsecticide was worth buying. Now they're stockpiling them. That's how much attitudes have changed.'

Industry spokesman

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mark a turning point in how biotechnology and biological control are beginning to mesh with a bioinsecticide. In that main-line agriculture, says Texas A&M's Bill Plapp. He sees increased use of Bts, as well as other biological products.

Will bioinsecticides replace conventional, synthetic insecticides? Despite his optimism about Bts, Plapp believes both types of pesticides will be needed in Texas cotton.

"Biological insecticides are often very specific to a small number of insect species, and that's a weakness," says Products like Condor Plapp. "If a farmer deals with several types of species in a field, some can't be controlled with case, he will use a conventional pesticide or a bioinsecticide in combination with the regular chemical.

"The objective for farmers now is to accurately determine when they do have that biological option, then know how to use it."

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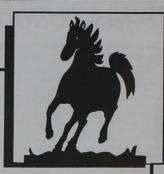
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## Property rights is focus of awareness program

#### Local land bank fights for rights of land owners

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For more than 60 years, Margaret Rodgers and her family have owned, worked and lived on the Sunset Ranch in Lago Vista, Texas.

It not only has been the family homestead for generations, but it also has provided for their livelihood. But when the Rodgers decided to fence part of their land for cattle a few years ago, the Fish and Wildlife Service informed them that fencing their property would cost them \$25,000 to \$50,000 in fines and possibly jail time. As the Rodgers soon learned, environmental regulations meant to protect an endangered bird habitat prohibited the Rodgers from using their land, without compensation.

A similar incident occurred to Margaret Rector, who bought land in 1973 in Travis County, near Austin, as an investment to supplement her retirement. She too, recently, heard from Fish and Wildlife, who told her that, since her land had been declared prime habitat for the endangered golden-checked warbler, she couldn't develop it. The government refused to buy it and, by 1993, her once worth \$900,000 had dropped to a market value of \$30,380.

Unfortunately these aren't isolated incidents. Federal laws that were purposed to protect the environment and endangered wildlife are now threatening the rights of private property owners across the country. Farmers and ranchers who rely on the land for their livelihood are facing the reality that government regulations can prevent them from using their own property. More than 30 federal laws such as the **Endangered Species Act** (ESA), the Clean Water Act (Wetlands) and National Biological Survey Act are intended to benefit wildlife, but many say these regulacompromise landowners' constitutional right to own and utilize private property. Caprock-Plains

Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) President Mike Howell says he is concerned about how these laws will eventually impact the Texas Panhandle and High Plains. The Caprock-Plains FLBA is an agricultural lending

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cooperative based in Plainview which makes land and rural home loans in Briscoe, Hale, Floyd and Motley counties. It has 293,707 acres of land held as collater-

More than 560 local farmers and landowners do business with the lending cooperative, which currently has approximately \$ 36.8 million in loans outstanding. Although the government hasn't limited property owners' rights in this region yet, Howell wants to raise awareness among Plainview farmers and ranchers as to the implications of these laws if parts of the region are declared wetlands or habitat for an endangered species.

"It's an issue that affects our stockholders, and all farmers and ranchers. They'll lose value in their property," Howell says. "It could become a major problem, and the regulations are enough to scare anyone."

The best way to raise awareness, Howell says, is through educating people about these laws and how they affect landowners. "If the public doesn't get involved," he says, "the government will continue to limit property rights. And if farmers and ranchers are restricted in production of food and fiber, everyone will be

Since 1990, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service district office opened in Austin, the property rights issue has grown in Texas. Many of the 150,000 producers in the state could be limited only to activities specified by the government if their land is declared endangered species habitat or a designated wetland. One of the biggest threats to landowners' rights, Howell notes, are the 55 endangered species in Texas that are protected by the ESA. For instance, just one of those species, the golden-checked warbler, stands to affect 32,000 square miles of land in 34 Central Texas counties. If that area is declared habitat for the bird, many property owners will find it difficult to make a living off the land.

When an area is deemed "protected habitat" by the ESA, a property owner has to get permission from the government "before they can do anything on the land," Howell points out.
"They'll be able to tell people if they can or can't build a home, fence cattle, or do anything else with it. They may no longer be able to use land as they have in the past. To operate, they'll need permission via permits. The cost of operating will increase, and the value of their property will decrease," he adds.

The hundreds of property owners who already have had their property rights taken in the name of the environment haven't always given up without a fight. The federal government currently has more than \$120 billion in "takings" claims against it. Once an individual decides to Endangered Species Act

sive fight to prove they should be able to use what is already theirs.

"There need to be reasonable changes Endangered Species Act and all environmental laws to take economic and human factors into account," Howell says. they're way enforced and interpreted by federal agencies is being used against landowners.

"If landowners were given incentives rather than disincentives to protect species, the take a case to court, it might work," Howell

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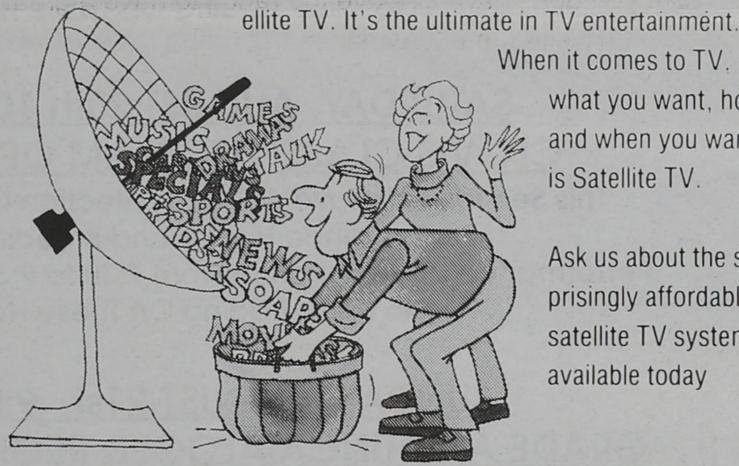
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