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Hart teacher's comments spark protests by parents

A large crowd of parents upset with Hart ag-science teacher Jim Tucker for alleged racial comments and other actions aired their grievances Monday night at the Hart School Board meeting.

Tucker has been accused of telling racial jokes during his classes and of referring to Hispanic students as "damned Mexicans." Tucker also came under fire for his conduct while supervising students on school-sponsored trips and while operating school vehicles.

The parents said they felt the Hart School Board had not taken appropriate action on the complaints aired against Tucker.

Joining the Hart parents and others Monday night were Richard Lugo, Abel G. Bosquez and Pete Garza, representatives from the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Tucker was not present.

The school trustees had voted to renew Tucker's contract for another year during a meeting last March, before the recent allegations were brought before the board.

The allegations against Tucker were made in June during a school board meeting. At that meeting, several parents, including elementary teacher Beth Gilley, spoke to the

school board during open forum.

According to a report in the June 16 issue of *The Hart Beat*, Gilley, who has a son in the FFA program, told board members that Tucker had approached her about whether she would be interested in having her son attend an early-morning class during the upcoming school year.

Gilley said that when she asked Tucker why he wanted to schedule the early morning class, he responded, "I want to get rid of those 'damned Mexicans.'"

Tucker also had been accused of smoking in school vehicles and in front of students while on school-sponsored trips, of allowing students to drive the school's vehicle, and for failing to pick up students (under his supervision) from a dance during an FFA convention.

Tucker has admitted to making the statement to Gilley, according to Hart School Board President Harold Bob Bennett. Bennett added that Tucker had apologized for the comments, but on Monday night, Gilley said he had not yet apologized to her.

Parents attending Monday's meeting questioned why the school district did not terminate Tucker's employment.

Bosquez said the LULAC office

had received numerous letters from upset Hart residents, and he asked the school board how many "other chances" Tucker would receive.

"Regardless of what some may think, we took the necessary steps in regard to the complaints that were factual," Bennett said.

Bennett said school officials had investigated the allegations against Tucker and some of them could not be verified.

Tucker has been severely reprimanded, school district officials said. Dr. Martin Earley, Hart Superintendent, wrote the reprimand, which he summarized by saying, "bad language, bad demeanor is not part of school ethics and will not be tolerated in any form."

Dr. Earley did not give specifics of the reprimand, but added that Tucker will remain under close scrutiny during the upcoming school year, and he will be evaluated every two months.

"I spoke with our legal representative and he advised us not to say what we include in any person's personnel file," Bennett said. "We took the action we felt was necessary. We feel the action was severe and we feel like the problems have been corrected."

If Tucker is found to be in viola-

tion of any of the terms of the reprimand, Dr. Earley said he will be "immediately placed on administrative leave, with pay, until the earliest board meeting can be called. At that time, Tucker would no longer be employed by the school district."

But that's not enough for parents who feel that their children's civil rights have been violated by Tucker's actions. They wanted to know Monday night why he is being given a second chance.

"We don't want him around," said a tearful Mickey Mendoza of Hart, the mother of five.

"Who's going to protect our kids?" Mendoza asked the board. "We want you to do the right thing for our kids. The way we see it, you're not doing that. I'm here to defend them because you're not."

"He's not setting a good example. We don't need that kind of example around here," Mendoza said. "What kind of proof are you waiting for? Does somebody have to get injured before you'll say, okay, now we have enough?"

Mendoza was one of three parents who addressed the board about Tucker's actions. Comments ranged from strong to vitriolic.

"There has not been a single

person on this school board who has defended the actions of Jim Tucker," Bennett said. "The comment he (Tucker) made is intolerable. We will not tolerate those kind of statements."

"Just because we have not fired Jim Tucker does not mean we are defending him," said board member Sandy Farris. "We have a process we must go through. We can't just go into a board meeting, listen to complaints and then say okay, you're fired."

Bennett added that when the board starts investigating allegations against school employees, there must be a "preponderance of evidence" before any employment termination proceedings can begin.

"We have told Jim that he made the mess and we expect him to fix it. We expect him to apologize to several parents and we expect him to be out recruiting kids for the ag program," Bennett said.

Garza, who is a member of LULAC, said he's worried about how the fallout will affect the students at Hart.

"Who's hurt in all of this? It's the kids," Garza said. "Those kids will remember those racial slurs for the rest of their lives. In this time and

age, things like this shouldn't be happening."

Dr. Earley also has received a letter of concern from Albert H. Kauffman, regional counsel with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF).

In that letter, Kauffman informed Dr. Earley that he has heard from several Hart residents about the "allegations of discrimination against Mexican Americans in the Hart Independent School District."

Kauffman cited specifics of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which prohibits discrimination against Latinos in any activity of the school district, then mentioned that any school district in violation of these laws can face severe penalties.

In his letter, Kauffman continued, "School districts which do not take strong and clear action to prevent such discrimination can themselves be held liable for discrimination against Latino students. Such activities can even lead to lawsuits against school personnel or a school district. . . . I urge you to investigate these matters very closely and if violations are found to take strong and clear action."

Mayor grills gas company reps

Three representatives of Energas Co. attended the Monday night meeting of the Dimmitt City Council and were grilled by Mayor Wayne Collins about the provisions of a settlement agreement on a pending rate hike case.

Russell Murph, operations supervisor for Energas, and Lee Schilling, Energas town operator, and Jerry Casares, senior service technician, presented a resolution to the council, accepting the settlement agreement arrived at between Energas and the 67 cities that formed a coalition to fight the proposed rate hike.

The agreement states that cities which adopt the resolution will be granted a moratorium on any rate increase for three years. However, if any city that has chosen to pursue the rate case before the Public Utilities Commission in Austin wins a lower rate than the settlement rate, signers of the settlement agreement will have 30 days to petition for the same lower rate. However, they will lose the moratorium on further increases, and will be required to help pay the legal costs for continuing the rate fight.

The settlement agreement will give Energas a 2.7% increase per year over the next three years—approximately \$3,010,000 in increase each year for the three years of the agreement, according to Murph. He said that Nazareth, Bovina, Hereford, Hart and Friona have already signed the settlement agreement.

Collins reminded the men that the

city has felt that Energas acted in "bad faith" the last time a rate increase was approved, because only a month after approval, the company "reduced the level of services, closed local offices and cut back on personnel."

He said that Murph's predecessor tried to remedy that situation somewhat by opening a local store front operation where customers can pay their bill locally.

Murph said the company plans to continue that program and is working on a rent-free lease agreement for the store-front operator (currently H&R Block in Dimmitt) in cooperation with Southwestern Public Service Co.

Murph said Energas also plans to continue efforts to encourage economic development in the community and area, and has offered free expansion of service lines to entice businesses to locate here.

Technology and system improvements are the main areas of expense that have caused Energas to seek the proposed rate increase, Murph said. City Councilman Roger Malone moved that the matter be tabled for two weeks so that the city can see how many cities will elect to pursue the rate case by appealing to the PUC in Austin. Councilman Clint Seward seconded the motion. Also voting in favor were Roy Garza and Trish Elliott. Bob Murdock abstained. Gloria Hernandez and Charles Richard were absent.

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MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER, PLEASE?—Brian Cuffey of Lampasas, an employee of Mira Enterprises, does some welding on the drive-up awning supports at the Sonic Drive-In in Dimmitt, which is scheduled for completion, hopefully, by the first part of August. Photo by Linda Maxwell

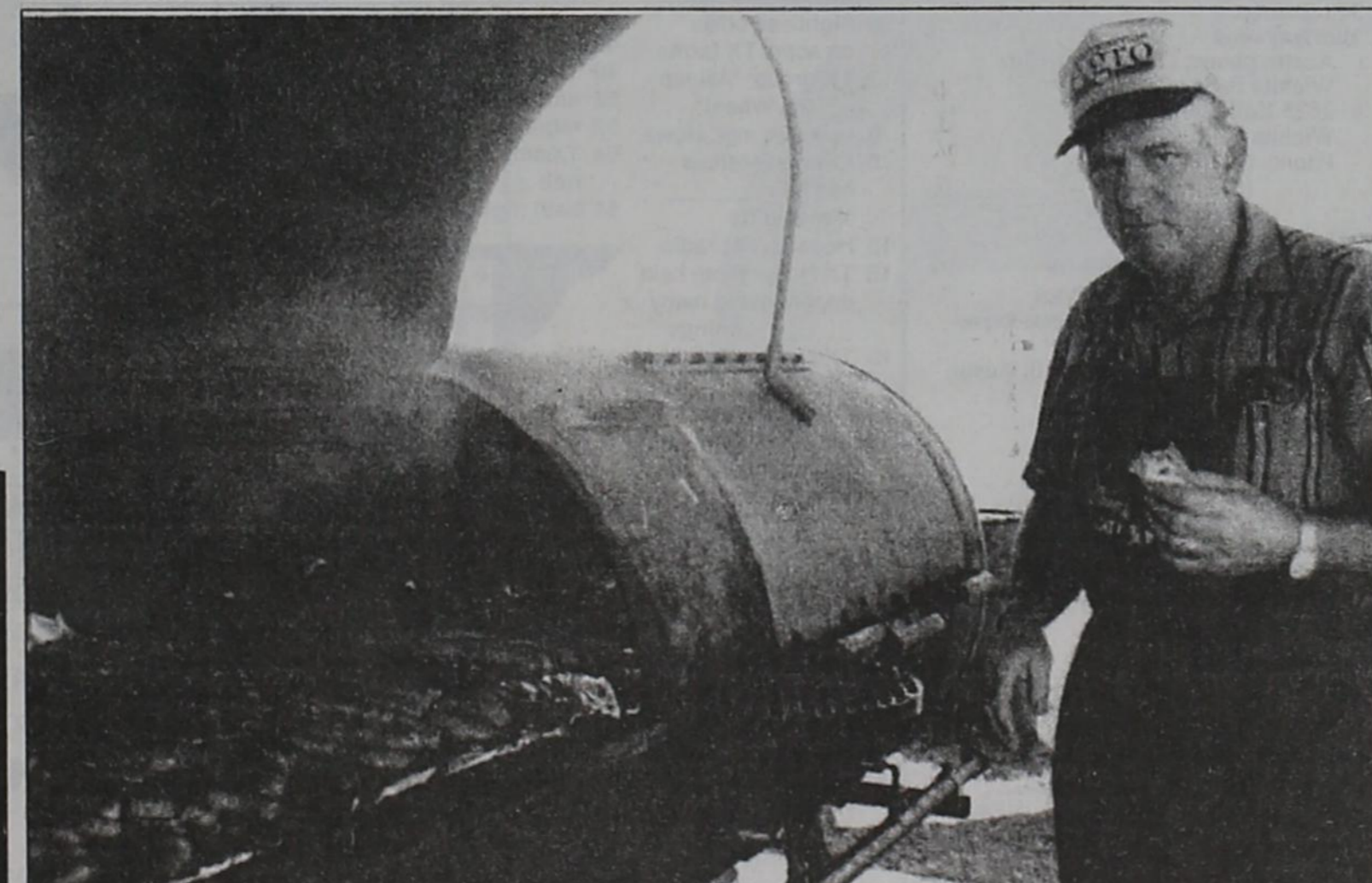
County okays retirement plan

County commissioners approved the Texas county and district retirement system rates for 2001 at their Monday meeting. The county rate will increase from 7.71 percent to 7.73 percent next year. The rest of the plan will remain the same.

In other action, commissioners reviewed three architects' proposals to construct a new jail facility. No further action was taken on the bids.

