

# The Castro County News

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## CCHD vote highlights election City, school posts on ballots Saturday

A five-person race for three spots on the Castro County Hospital District board of directors will highlight Saturday's election day.

Posts are also up on school and city boards in Hart and Dimmitt with contested races for most seats. Nazareth has no contested races for the city or school board, although there could be write-in candidates.

Incumbents Stanley Schaeffer and Mildred Bradford are being challenged by Teresa Lindsey, Carl King and Bill Clark for two seats on the hospital board. The directors are elected at-large, and all eligible voters in the county may vote in the

hospital district election. Votes in the election, and all other elections Saturday, will be cast at the Dimmitt City Hall, Golden Group building in Hart and the Home Ec room at Nazareth High School.

Four of the hospital board candidates appeared at voters forums recently sponsored by WIFE, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Republican Organization for Women. There was spirited give-and-take at the forums between the incumbents, challengers and voters over operations at rural health clinics that were established last year.

Two contested races are on the ballot for the City of Dimmitt. District 1 Councilman Lloyd White will be challenged by Roy Garza, while District 2 incumbent Larry Gonzales will face Boyd Moyers. Wayne Proffitt of District 3 and Roger Malone of District 4 are unopposed for re-election.

Avery Thrasher is challenging Frank Welch for District 5 on the

Dimmitt school board. Board president John Nino is unopposed for re-election in District 1.

On the Hart City Council, Vickie Ethridge and Elias Martinez will join incumbents L.C. McLain, Ismael Carrasco and Todd Pebsworth on the ballot. There are three at-large places available in the city race.

Hart's school board race features incumbents Jerry Miller and David Smith challenged by Danny Rodriguez and Kent Irons for three places. Incumbent Freddy Upshaw is not seeking re-election.

On the ballot in Nazareth are school board incumbents Sidney Birkenfeld and David Olvera, Mayor Ralph Brockman and Commissioner Gregory Schacher.

All election places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. Early voting ended Tuesday.

Sample ballots for each race in the county are included on Page 13 in today's News.



HOSPITAL BOARD IS FEATURE RACE—Teresa Lindsey, Bill Clark, Carl King and Stanley Schaeffer, from left, listen to a question during the voter's forum held April 25 in Dimmitt. The four, along with incumbent Mildred Bradford, will vie for two spots on the Castro County Hospital District board in Saturday's election. Photo by John Brooks

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

We've finally reached the "bottom line" point in the rural health clinics issue.

The bottom line is a projected \$320,377 deficit in operations for the coming year.

That figure will strike the eye of many of our taxpayers with a resounding clink.

And that deficit will be that low only if we hire another doctor within four months to generate more income, and enlarge two pre-existing clinics to accommodate more patients.

\$95,000 to recruit and establish a new doctor here, at a base salary of \$120,000 per year, plus \$12,500 for serving as the supervising physician or the medical director of the same clinic, plus other perks for travel, dues, continuing education, etc.

\$158,000 in administrators' salaries.

\$203,000 in expenses to generate \$73,000 of income at the Hawkins Memorial Clinic at Hart.

And we're helping pay for it. Whether the tax money to subsidize it comes in the form of local taxes or federal Disproportionate Share Funds or Medicare or Medicaid payments, it's our tax money.

What the heck is going on here? Has the rural health clinic system here — which came into being without fanfare less than a year ago — become a medical bureaucracy running out of control?

Is this what national health care would be like?

But wait a minute.

What brought all this about in the first place?

It was the lack of health care in rural areas.

Most young doctors were becoming specialists and were going to the big cities where the big bucks are, and the massive urban hospitals, and the big-league teams, and the domes, and the supermalls, and...

Most small towns and rural counties were being left without sufficient health care. Or without any at all. The kindly old small-town general practitioners were retiring and dying off, and there were too few willing to take their place.

Rural hospitals have closed by the hundreds, or thousands. One doctor, or even two, can't keep a hospital open.

Many small towns and rural counties now have no doctor at all. Zip. Nada. And no prospects.

We're talking life and death here, for a whole heartland of Americans young and old.

We see it all around us. It could easily happen here. Maybe it's happening already.

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## Weather

Recordings are made at 7 a.m. each day at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station.