Also, County Judge Irene Miller informed commissioners of a state grant that will provide money for an officer to transport mental health patients to a mental health hospital, which Castro County is eligible for. The grant would provide \$10,000 to \$15,000 to each selected county or

group of counties. Commissioners tabled the discussion so that Judge Miller could contact area counties for more details and possible partnerships.



SIZZLING SAUSAGE—Julius Birkenfeld of Nazareth keeps a close eye on the German sausage lining the huge grill Saturday. Approximately 1,000 pounds of sausage was cooked Saturday for Nazareth's annual German Festival, and all of the cooked sausage was sold, either during the lunch

served Saturday or at the Nazareth Community Center Saturday night during the annual Suds 'N Sounds outdoor concert. According to organizers, more than 840 people enjoyed the German sausage meal while 2,400 people paid the admission to the concert. Photo by Anne Acker



I'VE GOT HIM! Jake Hoelting concentrates on reeling in the fish he just hooked at the fish pond in Nazareth Saturday afternoon. Children enjoyed a wide variety of games during the afternoon, and joined with their parents in enjoying a German sausage lunch at the Nazareth German Festival. The meal drew more than 840 people. The day's celebration concluded with an outdoor concert at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark Saturday night. Photo by Anne Acker

DISD approves local bonus for teachers

Despite an expected budget crunch for the coming school year, the Dimmitt school board gave approval Tuesday night for a local bonus of \$1,000 above state base for all contract employees, other than administrative personnel.

Non-contract employees also were allotted raises, with a minimum of at least 3% above their previous year's salary.

The preliminary budget figure used to determine if the bonus could be paid point toward a tax increase to avoid depleting the district's reserve funds too far.

"We can't compete with area schools in starting salaries, but we need to be able to give something above state base," School Board President David Schaeffer said

Wednesday morning. "Some schools pay more (than we do) and we want to be as competitive as we can in our salary structure."

"As a board, everyone agrees that we have a great professional staff and they deserve at least something above what the state mandates."

"It's obvious we can't do what the richer districts do, but we want to address part of it."

"We want to work toward being a positive, progressive school system," Schaeffer said. "We want to be a leader among school systems."

Schaeffer said the board felt the \$1,000 local bonus was all that could be done with the budget projections.

He said the local bonus will add \$90,088 to budgeted expenses. The

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	89	59	
Friday	87	57	
Saturday	89	58	
Sunday	89	65	
Monday	91	63	
Tuesday	93	64	
Wednesday	98	66	0.13

July Moisture 0.14
2000 Moisture 11.17

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

Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Letter

Relay for Life—WOW!

Dear Editor:
Relay for Life 2000 has come and gone and WOW! What an event. Through generous charitable contributions, Castro County was able to raise approximately \$25,000.

This is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and this is the first time for the Castro County Unit of the American Cancer Society to present the event.

The Castro County Unit is to be commended for undertaking this fundraising project. It started with a fantastic rally at the Methodist Church in February and then went on to involve the entire county.

The first big task was selecting chairmen for the event and what a great team Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite as co-chairmen made for the event.

The "TEAM" effort of our com-

munities and county came together to experience a truly warm and loving spirit, along with a sense of "HOPE" for all those who have or will battle cancer.

And how about those survivors. They give us our hope in the fight for a cure. They are examples of the progress we have made in the fight for a cure and they are the answers by being a living testimony in the fight for the cure. Not everyone wins their battle against cancer and the lighting of the luminaries was a loving tribute to their memories.

The American Cancer Society offers many different forms of support as a result of the donations received through fundraising events such as this.

Services such as transportation to treatments, motel rooms for patients and families while out-of-town for

treatment, wound dressings, various supplies required by cancer patients, beds, wheelchairs and other durable goods, wigs, support groups, education, research and much more are available for cancer patients and their families.

Contact any member of the local chapter, the Chamber of Commerce, or call 1-800-ACS-2345, or check out www.cancer.org on the Internet for more details.

Every person who helped and participated with Relay for Life 2000 was a "VOLUNTEER."

Thanks volunteers and thanks Castro County. You did a great job. See you next year.

P.S.—Memorial contributions are accepted year round at First United Bank.

CASTRO COUNTY UNIT OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
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On The Turnrow History's Perspective

By JIM STEIERT

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Some portion of a great gift was squandered, and the future of a vital resource is not limitless.

For almost as far back as I can remember, the song of summer in High Plains farm country has been the close-up roar or the far-off drone of hard-working irrigation engines.

The music has come in different pitches—the steady growl of Chrysler industrials, the hum of Olds and Chevy, Ford and IH powerplants, the rhythmic, throaty purr of well-tuned Molines.

A piston-pounding symphony has mounted and ebbed on the whims of the morning and evening breezes down through the summers.

Their combative power harnessed to evoke a high-pitched whine from gearheads, these metal mules have lifted the "underground rain" of the Ogallala aquifer to the surface to slake the burning thirst of the Plains.

Lately, a growing understanding of the finite nature of a priceless resource seems to have soured the sweetness of these growing season notes.

Where once the drone of irrigation engines was a confidence-builder, even a soothing evening serenade, today it can evoke concern.—It might also be heard as the feeding frenzy of mechanical vampires sucking lifeblood from beneath the earth far faster than it can be replenished.

Back when irrigation was developed on a large scale in the High Plains from the 1930s through the 1950s, the Ogallala was regarded virtually as an instrument of manifest destiny. Plains folk told themselves they had been gifted with an inexhaustible water source that would forever hold drought at bay, supply domestic needs, and allow production of bumper crops virtually every year—whether it rained or not.

One-time buffalo and antelope range in the High and Rolling Plains became rich farmland. A lifestyle based on irrigated agriculture became a powerful economic force in the region. Irrigation techniques during the 1950s, 1960s, and even into the early 1970s reflected the assumption

of an unending water supply magically provided to us by a "great underground river." With 20/20 hindsight, we now see that the salad days of full-piped gushers from ten, eight, and six-inch wells poured out the richest reserves of the aquifer to irrigate crops that yielded surplus harvests of ridiculously under-priced commodities. In economic terms, producers often received pitifully little return on the value of the water.

During the same lifetime in which irrigated agriculture became a mainstay of the Plains, we came to appreciate that the Ogallala is not an unlimited water supply. Its reserves have been depleted by hard, and not-always-stewardly use. Once-gushing irrigation wells that now fairly trickle confirm this.

In the span of a single lifetime, we've seen a major shift in how we perceive the Ogallala aquifer, the source of the irrigation water that helped transform the region into a verdant landscape. Ogallala water has become a treasure to be guarded closely, and sold only dearly.

All of this is not intended as a roundhouse criticism of the irrigated agriculture that developed on the Plains. Irrigation allowed cultivation of crops where their production would have been only marginally successful otherwise. Rural communities and their economic base developed only with the help of irrigation. Through the years, the great resource of underground rain has helped those working the land to keep the banker at bay, and the taxman at least at arm's distance.

Elmer Kelton, the consummate West Texas historical novelist from San Angelo, penned a telling observation on Texas Plains history in the introduction to his outstanding novel *The Wolf and the Buffalo*.

Kelton maintains "it is unfair to judge past generations by the standards of our own time, any more than we would like to be judged by whatever standards may exist a hundred years from now."

His thoughts applied to events such as the conflict between the white man and the Comanche Indians and the slaughter of the vast Plains buffalo herd, but they may also overlap our time.

Kelton feels that the principals in events behave according to the standards of their cultures.

What becomes of the remnant of

the Ogallala aquifer will be a reflection of the standards of our own Plains culture.

Future generations who look back on our time from the vantage point of theirs probably won't think highly of our having used so much water to grow commodities that the country already had a surplus of. In the context of the times in which it happened, though, using the water was a means to an end—economic survival.

In the past decade, technology and science have helped agriculture get better at using groundwater efficiently. Some of the great gift was squandered. The future of the resource is not limitless. Our culture is working harder, now, to conserve and stretch what remains of our treasure.

With judicious management, perhaps we can still write a chapter in the history of our region that future generations will not label as a period of ruinous squander.

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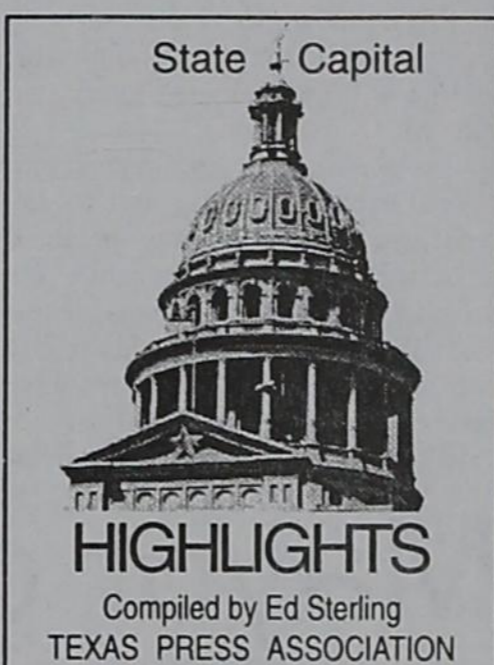
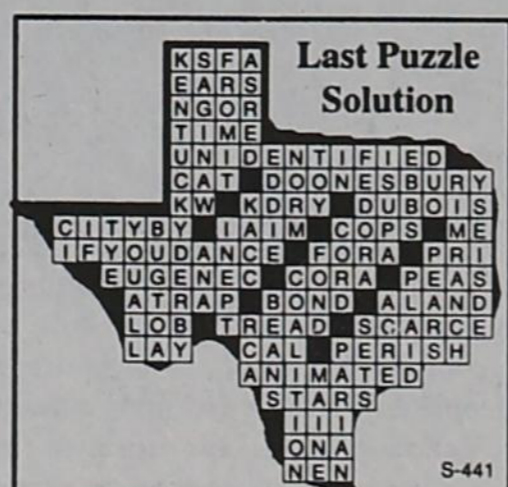
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AUSTIN — Some Texas HMOs will stop offering Medicare plans as of Jan. 1, 2001, forcing almost 200,000 Texans to find other coverage.

Aetna U.S. Healthcare, which covers about 130,000 Texans, is the largest HMO leaving the Texas market. Humana is withdrawing from 28 counties, affecting nearly 37,000 Texans.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor advised those who will be affected not to panic and to look for alternatives now. He also said policy holders should not make final decisions until they confirm their Medicare HMO coverage will end Dec. 31.

Those losing coverage will have the option to switch to another Medicare HMO if possible, return to traditional Medicare coverage or go to a new, private "fee-for-service" plan offered in all but 15 counties.

Starting in mid-July, the federal Health Care Financing Administration will provide information on plans that will offer Medicare HMO coverage in 2001.

The information will be available at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-633-4227.

State Faces Spending Deadline
Texas is in a use-it-or-lose-it

situation. If the state fails to use federal funds earmarked for health-care programs for uninsured children by a Sept. 30 deadline, the money may be redirected to other states.

Texas could lose nearly \$450 million in health care for needy children because its Children's Health Insurance Program did not get under way until May, more than two years after funds were authorized by Congress.

Each dollar Texas spends in the program yields \$3 in federal matching funds.

Sales Tax Holiday Is Set
Texas' second annual "sales tax holiday" will be observed across the state Aug. 4-6.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local tax will be charged on most clothing or footwear priced under \$100," state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said last week.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year, she said.

This year, Rylander added a new dimension to the "holiday." Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during Aug. 4-6 will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax, she said.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the first annual sales tax holiday and saved more than \$32 million in sales taxes, the comptroller's office reported.

Bullock Museum Taking Shape
The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, on the southern edge of the University of Texas campus in Austin, is projected to open on April 21, 2001, San Jacinto Day.

The project, under the direction

of the State Preservation Board, includes construction of a 190,000-square foot, two-level parking garage; a four-story, 178,000-square foot building housing a 400-seat IMAX theater, a 200-seat storytelling theater, 41,000 square feet of exhibit space, a museum store, cafe, offices and classrooms.

The museum's three floors of exhibit space will show enduring themes of Texas history: "Encounters on the Land," "Building the Texas Identity" and "Creating Opportunity."

Agency Meets Without Member
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs met July 5 and approved expenditures of more than \$63 million for affordable housing, home repairs and flood relief.

The meeting was held with Dr. Florita Bell Griffin absent.

Griffin is under indictment on federal bribery, theft and mail fraud charges, and could not, therefore, attend the meeting without placing federal funding in jeopardy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development warned.

Other Highlights
• About 200 Texas state prison guards and supporters marched through downtown Austin on the Fourth of July to demand higher wages, better training and safer working conditions. Texas prison guards can make as much as \$28,380 per year. The national average for state prison guards is \$34,000.

• About 27 percent of new jobs in Austin are in technology industries, according to a new study released by The Benchmark Co. July 3. Austin now has 411,000 people working in technology fields and about half of the 30,000 people who move to Austin each year come from other cities in Texas.

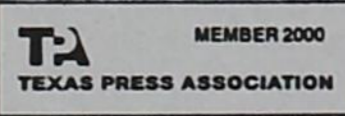
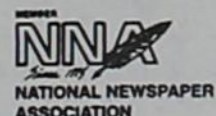
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ACROSS

- TXism: "___ in your own juice"
- TXism: "___ and watch" (observe)
- flightless birds on some TX farms
- TX group: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- ex-Astro mgr. Howe
- Neiman-Marcus has "His ___ X-mas gifts"
- Houston FM radio
- TX Nolan Ryan held opponents to many ___ innings
- TXism: "packed like cows in ___"
- "Texas" became the term for a steamboat captain's ___
- ex-Astro pitcher
- TXism: "___-loop man" (good cowboy)
- Tex-Mex food
- jumped
- TXism: "does a bear ___ the woods?"
- this Ames was "Daniel Boone" (init.)
- in NW Cameron Co.
- between Garza & Stonewall Cos.
- this Gussie created the famous Kilgore Rangerettes (init.)
- TXism: "laid ___" (buried)
- TXism: "don't hang your dirty ___ on the line"
- Valley plant

DOWN

- TX George Jones' "___ Think I Still Care"
- Notre Dame Heisman winner Brown from Dallas
- Mexican bobsledder Tames from Dallas
- former name of A&M's University in Canyon
- in Wood Co. on 69
- TXism: "up ___ paddle"
- TXism: "leave ___ stone unturned"
- ___ Pepper
- TXism: "so deaf ___ thunder"
- actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"
- singer McEntire
- leaping mammal
- mentally sound
- TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb" (quiet)
- this Sam won the '45 Dallas Open
- soft drink
- TXism: "happy ___ a dog with two tails"
- TX Willie "platters"
- TX Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"
- San Jacinto loser: ___ Anna
- TX ABC news-woman: Lisa Mc ___
- "JFK" director Oliver (init.)
- UT's Harry Ransom Center has a rare ___ burg Bible
- Jewel
- Nolan's son or TX artist Ace
- SW Texas mohair goats
- TXism: "___ it with kid gloves"
- TXism: "turn about ___ fair play"

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Jerry and Donna Stump are now living in a spacious lake-front home at Possum Kingdom. While the Stumps were living in Dimmitt and their two boys were college-age, Donna started to college. She earned a degree in social work at West Texas A&M University and a master's degree at Eastern New Mexico University.

Jerry still has business interests in Dimmitt. After working in Dimmitt for some time as a children's advocate, Donna was offered a position in Graham as the foster adoption specialist.

Now Jerry commutes from Graham to Dimmitt. He makes one trip a week and stays only a couple of days here before returning to Graham to spend the rest of the time at the lake.

Meanwhile, Donna is busy taking care of foster families.

On July 2, Donna and Jerry entertained a family of five children and the mom and dad. July 3 they were entertaining a foster mother and dad and six children. They were expecting others on the Fourth of July. The kids played in the water and enjoyed cooking hot dogs, building sand castles and driving Jerry's golf cart.

If you run into Jerry around town, he'll be in a hurry—he's on his way back to the lake.

Donna says, "We've become official lake lizards!"

Twila Kirby Lester, a Dimmitt native, now lives at Hubbard Creek Lake with her husband, Winston

Lester. Twila is the sister of Troy and Vaden Kirby of Dimmitt.

The Lesters' home looks like a picture from *Better Homes and Gardens* and is located on Tanglewood Island on the north side of the lake.

The Lesters were entertaining Twila's daughter, Marsha de la Garza; and Marsha's daughter, Jessica of Corpus Christi. Twila's son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Kim and Jo Marie Parker and Brandon of Birmingham, Ala., also were there.

The guys were playing golf and the women were planning a cookout and fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration.

The Glenn Gripes just returned from a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo. They had gone along with their grandchildren, Justin and Kimberly Gripp of Hico.

They saw many of the tourist attractions, including the Seven Falls and Royal Gorge. The main purpose of the trip was for Justin to attend a seminar on science at the Air Academy. Justin will soon be graduating from Hico High School and was very impressed with the academy.

Jed, Heidi and Jaiven Thompson came over to visit and let a lot of their Dimmitt friends meet Jaiven, who is seven months old.

We had an open house, and those who stopped by were Jana Parker, Claudine Langford, Laquetta West, Mandy Annen and baby Chris, Ethel

Fry, David and Debbie Garcia, Paula Proffitt, Johnna Patterson, Ed and Betty Freeman and Maribel Montiel, who helped V.C. and Dorothy Hopson with the host duties.

Clinton and Jimmie Hyatt Glenn of Canyon had "kicked back" and were relating to us the good times they'd had over the Independence Day celebration and family reunion.

Jimmie is the daughter of Homer and Jennie Hyatt, who lived in Dimmitt several years ago. Jimmie's brothers, Jerry Hyatt and his family from San Francisco, Calif., and Berle Hyatt and family of San Antonio answered the call of the clan to be a part of the Hyatt cousins reunion that was headquartered at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

The Glenn children, Brenda Rustin of Borger, Cheri Reinart of Amarillo and Ross Glenn of Canyon were present with their spouses and children.

All six children of Bob and Phyllis Mooney came from the top of Texas at Sunray to the tip of Texas from Deer Park. Those who brought their families were Joe Mooney and Janice Davis of Amarillo, Jane Ann Coffin of Mt. View, Judy Moore of Sunray, Susie White of Dimmitt and Janet Wohlgeuth of Deer Park. Bob's brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Shirley Mooney of Denver, Colo., were there, too.

The Mooneys are descendants of S.J. and Dora Mooney, lifelong resi-

dents of Dimmitt.

Bob had to receive guests a few at a time because he is recovering at the Wound Care Center in Amarillo.

Hal Ratcliff and his family of Amarillo were hosts to his brother, Jim and family of Georgetown. They are the sons of the late Glenn and Koma Hyatt Ratcliff. These guys are DHS graduates. (Many of the ones named in this column are.)

David Hyatt of Medford, Ore., probably was recognized for coming the farthest. Pat and Olive Hyatt, longtime Dimmitt residents, were his parents.

I verified some of this information with Janice Mooney Davis. She is the pianist for the First Baptist Church of Amarillo. Maybe you remember when she won the national pianist award in 1968-69 for the Future Homemakers of America. She was a senior at DHS at the time.

The Percy Parsons family hosted the annual Parsons reunion at Hubbard Creek Lake recently.

They were joined by their children, Jim and Rhonda Parsons Murphree and their six children of Friona; Dale and Amal Parsons and their three children of Dallas; and Mike and J. Carol and one of their two sons were present (the oldest son had other things to occupy his time—it was a guy-girl thing.)

Percy's brother, Conner of Fort Worth and his family, were there for the reunion. They include Gayle Hendrix of DeQueen, Ark., and her daughter and son-in-law, Michel and Allen Covington.

Margaret Parsons' sister, Florene Knight, and Florene's daughter, Karen Rhodes of Sayre, Okla., were a part of the group.

They entertained 31 clan members along with Lorraine Myers, a long-time family friend.

Jackie Byrnes related that she and her daughter, Rala, were entertaining Farmer and Hondo, children of Jerry and Buffie Schaeffer. The children's parents joined Jerry's parents, Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer, on a trip to New York City and Washington, D.C. They went to several plays and saw the David Letterman Show in New York. In Washington, D.C., they visited the Smithsonian and took a night tour of the memorials.

Jerry and Buffie's oldest child, Texie, got to go along with the big folks.

I understand that some husbands are prone to forget their wife's birthdays. Terry Widick is one husband who wouldn't let his wife, Ann (or anyone else) forget. It was "Big O" time for Ann. First there was a picture and poem in the *Castro County News*.

Next there was an office celebration at Dimmitt Printing. Ann's office was tastefully draped in black crepe paper and a renowned local crooner wrote and sang a song just

for her.

Cindy Lee was included in the celebration as she was getting a year older, also. It was not an "O" birthday for her.

Cake and punch were served to the office crew and Terry, compliments of Roger and Geneva Malone.

That evening at a local barn, friends gathered to continue the celebration.

Carole Hopson, a birthday celebrant, joined Ann as an honoree and the fun began.

Husbands Terry and Van, with the help of Dudley, Bobbi, Rex and Jerrye, Jason and Carol Wooten were the hosts. There was a lot of food, including Hopson sausage, birthday cake and ice cream. In keeping with

the mode of the day, gag gifts were in abundance.

Ann says that she and Carole had a ball and all of it was a total surprise. Even Terry kept the secret.

I quote from the "Strip-o-Gram:" "Now, Ann, when you look back on this... remember birthday parties are really only as much fun as you can have when you're telling about this one, you can say that you had sort of a... Strip-o-Gram... even if he was over 60 and wore orthopedic underwear. But you can enjoy it over and over while you're rocking in your chair. 'Course in a couple of years you probably won't remember it anyway."