	High	Low	Precip
Thursday	39	30	.09
Friday	60	32	.25
Saturday	37	32	.26
Sunday	55	34	
Monday	56	36	.02
Tuesday	64	45	.21
Wednesday	67	46	Tr.
April Moisture:	1.69		
May Moisture:	.23		
1994 Moisture:	2.74		

## Emergency signals

When official spotters believe dangerous weather could strike here, they will sound a "wailing" signal on the warning sirens. When it's time to take cover, you'll hear a continuous tone on the warning sirens.

If you want information about severe weather, don't call the sheriff's office. They are VERY BUSY coordinating communication. You can get more information quickly on the television or on the radio.



## 4-H gets \$20,000 grant for Center

The proposed Castro County 4-H Livestock and Education Center is a step closer to becoming a reality thanks to the Amarillo Area Foundation, which awarded a \$20,000 grant to 4-H for the project.

Announcement of the grant was received last Wednesday, according to Castro County Extension Agents.

Jim Allison, president and executive director of the Amarillo Area Foundation, Inc. said the board of directors had approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000 with funds from the L.R. Hagy Fund.

The funds are designated to be used for the specific purpose of constructing a swine/sheep barn for the benefit of 4-H youth projects.

Construction of the swine/sheep barn is scheduled to begin in early summer, with a completion goal of Sept. 1, according to county agents. A fencing committee will begin construction in early June.

Castro County 4-H also is in the process of submitting grant proposals to other foundations in an effort to secure the remaining funds needed to construct the education center and other buildings.

At the Castro County Junior

Livestock Sale in February, 4-H received approximately \$21,000 in donations toward the project. County Agent Bryan Reynolds said part of that money, along with the grant, will be used to construct the swine/sheep barn.

The entire proposed project, which includes four buildings—a main building with classrooms and a covered arena, a steer and horse barn, a swine barn and sheep barn — will cost approximately \$170,000. It will be located on a tract of land on Northwest Fifth Street, just north of the Dimmitt city limits.

"We elected to go with building a swine/sheep building first, because we felt like it was most essential for us. It's the most economical to build and the Amarillo Area Foundation was interested in helping us with it," said Reynolds. "We probably have more 4-H'ers showing sheep and hogs. When we get other money in and can construct the other buildings, we will have a barn to house each."

The swine/sheep barn will include 30 pens and will house 60 animals, Reynolds said. Each person feeding a sheep or lamb at the 4-H Center will be responsible for furnishing his or her own panels and posts. A \$50 deposit will be required and monthly pen rent of \$10 will be charged.

Reynolds said 4-H has applied for one other grant and two more proposals are ready to be submitted. He hopes enough grant money can be acquired so panels and posts can be purchased and the students won't have to furnish their own.

## Check out the regional champions, state qualifiers and Bobcat baseball in Sports, Pages 6-10.

## Hospital sees surplus; clinics expect deficit

By DON NELSON

After sifting through a basketful of revisions and options, the Castro County Hospital Board Monday night adopted budgets that project a \$281,177 surplus for Plains Memorial Hospital and a \$112,377 deficit for Castro County Community Clinics in the new fiscal year that started Sunday.

It was the second budget go-round for the board, which had rejected a proposed deficit of \$483,902 for the rural health clinic system at last Wednesday night's regular meeting and ordered CCCC Administrator Vince Moss to trim the fat and come back with a revised budget at Monday night's called meeting.

The budget adoption vote Monday night was split, with Board Member Garland Coleman voting against and Board Members Stanley Schaeffer, Lucille Drerup, Mildred Bradford and Chairman James Welch voting in favor.

The rural health clinic system's proposed budget actually shows a shortfall of \$320,377, but Moss requested \$148,000 of the hospital district's Disproportionate Share Funds from the Medicaid program and \$60,000 in tax revenue to reduce the projected deficit to \$112,377.

"I thought we had decided not to

use any Disproportionate Share Funds for operating expenses," Coleman said.

"That's true, but we felt this would be justifiable," Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said.

Disproportionate Share Funds are extra monies paid by the Medicaid program to rural hospital districts to offset the difference between Medicaid's per-patient reimbursements and what it actually costs the hospital to provide services for low-income patients who cannot pay.

Urban hospitals usually receive higher fees for treating Medicaid patients, but many rural hospitals actually have a higher ratio — or a "disproportionate share" — of Medicaid patients.