Happy Birthday, Bill

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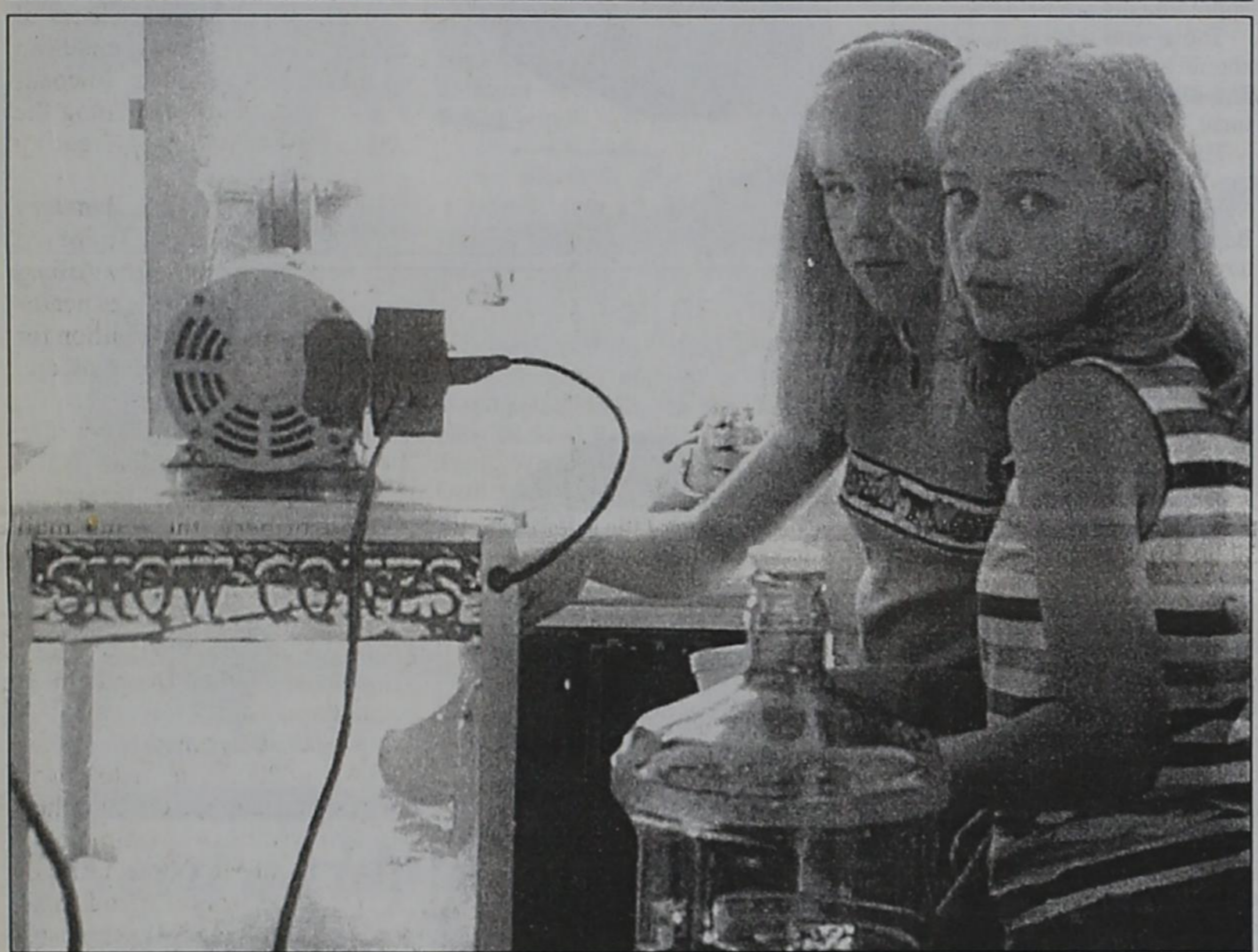
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German Festival. The annual celebration included a German sausage dinner, a wide variety of games and an outdoor concert Saturday night, all of which brought thousands of visitors to the small city.

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People



Joshua Hartman and Brandi Burrows

Burrows to wed Hartman

Larry and Wilene Burrows of Rolla, Kan., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Brandi to Joshua Hartman, son of Stanley and Naomi Hartman of Dalhart.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Willard and Genevieve Link of Rolla, Kan., and Lee and Margaret Burrows of Hugoton, Kan. The prospective groom is the grandson of Edward and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth and Albert and Rita Hartman of Silverton.

The wedding will be Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Rolla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Rolla High School and attended Hays University for two years. She is employed as the Pool Manager in Rolla.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Rolla High School and attended the Air Force Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Together We Can

Brenda Lowrie and Ted Lowrie request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Leanne Lowrie to Justin Ray Newman son of Max and Karen Newman on Saturday, the fifteenth of July two thousand at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church Dimmitt, Texas

Reception following ceremony

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Kristin Hall bride-elect of Paul Axtell Saturday, July 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the home of Connie Merritt 700 West Lee, Dimmitt

Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Lockhart Pharmacy, Seale Florist, The Village Shop, Dillard's and Target.

Crossroads Music Festival slated July 23 in Nazareth

An exhilarating combination of musical traditions will merge on stage at the Crossroads Music Festival in Nazareth on July 23.

The concert will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth and will feature a variety of performers. Admission to the event is \$15 per person, which will include hamburgers and refreshments.

The name for the event stems from the fact that two paved roads, SH 86 (which runs east-west) and FM 168 (north-south) intersect in a place that locals have long referred to as "The Crossroads." In a similar fashion, the Crossroads Music Festival will bring together three distinct styles performed by local musicians in a lively interchange.

Performers for the event will be Jean Warren and Joe Gillis, band members of The String Technicians; solo artist Moses Morin; and singers-songwriters Mike Fuller and Tennessee Tuckness.

Using fiddle, guitar and fine voices, the Levelland-based duo of Warren and Gillis bring to life the marvelous traditions of western music as well as Celtic and light jazz. Playing Gianini strings and a Brazilian-made guitar.

Morin, who hails from Amarillo, will perform acoustic instrumentals highlighting a Flamenco/jazz fusion style. Morin works fulltime for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroads and is a self-taught guitarist.

Drawing from their well-received original compositions, Amarillo natives Fuller and Tuckness will

Breast cancer screening is set Aug. 3

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Aug. 3, and appointments are being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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

Hart Post Office will offer special cancellation July 29

The Hart Post Office is planning a special cancellation on July 29 to observe Hart's 100th birthday, according to Postmaster Tommie McCormick.

The cancellation is depicted below.



Martinez finishes basic training

Army Sgt. Enrique Martinez of Hart has graduated from the Army's Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Sgt. Martinez received training in mid-level management, leadership and general military subjects. Additional management training is provided in the non-commissioned officer's job specialty.

Martinez, an ammunition supply sergeant, is assigned to the 529th Ordnance Company in Vilseck, Germany.

His mother, Rosa E. Martinez, lives in Hart. He graduated from Hart High School in 1989.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Laura Griffin bride-elect of Chad Killingsworth Saturday, July 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Sandy Baker six miles west on SH 86

Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Seale Florist and The Village Shop.



JEROME AND MARGARET BROCKMAN ... Their 1950 wedding photo (above) and a more recent portrait.

Brockmans to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Jerome and Margaret Brockman of Nazareth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday with a mass at Holy Family Church in Nazareth, followed by a reception and meal.

Jerome Brockman married Margaret Ann Schacher on April 24, 1950, in Holy Family Church of Nazareth.

The couple have seven children—Jim of Hereford, Geri Russell of Canyon, Kathy Yarbrough of Fredericksburg, Joe of Bulverde, Paul of Canyon, Ken of Mesa, Ariz., and Teresa Sewell of Midland. They also have 17 grandchildren.

Thank You ... continued from Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event!

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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The annual Nazareth German Festival and the Knights of Columbus's Suds 'N Sounds outdoor concert were a big success this weekend.

The German sausage meal was delicious and was enjoyed by a great number of hungry people. It was a fun time to visit with relatives and friends from the surrounding towns.

The Nazareth Art Club planned its annual arts and crafts show at the school cafeteria and the show featured a lot of great items and gift ideas.

The concert at the ballpark was very well attended and enjoyed. The three bands performing were great and the crowd enjoyed the music and dancing. This year's headline band was The Great Divide.

One big excitement was watching two men parachute from a plane and land at the ballpark.

Early Sunday morning members of the Museum Committee, Boy Scouts and other volunteers gathered at the ballpark for clean-up detail. The Boy Scouts and several volunteers were then treated to an evening at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Karen Gerber, Sandee Hoelting and Vera Huseman were sponsors.

Last weekend Denny Heiman was honored on his 65th birthday with a "Skidrow Tennis Tournament" held on the Heiman courts with 14 teams participating.

First-place winners were Dan Gerber and Kimberly Hoelting. Finishing second were Tom Hoelting and Mona Schulte. Third-place finishers were Jim Hoelting and Patti Kern. Wayne Heiman and Beverly Hill were fourth and Derwin Huseman and Nikki Wethington earned the consolation prize.

Clyde Schulte served as chairman for the golf tournament and the winning team was Mona Schulte, Heath Schulte and Kevin Gerber. Finishing second were Barry Legg, Karen Gerber and Harold Gerber.

Others played volleyball and horseshoes and enjoyed lots of water balloons. Barbecued meals were catered by Coors of Amarillo.

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Msgr. Erpen of Tullia officiated at an outdoor mass for about 65 people.

After the tournament Sunday evening, prizes were awarded to the winners. A tennis queen contest was held with Werner Hofmann winning, of course.

After dark, a fireworks display was enjoyed by all. Everyone wonders how Sheryl Kleman explained a black eye at work on Monday morn-

ing.

A large crowd enjoyed a wiener roast and fireworks display at the ballpark on July 4. The event was sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Esther Braddock of McKinney and her family, Kenneth and Vi Ann of Ennis; Clifford and Kim of Van Alstyne; Dick and Mary of Seagoville; John and Tanja of Celina; Allen and Amy of Celina; and Kevin and Christie of Howe held a "Josephine Ball" family reunion at Coleman Ranch at Celina, where Esther Braddock and the late Vernon Braddock raised their six sons.

Allen and Amy Braddock and their family now live at the ranch.

Attending were Jim and Evelyn Ball and family of Plainview; and Carl and Mary Kleman and family, Urban Ball and Fred Ball, all of Nazareth. It was a great weekend spent visiting, fishing, playing volleyball, pitching horseshoes and enjoying lots of good food.

Evelyn Backus and her family recently drove to Branson, Mo. They spent several days enjoying the beautiful scenery and relaxing by the lakes, fishing and jet skiing. Enjoying the trip were Mike, Camille, Ashley and Andrea Albus of Hobbs, N.M.; Gary, Penny and Trey Albus of Lubbock; Dan, Gail, Lauren and Landon Sams of Wheeler; and friends of the family, B.J. and Sara Bood of Hobbs. Everyone enjoyed Silver Dollar City and took in several shows. Everyone's favorite was the show by Mel Tillis. The weather was beautiful—believe it or not, there was no wind!

The Klemans, Carl and Mary, Alphonse and Viola, Elmer and Anne, and Ed and Leona Ramaekers enjoyed a very good weekend in Ruidoso, N.M.

Whitney Hoelting, along with 115 other students, enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C., on the Texas-New Mexico Rural Electric Youth Tour. Whitney was sponsored by Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative.

They flew to Dallas, then took a bus to Arlington, Va. They visited the White House, the Nation's Capitol, the Presidential and War Memorials, Ford's Theatre, FBI, Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, Mount Vernon and so many other interesting places. It was a great, educational and fun trip and Whitney said she made many new friends.

Shawna Gerber and Jaci Birkenfeld were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls' State Program, held June 13-22 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

Shawna was elected to the National Party and Jaci belonged to the Federalist Party.

The girls learned to make bills and wrote and debated on those bills in the Capitol. They learned some of the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials.

Former girls who went to Girls' State gave talks at assemblies. They enjoyed talent shows and helped conduct a state fair and created a booth. It was a fun time, but was also very educational.

Prayers are asked for Ernie and Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Virgil Brockman, Edith Huseman, Patricia (Kern) Butler, Elias Bermea, Dorothy McQuilliams, Paul Venhaus, Anna Huseman Lee, Odellia Schulte, Dianne Huseman, Floyd Schulte, Kevin Acker, Emil Ehly, Glenn Ehly, Curtis Durbin, Katherine Fulkerson and Ethan Schulte.



DeLorise and Leon Gilliland

Gillilands will celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Leon and DeLorise Gilliland of Yukon, Okla., former Dimmitt residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22.

Mr. Gilliland served as water superintendent for the City of Dimmitt for a number of years. Mrs. Gilliland functioned as administrator for the Golden Spread Nursing Home and South Hills Manor Nursing Home.