The local hospital district has received approximately \$1.5 million in DS Funds in three years, but expects them to be phased out in 1996.

The hospital board has been using the DS Funds to upgrade Plains Memorial and invest in equipment and other long-term capital assets, rather than applying them to operations.

Goode argued that "in general, it takes two to three years for a new clinic to get established," and Moss said that two of the county's three rural health clinics — the Hardee

Family Medical Clinic and the Medical Center of Dimmitt — need to be expanded to accommodate more patients and larger medical staffs.

The alternative, Moss said, would be to close the Hawkins Memorial Clinic at Hart and let the Medical Center of Dimmitt revert to a private practice, which would probably lead to its demise.

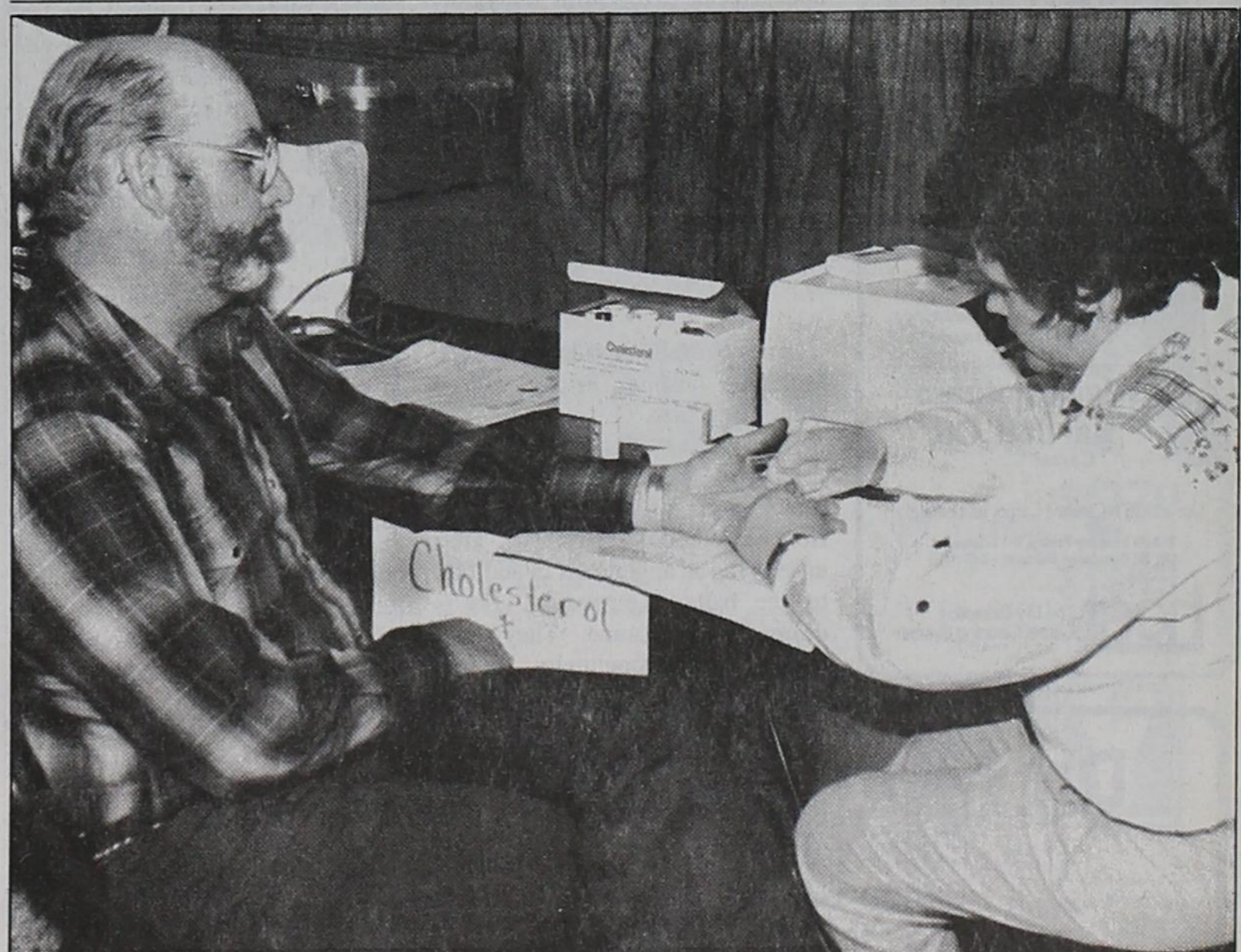
The board voted to accept these recommendations by the administrators of Castro County Community Clinics:

**Hardee Family Medical Clinic** — Add three patient treatment rooms to the three present ones, allowing Dr. Gary R. Hardee and two physician's assistants to care for 25% more patients, generating a projected income of \$539,730 with expenses of \$494,486 for a profit of \$45,244 for the hospital district.

**Medical Center of Dimmitt** — Recruit a new physician within four months to work with Dr. D. S. Patel, a half-time physician's assistant and two Licensed Vocational Nurses to generate a projected income of \$515,543 with expenses of \$552,006 for a deficit of \$36,463.

**Hawkins Memorial Clinic, Hart** — Continue operation with a full-time physician's assistant, an office worker and a nurse's aide,

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THIS WON'T HURT A BIT—W.B. Scarborough of Dimmitt (left) gets his finger pricked by Barbara Farmer, R.N., of Lubbock as part of a cholesterol screening that was held in Dimmitt last Thursday.

The screening was sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Health. More than 40 people took advantage of the low-cost opportunity to find out important health information. Photo by Linda Maxwell



# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Lucile Dollar has returned from a trip to Scottsdale, Ariz., where she visited daughter Brenda and Bill Allen. She attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Jenny Dollar, to Joe Cox of Glendale, Ariz. Jenny is the daughter of Monty and Alisa Dollar of Lubbock. Also attending the wedding were Jenny's brother, Josh; her aunt and uncle Jimmy and Nancy Ross, their daughter, Amy; and Gerri, sister of Nancy and Alisa.

Jenny and Joe were engaged at Disneyland, so they went to Disney World on their honeymoon. The wedding cake had a Mickey and Minnie Mouse on top.

Nancy and Gerri hosted a brunch at a little tea room in Glendale for Jenny. They served fruit, a breakfast casserole and pie.

Brandon and Kelly Thompson of Amarillo are the proud parents of a baby girl, Stephanie Corine, who was born April 2. Brandon's mother is Pam Dollar Rush of Bellingham, Wash., and this is her first grandchild. Lucile Dollar is the great-grandmother.

The Southwestern Public Service Cooking School was held at Rhoads Memorial Library on April 25. Kay Davis cooked several dishes from the brochure cookbook 1994-Cooking Now and Then. The menu included picante chicken, green bean and asparagus casserole, apple crunch, fresh pineapple salsa, guilt-free snack chips and "champagne" punch that was served to the guests. Names were drawn for door prizes and four winners had the name Mary--Mary Cox, Mary Emma Matthews, Mary Lou Smithson and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Mark and Michelle Bella and Mark Anthony from Hereford. They came on Monday during the terrible wind and sand storm, as did Jim and Monica Haddox.

Cheryle Pybus brought her dad, Gerald Greathouse, from Clovis, N.M., while her mother was in Amarillo.

Extension office staff and Family and Community Education club members held their annual dinner April 26 at the courthouse basement meeting room. Tables were decorated in navy blue cloths with a bluebonnet arrangement and an outline of Texas made of barbed wire for the centerpiece of each table. There was a huge basket of bluebonnets at the speaker's podium. Rita McDaniel gave the welcome and the prayer was given by Faye Mohon. Bill Sava sang several "cowboy" songs. Oneida Hutto presented the scholarship awards to Kodie Bagley and Stacy McDaniel and a 60-year pin to Edith Graef. The closing remarks were given by Marilyn Neal and door prizes were

presented by Rose Acker.

Extension staff members are Neal, J.D. Ragland, Bryan Reynolds, Andy Williams, Carolyn Watts and Carla Schilling. Members of the Castro County Commissioners Court are Polly Simpson, Newlon Rowland, Jeff Robertson, Dale Winders and Vincent Guggemos. Town and Country HCE Club officers are Acker, Ann Henderson, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Betty Freeman and Mary Edna Hendrix. Hill and Dell HCE officers are Debbie Underwood, Tammy Heard, Vee Simpson, Shelly Smith and Robin Gonzales. Sundowners HCE officers are Karen Carter, Ruth Cochran, Maxine Myers, Faye Mohon and Daphene Montgomery.