The Gillilands are retired today, he from the City of Yukon as water superintendent and she as a nursing home administrator. They are members of the Yukon Church of the Nazarene.

The Gillilands' family, Avery, Aric and Randy Gilliland of Yukon, and their daughter, Gayla McClenny of Oklahoma City, Okla., invite friends of the couple to join in the celebration by sending a card to 628 Woodlawn Drive, Yukon, Okla. 73009; or by calling the couple at (405) 345-1386.

The most certain sign of wisdom is continual cheerfulness. Her state is like that of things in the regions above the moon, always clear and serene.

-Montaigne



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Bill and Jo Settle of Amarillo. Their daughter, Sydney, entered the world at 6:39 p.m. on July 4 at Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and was 19 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Martha Jo Hyman and Harold Hyman, both of Dimmitt, and Mike and Bill Settle of Tullia. Great-grandparents are Midge Burleson of Tullia, and Roy and Anita Baccus of Seminole.

Eric and Dondra Bott of Fresno, Calif. are the parents of a baby boy, Nolan James, who was born at 5:13 a.m. on June 12 in Fresno. Nolan James weighed in at six pounds and seven ounces and was twenty and one-fourth inches long. He has an older sister, 17-month old Savannah Leigh. Grandparents are Lynn Bott of Madeira, Calif. and Tommy and Donna Stafford of Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandparents are Rex and Dorothy Sheffy of Dimmitt and Don and Florene Britt of Lubbock.

Lee and Ann Stokes of Andrews are the parents of a baby boy, Tanner Lee Stokes, born June 24. He weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has an older sister, Stephanie, 2. Grandparents include the late N.B. (Stacks) and Ioma Stokes of Dimmitt.

Cookout slated

A citywide hamburger cookout will be held Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at "The Pavilion" at 419 Broadway in Hart to benefit the Pavilion fund.

Hamburgers, chips, drinks, brownies and homemade ice cream will be available to the public.

A hamburger, chips, a drink and a brownie will cost \$5. A cup of homemade ice cream will be \$1.

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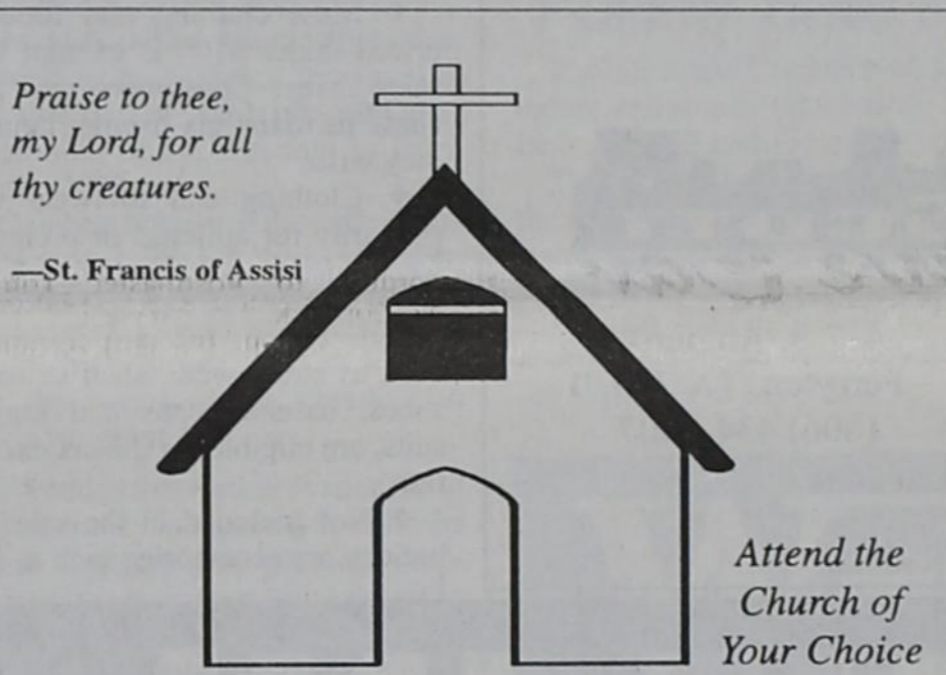
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New wheat variety has good results

Wheat growers in the High Plains are following the lead of Blackland and Rolling Plains producers in planting a new variety, TAM 302, which has shown equal or better yields compared to other commercial hard red winter wheat varieties.

TAM 302, developed by Texas A&M small grains breeder Dr. David Marshall based in Dallas, is well adapted to all wheat-growing areas in the northern half of Texas, or roughly north of the 30th parallel.

"Probably most significant to wheat producers deciding which varieties to plant this year, it out-yielded all the check varieties by nine bushels per acre in our 1999 field trials in Bushland," said Marshall.

"We've seen more growers planting TAM 302 in the two years it's been on the market. It looks very promising for the High Plains as well.

"In addition to its high grain yields, TAM 302 provides good protection against the common enemies of wheat—leaf rust, powdery mildew and yellow dwarf virus. It also shows good resistance to both the mosaic virus and Hessian fly."

Marshall reports high grain yields for TAM 302 in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas. It averages 30 inches in height, similar to Jagger and Hickok varieties. Its winter hardiness compares well to 2137, Ogallala and TAM 202; it tolerates acid soils and has no known problems with lodging or shattering.



Ray Joe Riley

Dallas Fed Bank appoints Riley to Advisory Council

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has appointed Ray Joe Riley of Hart to its Advisory Council of Small Business and Agriculture. He will serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2002.

Riley is president and chairman of Estacado Industries, Inc. in Dimmitt. He has been president and chairman of Riley Yieldmaster Seed Corp., a family-based seed-breeding enterprise, for over 40 years. He has farmed livestock and agricultural products in three West Texas counties. He was appointed by the US secretary of agriculture to serve on the Cotton Board from 1981 to 1990 and on the US Advisory Committee on Cotton Standards in 1995. He was chairman of the 1995-98 Universal Cotton Standards Conference. Riley also served as Texas state committee chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (1993-94), Consolidated Farm Service Agency (1994-94) and Farm Service Agency (1995-97). He is a member and former director of the Texas Certified Seed Producers Association. He served as a director for South Plains Financial Corp. and City Bank in Lubbock and First State Bank serving Silverton. Riley received a B. S. in agronomy from Texas Tech University.

Frank M. Aldridge III of Dallas was also appointed to the Advisory Council, which meets to discuss economic activity and business conditions in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District.

YOUR LAND MAN



LESLIE ABERNATHY

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Sales tax holiday scheduled Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Texas sales tax holiday, slated for Aug. 4-6.

During those days, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year; however, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes.

Highlights of the tax-break plan include the following:

- ♦ Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

- ♦ Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt; however, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the tax exemption.

- ♦ Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year I am able to make one administrative change," said State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax. This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break.

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt because kiddos need them for school," Rylander said. "I also would like the sales tax holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the sales tax holiday last a couple of weeks instead of just three days. But any change in the list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season. The sales tax holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the sales tax holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Cuscus, a tree-dwelling marsupial, is found in Australia and New Guinea. The rear part of its tail is hairless and has scales.

Man lives by affirmation even more than he does by bread.

-Victor Hugo

Police will crack down on those driving drunk

The Dimmitt Police Department is joining state officials in a national mobilization effort to crack down on impaired drivers and promote safe driving.

"You drink, you drive, you go to jail."

That's the message state officials and law enforcement agencies are sending to motorists. Hundreds of law enforcement agencies in Texas are involved, including the Dimmitt Police Dept.

"Texas leads the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities," said Sue Bryant, director of traffic safety for the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT). "We're here to put the public on notice that impaired driving has got to stop."

In 1998, TxDOT reports there were more than 26,000 alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 1,058 fatalities and 27,058 injuries.

The statewide DWI crackdown is funded in part by a special grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Texas is one of only five states to receive special federal funds to reduce the number of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes.

First-time DWI offenders are subject to fines of up to \$2,000, 72 hours to 180 days in jail and loss of their driver's license for 90 days to a year.

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2CARE for Moms offers free baby gifts

Jamie Mendoza of Dimmitt is one of the many area women who have been rewarded by the 2CARE for Moms program, which promotes healthy pregnancies through early prenatal care.

"The program is not limited to low income participants. It is for everybody," Mendoza said.

The program, sponsored locally by Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, offers gifts to women who visit their doctor or nurse practitioner within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Getting their free gift is easy for women who enroll in the 2CARE for Moms incentive program. Participants just take their 2CARE for Moms gift card to a participating pharmacy where they can pick up their gift courtesy of the Pharmacy Network Coalition. In Dimmitt, the designated store is Coleman Pharmacy.

Mendoza said, "The program itself is a really great way for expectant mothers to insure the prenatal care needed during their pregnancy."

The great news for expectant moms is that their first gift is just one of the rewards they can enjoy when they enter early prenatal care. By continuing regular visits to their physician or nurse practitioner throughout pregnancy and attending educational classes, such as Lamaze, participants earn points which can be exchanged for free baby items.

"It is easy to rack up points because you are doing things that you need to be doing anyway," Mendoza said. "I took the Lamaze training, and they do have an infant CPR class that adds points, too."

Points may be redeemed at the Baby's Coming Shop at the March of Dimes office at 104 W. Sixth, Suite 301, in downtown Amarillo. This unique store has been developed specifically for moms who enroll in the 2CARE for Moms incentive program during their first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

"Regarding the little shop, there is a very wide variety of all new items to choose from, ranging from diapers to brand new crib and mattress sets," Mendoza said. "The people are cordial and nice, and help you choose things and look around."

PMH supports the 2CARE for Moms program through its affiliation with the Coalition of Health Services, a non-profit organization of 20 hospitals in the Texas Panhandle working to enhance community health.

"We really are enthusiastic about the 2CARE for Moms incentive program," said Joe Sloan, administrator of PMH. "Beyond rewarding mothers with gifts, the program promotes healthier mothers and babies. When we achieve that, everyone in our community wins."

Prenatal care is important for the health of both mother and baby. According to Holly Hancock, RN, project director of 2CARE for Moms, the first 12 weeks of pregnancy are vital to the baby's health.

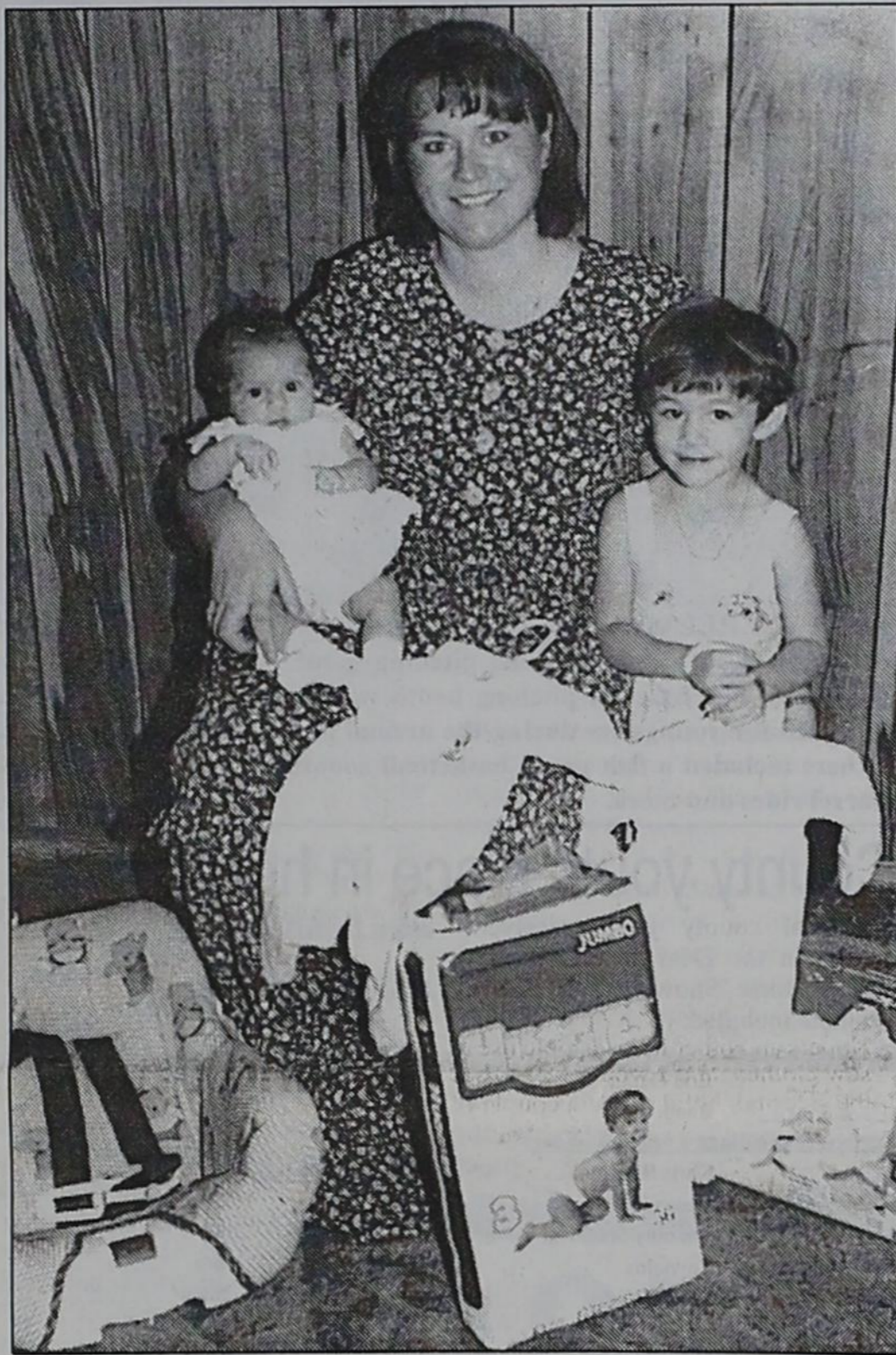
She said, "The baby experiences a large amount of organ development during this crucial stage. Low birth weight, birth defects, and even infant death can result from problems. Fortunately, early and consistent medical care can go far in helping mothers have healthy babies."

Hancock stresses that to be eligible for gifts through the 2CARE for Moms incentive program, expectant mothers must see a participating physician or nurse practitioner during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. All physicians and nurse practitioners at Dimmitt Medical Center are participants in the program. Spouses, family and friends should encourage pregnant women they know to seek

early prenatal care.

A physician or nurse practitioner can be an important source of information and education throughout pregnancy. Beside monitoring the physical well-being of mother and baby, health care providers encourage women to take suggested vitamins, advise them on medicines to avoid, and often provide information about childbirth and the care of newborns.

In addition to coordinating the prenatal incentive program, 2CARE for Moms assists pregnant women in locating a local physician or nurse practitioner. To find a provider or to receive additional information about the 2CARE for Moms program, make a free call to 1-888-89-2CARE (1-888-892-2273). Donations to the Baby's Coming Shop can be arranged by calling the Coalition of Health Services, Inc., at the same toll-free number or 806-212-6565.



JAMIE MENDOZA of Dimmitt shows the free gifts she received through the 2CARE for Moms program that rewards area women who seek prenatal care in the first 12 weeks of their pregnancy and continue regular visits to a medical practitioner, in addition to taking educational classes. Helping Jamie show off the baby care items are 6-week-old Brenna and big sister, Reagan, 2½. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Long awaited and sometimes doubted, the 1999 Cottonseed Assistance Program is finally a done deal. Official announcement of the \$79 million program was made by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) on July 7.

According to officials with the Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, the final payment rate after all applications were compiled figured out to be \$12.23 per ton of seed. Per bale figures will vary based on the average bale weight at individual gin locations.

Beltwide, the average running bale weight was calculated at 490 pounds. Based on this weight, the cottonseed payment rate would come to about \$4.77 per bale.

The payments will be made via direct deposit and should be at their final destination by close of business on July 10.

The payment rate was determined using a five-year average seed-to-lint ratio of 159%. Gins were asked to report the total pounds of lint ginned in 1999 for use in computing the amount of seed on which payments would be made.

A total of 1,012 gins participated in the program. Only six gin locations, four USDA labs and two private labs in the Beltwide area opted out of the program.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest visited PCG offices in Lubbock on July 7, meeting with current PCG President Ronnie Hopper, Vice President Mark Williams, Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden, Board Chairman Don Langston and PCG staff members about a number of issues.

The PCG contingent discussed a number of issues with Combest, including cottonseed assistance and implementation of the chairman's newly-approved crop insurance reform package.

Combest and the PCG representatives also talked about what ideas needed to be explored in regard to the future of the farm program after expiration of the Freedom to Farm Act in 2002.

Combest noted that the nationwide series of farm bill hearings conducted by his committee over the past several months had unearthed a surprisingly strong level of support for the basics of the Freedom to Farm program.

He added that further evaluation of the testimony indicated that while the basic structure was generally supported, there was an equal desire to fix specific components of the program that were not working.

Among the strongest sentiments was the need to install a better safety net to support growers in times of extreme price declines or natural disaster.

Combest urged PCG to keep the

process moving and to determine within its membership what provisions would be most desirable and then act within the cotton industry to build a consensus for future action. He said without a strong base of support it would be difficult to get anything through Congress.

Combest's visit coincided with the hosting of a bi-monthly meeting of growers, Extension specialists, university researchers, crop consultants, and industry leaders at the PCG office in Lubbock.

A free seminar designed to show how to use cottonseed futures and options contracts has been scheduled for Aug. 1 in Lubbock.

The half-day seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289 in Lubbock. It is co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, the National Cotton Council and Cotton Incorporated.

More about City . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

In another matter, council members gave approval for the city to advertise for bids for a new trash truck. Murdock suggested that the specifications include an "hour-meter" to show how much the truck is operated. He said it would help to gauge the rate of wear on the equipment.

In a side bar, City manager Don Sheffy said that the city received an award from the City of Plainview for Dimmitt's participation in the paper recycling project spearheaded by Plainview.

'Follies' date set

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual "Follies" Aug. 12 and 13.

This year's theme is "Let's Go to the Movies." The show will feature standard motion picture scenes with a new twist.

Anyone wanting to help out or to enter an act in the show should call the Chamber at 647-2524.



Percy Parsons

Parsons receives service award

Percy Parsons, founder of Parsons Funeral Home in Dimmitt, was awarded for serving as a Texas licensed funeral director and embalmer for 50 years on June 13.

Parsons, who has lived in Dimmitt the past 20 years, received his license in 1950 after graduating from Mortuary College in 1948 and serving the two year required apprenticeship in Hudman Funeral Home in Post.

He has established or bought several funeral homes throughout Texas.

Parsons was a member of the Panhandle, Texas and National Funeral Directors Associations and was presented a lifetime honorary membership in the West Texas Funeral Directors Association.

He served every office of the Panhandle region and was the Director of the Texas chapter for two years. He also served on the Texas Funeral Service Commission from 1987 to 1993, where he performed numerous committee tasks.

He received the Outstanding Funeral Director of the Year award from the Panhandle region in 1982.

Children stand more in need of example than criticism.

-Joseph Joubert

Destiny is the invention of the cowardly and the resigned.

-Ignazio Silone

Solitude is fine when you are at peace with yourself and have something definite to do.

-Goethe

Pavilion dedication will highlight centennial celebration at Hart Days

Dedication of a new outdoor Centennial pavilion, coronation of a new Miss Hart, a parade, musical programs, dance and more are being planned for Hart's 100th birthday celebration, which begins on July 24 and continues through July 29.

The annual Hart Days celebration will focus around the city's centennial celebration, and the new pavilion was constructed in honor of the milestone.

The new facility will be formally dedicated at 4 p.m. on July 29.

It is located in downtown Hart, just across from the Hart Banking Center, and includes a stage, restrooms, dressing rooms and storage. A landscaped plaza area is featured on the west end and it includes flower beds and walkways.

The week-long Hart Days celebration kicks off on July 24 when the downtown businesses turn on their Christmas lights.

On July 25, a Centennial Miss Hart will be crowned in a special pageant at 7 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Activities are more numerous as the weekend nears, and the evening of July 28 will feature a meal, homemade ice cream contest and a variety show.

The barbecued supper sponsored by the First Baptist Church Youth Group, Noah's Ark, will start at 5 p.m. on July 28 and will continue "until it's all gone."

For this year's parade is "Travel Through the Century." Featured in this year's parade will be the Hart High School Band, antique cars, and a covered wagon with its team of horses, as well as the traditional floats, bicycles and other motorized

The menu will include sliced brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, onions, pickles, cobbler and iced tea.

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-outs will be available.

Following the barbecued meal, a homemade ice cream contest is planned, and after the creamy creations are judged, cups of ice cream will be sold.

The variety show will be held at the Centennial Pavilion beginning at 7 p.m. and a wide range of "acts" are expected to entertain the audience.

Toni Nelson is coordinating the variety show and anyone who would like to perform should contact her at 938-2010.

The big celebration is being planned for July 29, starting with the Centennial parade at 10 a.m. Theme vehicles.

Following the parade on July 29, Hart's Good Neighbor Club will sponsor a hospitality room and bake sale at the Hart City Hall. The Zealot Club will sell homemade ice cream and the Hart Lions Club will sell hamburgers during the day.

A special all-school reunion is being planned for Hart High School graduates of all ages on July 29, and Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain is one of those coordinating the event.

According to McLain, a meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hart School Cafeteria for those registering for the reunion. A short program will follow from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Organizers of Hart Days won't be sponsoring a carnival this year, but several other games, rides and novelties, including a moon walk and train

ride, are being planned to entertain on July 29 at the Hart City Park, located north and northwest of the fire station. Another activity being planned is a "Fun Flush" and a water slide, which will be operated by youth from the First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches in Hart.

Musical programs and other events are being planned at the Centennial Pavilion throughout the day on July 29. The first will be a youth program from 12 noon to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Pentecostal Church.

The Millennial Singers will entertain from 3:30 to 4 p.m., just before the dedication at the Centennial Pavilion.

Bill Sava of Dimmitt is expected to perform from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Pavilion, and his act will be followed by a performance of Mariachi music from 8 to 9 p.m.

The day-long celebration will conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

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Sports



Holcomb and King claim Doc Render championship in sudden death playoff

Brad Holcomb and Cody King of Lubbock won a sudden death playoff with Mike Hughes and Steve Russell of Amarillo to claim the Doc Render championship at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Each of the two-man teams fired a 67 in the first round and finished with 68 over the second 18 holes to finish with scores of 135.

Sid Felan and Darin Box of Muleshoe also finished with a 67 after the first round, but had to settle for third in the Championship Flight after slipping with a 70 in the second round. They finished with a two-round total of 137.

The weekend tournament featured six flights.

Mike Whitworth and Scott Marshall of Lubbock won the President's

Flight with a two-round total of 139.