Several guests were in attendance and enjoyed a meal of barbecue cooked by Marshall Young, cabbage slaw, brown beans, salads and

desserts brought by the club members.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for a brown bag lunch and a delicious strawberry dessert made by hostess Lorann Hamilton, who also served candy for snacks. Lorann won high score and Ferne Dickey won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Johnnie Vannoy, Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, Edith Graef, Dugan Butler, Alma Kenmore, Dude McLauren, Emily Clingsmith, Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Elizabeth Huckabay, Neva Hickey and Susie Reeves.

The Town and Country HCE Club met Thursday at the courthouse basement meeting room. Rose Acker presided over the business meeting and reports were given by Rosetta

Bellinghausen and Margaret Womack. Marilyn Neal gave the program on "Family Records" which was very informative. She made several important points on how long valuable papers should be kept, keeping valuable papers in order and in a place where you can find them, replacement of valuable papers, keeping a list of items in your home in case of fire or theft, and taking a picture of valuable items. Neal served strawberry bread and strawberry dip; Womack served pumpkin bread; Oneida Hutto brought homemade bread, homemade grape jelly and miniature pumpkin muffins; and Betty Freeman offered caramel candy.

Our sympathy to the families of Geneva Dennis and Becky Bridges.

I visited with several former Dimmitt residents at the funeral for Geneva Dennis, including Beth Hodges of Panhandle, Buster and Mearle Morgan of Bovina, Terry and Zeldia Ellison of Lockney, Mark and Kay Merritt of Midland, Joann Montgomery of Midland, and Faye and Hoyt Kenmore of Amarillo.

The Rev. Paul Kenley gave a mini-sermon at Canterbury Villa on Sunday morning on "A Happy Life and Peace Within." There is a big difference in worrying and being concerned. We need to pray and pray without ceasing means we can talk to the Lord at anytime. Bill Newland and Bro. Paul sang a special, *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, accompanied by Mary Edna Hendrix.

Kate Beecher and I went to Lubbock to see her son-in-law, Dan Prather of Jackson, Miss. He was in Lubbock to see his mother, Louise



AND A HUG, TOO — Edith Graef (left) receives her 60-year membership pin as a member of the Town and Country Family and Community Education Club. She has participated in many projects of the FCE (formerly Extension Homemakers), and has held several offices in the organization. The presentation is being made by fellow FCE-member Oneida Hutto at the annual FCE banquet held April 26 in the courthouse basement meeting room. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

Peggy Bailey of Brownwood, youngest sister of Irene Bradley and Elizabeth Worthington of the community, and an aunt of Lee Bradley, died Sunday morning in Brownwood after a bout with cancer. Peggy was born in 1937 in the Cleo community where Elizabeth lives today. The three older girls attended Cleo School until it was disbanded. Peggy started to school in Dimmitt. Cleo was just north of the Sunnyside community; the school was about where the power station is today on US Highway 385. Irene and Lee went down as soon as they received the word to help with arrangements involved in getting the body back to Dimmitt for burial.

Lee and Louise, Jack and family and Justin and family went to Irene's when they got back from Brownwood. Gay and David Sadler brought supper to them and ate with them Sunday night.

James Norrell was admitted to the Muleshoe hospital Friday with a kidney infection.

Larry Gulley, now of the community, was dismissed Saturday from Methodist Hospital after undergoing an angiogram in addition to the balloon procedure. He is doing fine at home. They have moved into the community. He will

continue to drive a truck for Walmart. Linda is taking the bookkeeping job left vacant by the death of Lanette Bolinger at Sunnyside Cattle Company. Larry is the son of Elton Gulley of Sunnyside.

Elton and daughter Becky Ott had gone to visit a younger brother of Becky's when Larry had his heart attack April 24. He was taken to Dimmitt by ambulance, then airlifted to Lubbock. He then had the angioplasty on arrival.

Jewel Milliken of Wolforth, mother of Joan Norrell, underwent cataract surgery in Lubbock the first part of the week. She did real well and it wasn't painful.

Gale and Verna Sadler left this week to spend some time with daughter Susan Harmon, her husband Greg and their children.