Other flight winners included Kirk Morrow and Josh Wood of Canadian, First Flight; Romero Rodriguez and Dusty Rushin of Paducah, Second Flight; Kent Lindsey and Bill Holland of Dimmitt, Third Flight; and Gerald Wertz and Bill McMickings of Amarillo, Fourth Flight.

Results from each flight are listed below.

Doc Render Tournament at Country Club of Dimmitt
Championship Flight: 1. Brad Holcomb and Cody King of Lubbock, 67-68—135; 2. Mike Hughes and Steve Russell of Amarillo, 67-68—135; 3. Sid Felan and Darin Box of Muleshoe, 67-70—137.
President's Flight: 1. Mike Whitworth and Scott Marshall of Lubbock, 72-67—139; 2. (tie) Stan Byrnes and Jerry

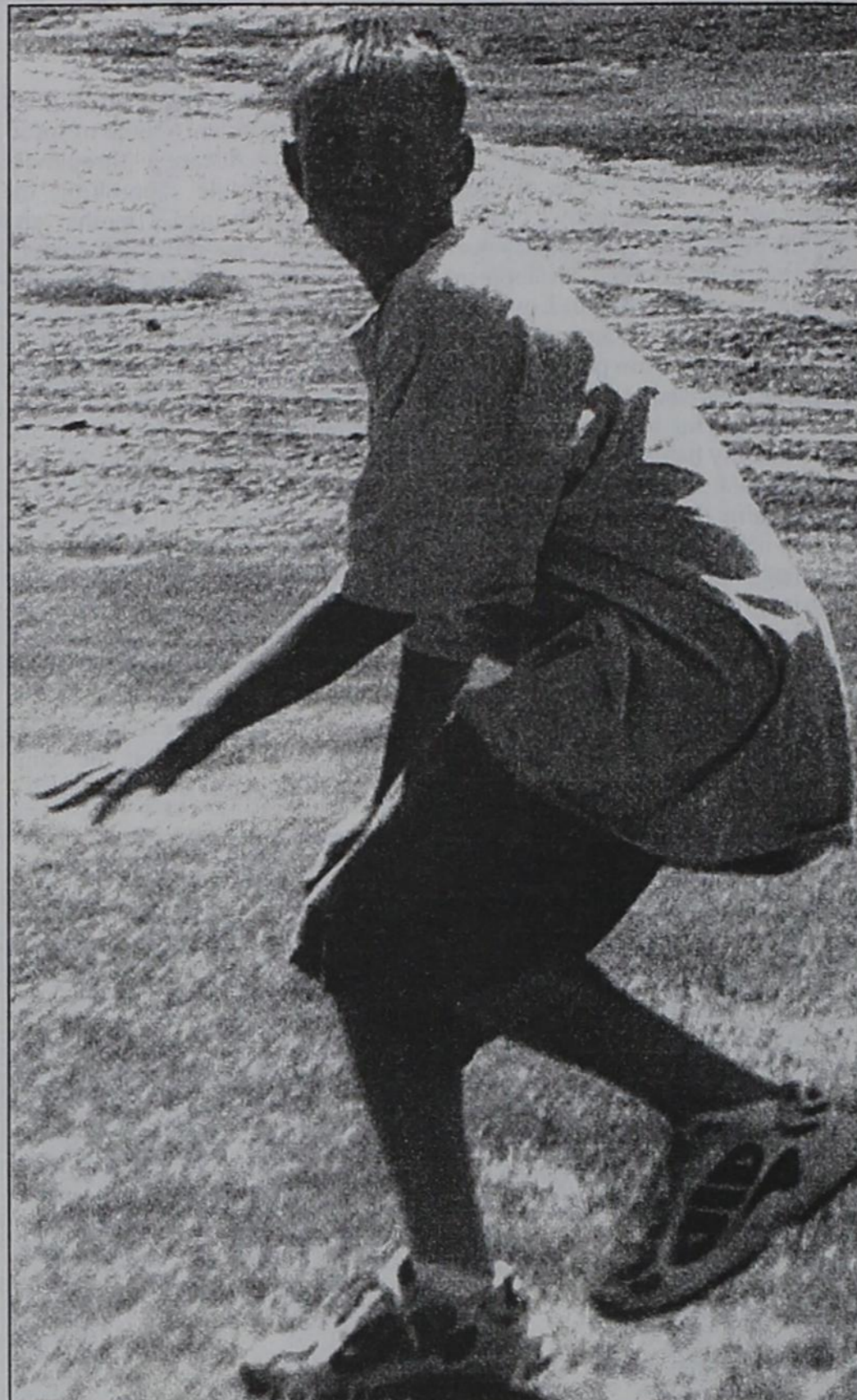
Heller of Dimmitt, 72-68—140, Brad Stegall and Cody Crane of Muleshoe, 72-68—140.

First Flight: 1. Kirk Morrow and Josh Wood of Canadian, 73-67—140; 2. Doug Spradling and Frank Torres of Muleshoe, 70-74—144; 3. (tie) Joe Cabezuola and Pete Rodriguez of Muleshoe, 75-70—145, and Clint Coley and Henry Perez of Hereford, 76-69—145.

Second Flight: 1. (tie) Romero Rodriguez and Dusty Rushin of Paducah, 74-74—148, Manley Davis and Barry Ward of Amarillo, 75-73—148, and Jim Ross and Jim Jennings of Dimmitt, 76-72—148.

Third Flight: 1. Kent Lindsey and Bill Holland of Dimmitt, 78-76—154; 2. (tie) Don Cornett and Tad Cornett of Dimmitt, 78-78—156, and Frank Silvas and Eddie Jimenez of Hale Center, 79-77—156.

Fourth Flight: 1. Gerald Wertz and Bill McMickings of Amarillo, 82-78—160; 2. Mike and Roger Trammel of Lubbock, 82-82—164; 3. Wendell Burdine and Andy Kelso of Hereford, 84-83—167.



SHAY WILHELM winds up and lets the baseball fly as he tests the speed of his pitch in a special speed pitching game Saturday afternoon in Nazareth. The baseball pitching booth was just one of several games designed for youngsters during the annual Nazareth German Festival. Others included a fish pond, basketball shooting contest, tractor pull, barrel rides and more. Photo by Jenna Acker

LGA holds scramble

Ten members of the Castro County Ladies Golf Association played a scramble format tournament on July 5. It was won by the team of Jo Beth Bates, Sheryl Brown and Karen Kiel, with a score of 35.

Winners from playdays in May and June were announced: Bates (2), Audrey Shottenkirk (2), Mozelle Lilley (2), Donna Charanza, Treena Matthews, Betty McClure and Carolyn Watts.

Following the scramble, a business meeting was held, with discussion of the Dimmitt Darlins tournament expenses and income. They also discussed the upcoming Doc Render tournament, which is a money making project for the golf associations.

At May High Plains Play Day in Farwell, Charanza won with low net in her flight, and Bates and Shottenkirk had ties for low net in their flight. At the June High Plains Play Day in Tulia, Bates won low net in her flight, Charanza won low putts and low net in her flight, and Lilley won low net of the field.

The July High Plains Play Day was to have been held Wednesday at the Hereford Golf Course.

Backyard cooks should grill carefully

The Texas Railroad Commission is reminding barbecue cooks to follow simple safety guidelines when rolling out the propane grills this summer.

"While it's easy to remember the steaks and hamburgers for backyard cookouts, there are basic propane safety rules that must come first," Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams said. "These simple precautions will make it easier and safer to enjoy this year's barbecues."

According to Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews, 4.5 million Texans use propane grills. Propane is less expensive, faster and cleaner burning than other fuels, but as with any energy source, precautions must be made to ensure that it is used safely and correctly to get maximum results.

"As Texans prepare to fire up their grills," Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza said, "there are some basic safety tips to keep in mind. By using clean burning Texas propane and following these tips, backyard chefs can grill safely and concentrate on the most important part of any cookout — the food."

Texans are advised not to use a propane gas cylinder if it shows signs of internal damage such as dents, gouges, bulges, fire damage, corrosion, leakage or excessive rust. Outdoor cooks should also make sure the propane cylinder is secured to the grill as directed by the manufacturer before starting any cookout.

Other safety tips to remember include:

- ◆ Always open the grill hood before lighting and light according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ Never use gasoline or kerosene to start the fire.
- ◆ Always grill in a well-ventilated area. Do not grill indoors or close to the side of a building.
- ◆ Use foil or a drip pan to catch juices and help avoid grease fires.
- ◆ After grilling, the cylinder must not be stored indoors or within any enclosed space.

Low-cost physicals to be offered soon

High school athletes will have two chances to get a reduced-cost (\$5) sports physical at the Medical Center in Dimmitt before the full price goes into effect again.

Boys can get a physical from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 20 while girls can get one from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 21.

A clinic for boys and girls will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 5.

Hart sets essay contest for Hart Days celebration

The Hart Days Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for youngsters in Hart, and theme for the essay is "What Will Hart Be Like in 25 Years."

Deadline for entries is Saturday, and essays should be turned in to The Hart Beat.

There are four age divisions in the contest: first, second and third grades; fourth, fifth and sixth grades; seventh, eighth and ninth grades; and 10th, 11th and 12th grades. A \$25 Savings Bond will be presented to the winner in each division.

Completed essays should be 500 words or less. The winning essay will be published in *The Hart Beat* and a copy will be placed in a time capsule that will be buried west of the new Centennial Pavilion in Hart.

Pictures galore

The *News* office has a large number of pictures accumulating and is running out of storage space.

Many people have come in wanting pictures. Once the pictures are printed and ready to be picked up, however, many people do not return.

If you have ordered pictures within the last several years, then please come by and pick them up. We still have pictures that were ordered in 1994.

Also, we have in our files many pictures from weddings and anniversaries from the past decade. If you brought pictures to the *News* office for this reason but did not get the pictures back, we probably still have them. Those interested in obtaining these photos should come by the *News* office.

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Hart Centennial Pavilion Committee plans auction

Organizers working to fund construction of the new Centennial Pavilion in Hart are planning a fundraising auction on July 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Pavilion.

Construction on the Pavilion is almost complete, but funds are still needed to complete landscaping and other projects planned in conjunction with the centennial project.

On July 22, the auction will begin

October 31 is not just Halloween. It is also Founders Day, when Girl Scouts honor the birthday of founder, Juliet Low.

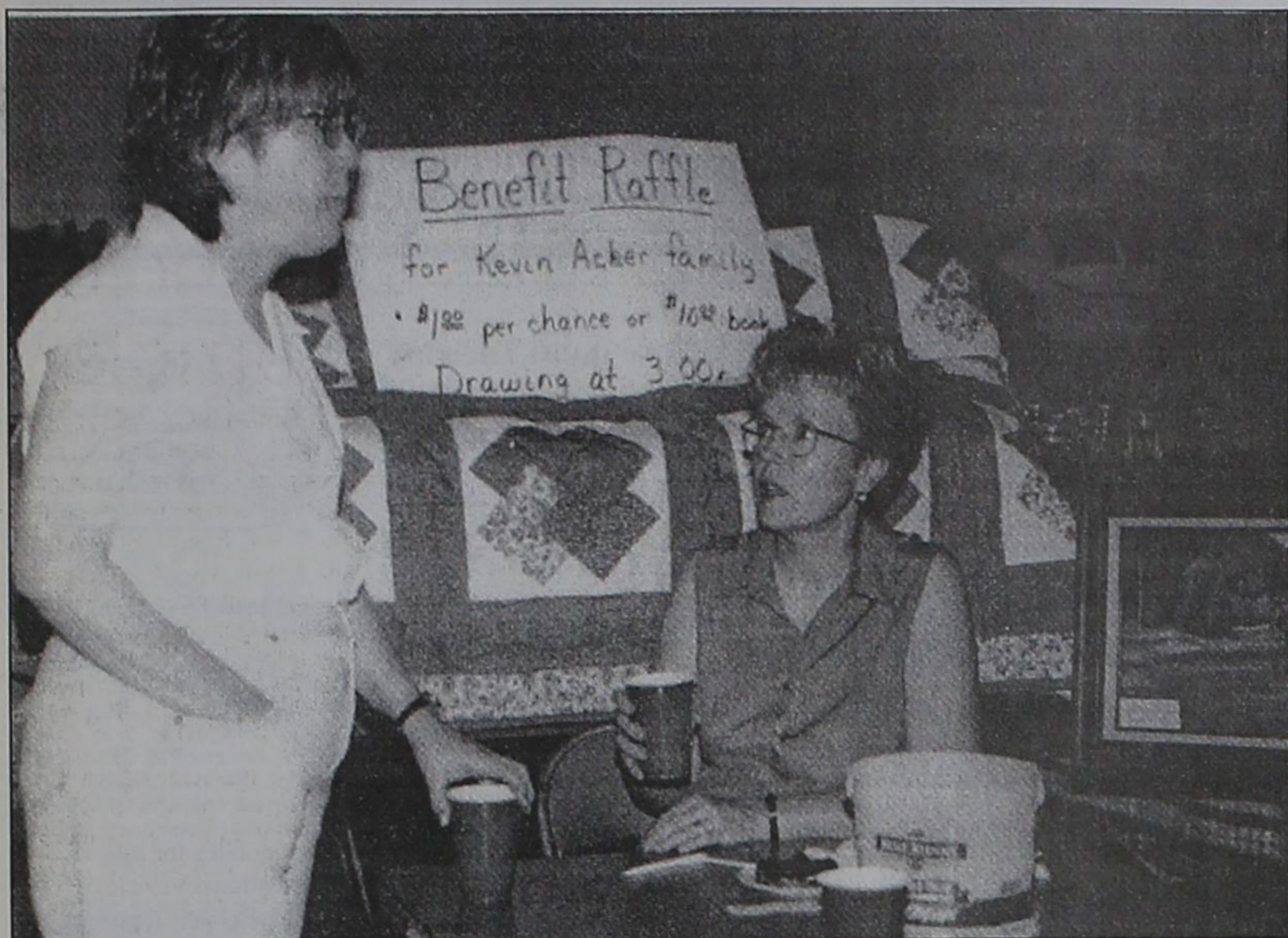
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at 9 a.m. and volunteers are needed to help with the event. Food and drink will be available throughout the auction.

For more information, call 938-2640.

Correction

In last week's issue of the *News* in a caption under a picture of a young clown, the clown was misidentified. She should have been listed as Selena Acevedo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Acevedo of Georgetown, formerly of Dimmitt. The *News* regrets the error.



I'LL TAKE A BOOK—Mary Lynn Olvera (seated) sells chances on a quilt and other prizes to Linda Jo Ramaekers Saturday at the arts and crafts show held

in conjunction with the Nazareth German Festival. Proceeds from the raffle will help defray medical expenses for Nazareth resident Kevin Acker.

Photo by Jenna Acker

Hart Centennial Committee to raffle commemorative proofs

The Hart Centennial Pavilion Committee is selling chances for two giant quarter-pound golden proof coins minted in the year 2000 and a pair of \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proofs, which will be given away during this year's Hart Days celebration.

The coins and proofs were minted by the Washington Mint and were donated to the Centennial Committee by Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain.

Each is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and a registration number.

Chances are being sold for \$5 each and proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Pavilion Fund. Tickets may be purchased at Hart City Hall, The Company Store, and J.J.'s, all in Hart; or from any member of the Pavilion Committee.

The \$100 Franklin quarter-pound silver proof features Ben Franklin and is an expert adaptation of the \$100

Franklin Federal Reserve note that was first introduced in 1996. It features the same portrait of Ben Franklin that has appeared on \$100 Federal Reserve notes since 1928, but is larger and shifted to the left-center. The reverse shows Independence Hall in Franklin's home town of Philadelphia. The proof is the size of the original Reserve note, but is much thicker and heavier. It contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver bullion.

The giant quarter-pound golden proof contains a quarter-pound of .999 pure silver layered with genuine 24-karat gold. The coin is an exquisite adaptation of the new US dollar coin—the first dollar coin in a generation, and the first-ever gold-colored coin. It features a portrait of Sacagawea, the Native American guide who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their first exploration to the Pacific Ocean nearly 200 years ago.



Paula Sterrett

Sunnyside Baptist Church plans summer concert

Paula Sterrett will perform contemporary and standard religious songs during a special mid-summer concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Paula and Randy Sterrett are the directors of "By All Means," a music and drama ministry located in Burleson. They have ministered in Sunnyside on two other occasions.

The public is invited to attend the concert.

State adopts rigorous graduation requirements

Students entering the eighth grade this fall will be the first students who must meet new requirements recently passed by the State Board of Education. The changes will require all Texas students to receive instruction in geometry, physics and chemistry.

The changes in the graduation requirements align the high school curriculum with a new testing program, which was mandated by the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

The changes do not add to the total number of credits required for graduation.

As part of the curriculum changes, minimum math requirements for high school graduation will add geometry as a required course. Most Texas students now enroll in geometry classes, but it was not a required class under the minimum graduation plan.

The revised plan requires two credits of science, consisting of biology and Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC). However, a student may enroll in either chemistry or physics as a substitute for IPC. Presently, students who are following the Minimum High School Program must earn two science credits, one of which must be biology, physics or chemistry.

The plan also gives students following the Recommended High School Program greater flexibility in selecting elective courses. Currently, students have three options from which they must select.

The changes made in the graduation plans will ensure that every student has received instruction in areas that state law requires be covered in the upcoming 11th grade exit-level test. Beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, the exit-level test will be administered in the 11th grade instead of the 10th grade and will assess a broader range and depth of subjects.

Students will have to pass the exit-level test along with their courses to receive a high school diploma. If students don't pass one or more parts of the test the first time, they can take that part again whenever it is given.

School districts can choose to implement the Board's changes for classes graduating before 2005, but they must implement them by the time the Class of 2005 enters high school.

Motorcycle rally set

The Calvary Baptist Church in Friona will sponsor a motorcycle rally on July 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to raise church interest in local cyclists.

The day's activities will begin with coffee at the 1500 N. Cleveland church building followed by fellowship study groups. A biker worship service will be held next with lunch and games following. A closing ceremony will conclude the day's event.

Terry Ohlman, a Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) chaplain, will lead the biker's worship. He is a joyful, exciting and down-to-earth speaker, according to a church spokesperson. Music also will be provided by CMA members.

An offering for CMA missions will be taken at the service. All donations will be used by the CMA to supply Bibles to foreign countries or for supplying motorcycles, bicycles and sometimes a horse to third-world pastors so they can extend their range of work.

Police Calls

Last Thursday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on July 4. Police said the man struck a victim with a pickup mirror and knocked him down in the 300 block of Southwest Third. The victim received two scraped shins and a scraped arm.

Another case of assault/family violence on July 4 involved other members of the same two families involved in the earlier assault.

At 10:30 p.m. July 4, Leo Hall told police a double-pane window was broken out of a house in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth. Estimated value of the window was \$100. At 11:15 p.m., Aurelio Peralta told police someone had damaged a door in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth.

July 5 John Furr of Dimmitt told police that someone had cracked the front windshield of a Chevy pickup at his home. Damage was estimated at \$350.

A Dimmitt man has been filed on for criminal mischief after he used a jeep to push down a stop sign and two yield signs.

As the result of a routine traffic stop Saturday at 12:08 a.m., two suspects were charged with possession of a controlled substance under one gram, and one of them was jailed and also charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility. Subsequent testing of the substance identified it as cocaine.

July 5, a 17-year-old Dimmitt

man was jailed for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct (vulgar language).

Friday, a 43-year-old Amarillo man was jailed for displaying a fictitious inspection sticker, driving with license suspended, no driver's license and no insurance.

Saturday at about 1 a.m. in the 100 block of Northwest 11th, a suspect was charged with being a minor in consumption of alcohol and for violating curfew; also some suspects were charged with consuming an alcoholic beverage after hours.

Sunday at 2:28 a.m. in the 400 block of Southwest Third in Dimmitt, a suspect was charged with driving under the influence, detectable amount, and another was charged with being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Sunday at 8:44 p.m., two suspects were jailed for assault/family violence—a 38-year-old woman and a 32-year-old man—in the 100 block of Northwest 11th.

Monday at 9:33 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 48, was jailed for displaying a fictitious registration certificate, no driver's license, and failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility.

Jailed during the past week on alcohol-related offenses:

—Saturday at 10:07 p.m., a Canyon man, 23, for public intoxication; at 10:41 p.m., a 21-year-old Canyon man, DWI and no seat belt; and at 11:57 p.m., a DWI for a 20-year-old Earth man.

—Sunday at 12:42 a.m., a Tulia man, 37, for DWI, first offense; 1:33 a.m., DWI, first offense, for a Dimmitt man, 23; at 2:25 a.m., a Lubbock man, 24, for DWI, first offense; 2:34 a.m., a Lubbock man, 24, for public intoxication; 3:07 a.m., DWI, first offense, for a Lubbock man, 25; 3:21 a.m., an Amarillo woman, 21, for DWI; at 3:31 a.m., an Amarillo man, 23, for public intoxication; 3:53 a.m., a Hereford man, 19, for public intoxication; at 4:01 a.m., a Lubbock woman, 29, for DWI, second offense; 4:07 a.m., a Hereford man, 23, for DWI, second offense; 4:26 a.m., a Friona woman, 19, for public intoxication; and at 4:45 a.m., a 21-year-old Hereford man for DWI, first offense.

Jailed during the past week on warrants, probation violations, or court matters:

—Friday, a Tulia woman, 31, on a Hale County warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; a Dimmitt man, 30, for failure to appear on a child support matter; and a 42-year-old Plainview man on a Hale County warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Saturday at 2:04 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 34, on a warrant for

Destiny is an invention of the cowardly and the resumed. -Ignazio Silone

Unhappy businessmen, I am convinced, would increase their happiness more by walking six miles everyday than by any conceivable change of philosophy. -Bertrand Russell

VFW Auxiliary prexy to visit Panhandle area

Aletha Jeter of Spring, newly-elected president of the Department of Texas Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will visit District Nine, which includes the Texas Panhandle, on July 29.

Jeter will tour the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo on July 28 at 9 a.m.

On July 29, she will travel with State Senior Vice President Kay Paulk of Amarillo and District Nine President Dee Branch of Amarillo to Dumas, where there will be a called district meeting at 10 a.m. at the Dumas Post 9022 home.

All members are invited to attend the meeting.

Jeter was elected to the president's office on June 24 at the group's 74th annual convention in Dallas-Fort Worth. She is a fifth-generation Houstonian who joined Auxiliary 3907 in Palestine in 1989 under the eligibility of her then husband, James.

She has two daughters and a grandson and she is proud of her family's history of service to the country.

She has traced her family history back to the Battle of San Jacinto, where her family name is on the monument at the battlegrounds. Her family also fought in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. She knows the sacrifice of self that veterans gave so freely to insure our freedom.

She has chosen for her theme this year, "Keeping Dreams Alive As We Preserve the Past . . . Prepare for the Future." Her special project for the year is helping the American Diabetes Association.

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