Jeff and Stacy Weight and baby son Taylor Jefferson of Livingston, friends of Anthony and Lori Sisemore, visited in the Sunday night services. Jeff and Anthony were school pals since grade school.

Verba Sadler told Gay Sadler on Sunday morning by phone that no one showed up for the Louder Reunion on Saturday so she went with Ezell to the annual cemetery working in the Gunsight community where we were all born. Much visiting takes place there as everyone has loved ones buried there and everyone knows everyone.

It was 32 degrees at 7:15 a.m. Thursday. There was rain and hail Wednesday night which covered the ground. There was also some sleet. It all brought a half inch of moisture. Thursday morning we received .70 inch of rain, with .20 inch Friday.



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CITY: Dimmitt COUNTY: Castro STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 79027 CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE: March 31, 1994

		Dollar Amounts in Thousands				
		Bill	Mill	Thou		
<b>ASSETS</b>						
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		6	572	1.a.	
	b. Interest-bearing balances		-	0	1.b.	
			66	342	2.	
2. Securities						
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:	a. Federal funds sold		3	397	3.a.	
	b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell		-	0	3.b.	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:						
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income		43	320		4.a.	
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		1	471		4.b.	
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve			-	0	4.c.	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)			41	858	4.d.	
5. Assets held in trading accounts				-	5.	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			1	180	6.	
7. Other real estate owned				187	7.	
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies				-	8.	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding				-	9.	
10. Intangible assets				42	10.	
11. Other assets				2	11.	
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			121	718	12.a.	
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)				-	12.b.	
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a and 12.b)			121	718	12.c.	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
13. Deposits:	a. In domestic offices:			110	974	13.a.
	(1) Noninterest-bearing		21	066	13.a.(1)	
	(2) Interest-bearing		89	908	13.a.(2)	
	b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:			-	13.b.	
	(1) Noninterest-bearing			-	13.b.(1)	
	(2) Interest-bearing			-	13.b.(2)	
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:	a. Federal funds purchased			-	14.a.	
	b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			-	14.b.	
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury				-	15.	
16. Other borrowed money				-	16.	
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases				-	17.	
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding				-	18.	
19. Subordinated notes and debentures				-	19.	
20. Other liabilities				497	20.	
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			111	471	21.	
22. Limited - life preferred stock and related surplus				-	22.	
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>						
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)				-	23.	
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized b. Outstanding)			1,500		24.	
			3,300		25.	
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock):			5	606	26.a.	
a. Undivided profits and capital reserves				150	26.b.	
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities				-	26.c.	
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				10	247	28.a.
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				-	28.b.	
a. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)				10	247	28.c.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28.a. & 28.b.)					29.	
29. Total liabilities, limited - life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28.c.)			121	718	29.	
<b>MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:</b>						
a. Standby letters of credit, Total				451	1.a.	
b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations				-	1.b.	
<b>NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.</b>						
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		DATE SIGNED				
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# Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

The sacrament of confirmation was received by the fifth, sixth and seventh grade students in Holy Family Church Sunday morning during mass with Rev. Neal Dee officiating, assisted by Deacon Al Maurer and Jerome Brockman.

Father Neal gave a very meaningful, emotional homily stressing the powers of the Holy Spirit given to each of us to use to the best of our ability. A packed church of parishioners witnessed the children renewing their baptismal promises, answering for themselves this time.

Most parents had something special to honor their children during the day. Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting were honored at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber with a breakfast for Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Virgie Gerber, Dolly Schulte, Elaine and Sayla Barnes, Doyle and Rosie Kleman and Donna Charanza.

Guests at the Chris and Becky Book home were Becky's parents, Bob and Nancy Hand of Longmont, Colo., and Larry, Julie and Allison Hand of Stillwater, Okla. Kelly Book of Stephenville was Susan Book's sponsor and Josh Book, a student at San Angelo State, was Melanie Book's sponsor. Gayle Book of Fort Worth was Cassie Birkenfeld's sponsor. They were all visitors of Peggy and Sidney Birkenfeld.

Bob and Nancy Hand enjoyed visiting with the CYO members who stayed in their home last year when they went to Denver for the Pope's visit.

Many Braddock and Gerber relatives and friends drove to Odessa this past weekend to attend the marriage of Natalie Jean Gerber, daughter of Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa and Ralph Eric Grosser, son of Hildegarde and Heinz Grosser of Canada.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Grosser on Friday evening at Mission Dorado Country Club.

The wedding mass was read in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Saturday afternoon with Father Bridges, pastor, and Deacon Allan Neff, officiating.

Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, Tricia Rose and Harold Gerber pro-

vided music and hymns during the service.

Reception, dinner and a dance followed in the parish hall.

After a trip to Mexico, the couple will live in Houston. Ralph is a pilot for American Airlines and Natalie is a pilot instructor.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier have returned from a week's vacation in Colorado with the Tom and Brenda Conrad family in Colorado Springs and in Centre with the Lyn and Pam Bogle family. They enjoyed watching their grandson Bret Conrad pitch a baseball game for his high school team. He is a sophomore. They also spent a couple of days at Cripple Creek, trying to find out how lucky they could be and one evening they all gathered at the Conrads' house for one of Tom's famous barbecue rib meals.

Chris Bogle and daughter, Ashley of Denver, and Pam Bogle of Centre, joined them.

Tinie Hoelting is home after flying to San Antonio to visit her daughter, Anna. San Antonio is a beautiful place this time of year with flowers in full bloom and it's still cool.

The Foresters benefit supper was held Sunday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall with a good turnout. Proceeds will be donated to Holy Family Parish for our Christian Formation in the purchase to receive the CTNA television signal, a private satellite network established by US Catholic bishops in 1981.

Congratulations to Mattie Swirczynski, who celebrated her 80th birthday during the weekend of April 23 and 24 in Fort Worth. She was joined in the celebration by her six children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The festivities commenced on Friday evening with a dinner and social at the home of her son, Richard, and his wife, Rosemary. Saturday's activities included lunch, a tour of the Fort Worth Zoo and the historic Stockyard District, then a portrait session of the 35 family members present.

Mattie was the guest of honor at a formal dinner that night at the Balcony Restaurant. Following mass on Sunday morning, the family gathered for brunch at the Green Oaks Inn before departing for their respective homes.

Joining Mattie and her husband, Ray, to celebrate her birthday were Ken and Mary Margaret Endres of Fruitland, Md; Mary and Jerry Hertz of Hutchinson, Kan., Richard and Rosemary Endres of Fort Worth, Susan and Dale Henning of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jeanne and Jim DeLano of Ardmore, Okla., and Nick and Linda Endres of Houston. Her children and their spouses were also joined by Sister Agnes Endres of Wichita Falls, Sister Irma Endres of Houston, and Mattie's brother-in-law, Victor Brockman and Nora Barnett of Midland.

Prayers are asked for Lucy Leinen who has been re-admitted to Plainview's Methodist Hospital after being home for a few days; for Bertha Klein, who is home to recuperate from a stay in Lubbock Methodist Hospital; and for Gregory Schacher, who is starting another series of chemotherapy treatments.

Our sympathy to Tom and Barbara (Steffens) Dennis of Amarillo on the loss of their daughter, Sara, 4 months. Deacon Jerome Brockman presided at funeral services Tuesday morning. Burial was in Memorial Gardens in Amarillo.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS** — Two local 4-H members were announced as the winners of scholarships sponsored by the Castro County Family and Community Education Clubs at the FCE annual banquet April 26. Winners are seniors (from left) Stacy McDaniel, son of Stan and Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt, and Kodie Bagley, daughter of Scott and Suane Bagley of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## First graders earn awards

First graders received awards for the fifth six weeks recently at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt.

Students receiving awards were:  
Feaster's room: Perfect attendance—Daniel Coleman, Chuckie Cruz, Matthew Larra, Meggie Lemons, Kelly Reyes, Maribel Rivera, Albert Ruiz, Willie Thomas and Jonathan Welch. Citizenship—Ruiz, Lemons, Reyes, Larra, Felisha Starling, Welch. Handwriting—Adam Zambrano, Reyes, Rivera. Most improved—Welch.

Ponce's room: Perfect attendance—Jose Arredondo, Lillana Aguilar, Jorge Alvarado, Carlos Chavez, Sonya Gonzales, Rolando Ontiveros, Nayelli Reyes, Rene Rodriguez, Kelly Ruiz, Yvonne Sifuentes, Alejandra Velasquez and Yadiria Villalba. Citizenship—Aguilar, Alvarado, Marisol Fuentes, Andrea Ortiz, Reyes, Ruiz, Sifuentes, Velasquez, Ontiveros. Writing—Sifuentes (creative writing) and Velasquez (handwriting). Most improved: Ontiveros and Chavez.

Roberson's Room: Perfect attendance—Vicente Alvarez, Jared Bell, Steven Caballero, Matthew Calderon, Jaime Cavazos, Niccole Heard, Shaun Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Rigo Presas, Darrell Reyes and Stuart Sheffy. Citizenship—Bell, Shelley Burk, Caballero, Cavazos, Lori Garza, Heard, Montiel, Navarro, Presas, Reyes and Sheffy. Writing—Burk and Layne Penney. Most improved—Caballero and Presas.

Barretero's room: Perfect attendance—Jessica Delgado, David Diaz, Edwin Hernandez, Rosalinda Jaramillo, Jose Lopez, Antonio Ontiveros, Susana Ornelas, Christina Ramos, Joey Rodriguez and Salud Rodriguez. Citizenship—Jesus Alvarado, Carla Carpio, Lopez, Joey Rodriguez, Ornelas, Ramos and Maria Quintana. Writing—Jaramillo. Most improved—Hernandez.

Myatt's room: Perfect attendance—Casey Alaniz, Raynee Bradley, Stephen Bueno, Ruby Espinosa, Estela Garcia, Ryan Miller, Callen

Mixon, Jeremy Norman, Fabian Pena and Charley Saenz. Citizenship—Espinosa, Mixson, Norman and Saenz. Writing—Orin Schulte, Chris Casas, Mixson, Norman and Miller. Most improved—Garcia and Bueno.

Matthew's room: Perfect attendance—Weldon Allison, David Carter, Andy Garcia, Cody Larner, Nyssa Martinez, April Morgan, Raul Olvera, Omar Pena, Luis Porras and Elias Zepeda. Citizenship—Corrie Black, Lesley Hinojosa, Martinez, Morgan and Zepeda. Writing—Allison, Black, Larner, Martinez, Morgan and Zepeda. Most improved—Carter.

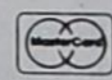
Keith's room: Perfect attendance—Kayla Acker, Robin Beames, Apolonia Flores, Cindy Martinez, Raul Melendez, Adam Mendoza and Jeremiah Sanchez. Citizenship—Beames, Melendez, Jackie Ramirez, Sanchez and Ignacio Sifuentes. Writing—Flores, Melendez, Jessica Navarro, Chris Perez, Ramirez, Trisha Reyes and Martinez. Most improved—Sanchez and Michael Webb.



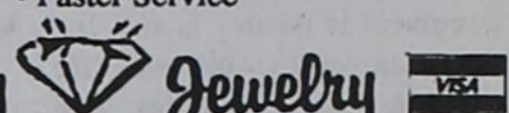
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## Girl Scouts set banquet

Dimmitt Girl Scouts will hold their annual banquet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Scouts and their guests will enjoy a meal of barbecue prepared by Marshall Young.

Each troop will make a presentation representing something they have learned during the past year.

Daisy Scouts, Brownie Scouts and Girl Scouts are included in the event.

## Blood pressure screening May 12

A monthly blood pressure screening clinic will be held May 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Castro County Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The clinics are held the second Thursday of each month by the Texas Dept. of Health office in Dimmitt.

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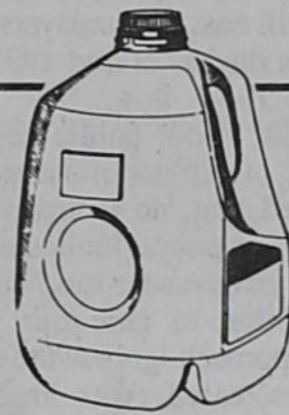
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# Op-Ed

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## Babbling Brooks

By John Brooks

I guess I have finally reached middle age—or beyond.

I drove down the highway for several miles last Wednesday with my blinker on.

It was something I had railed at hundreds of "old fogies" about. Those people who got their license out of a Cracker Jack box were the ones who drove down the highway with a light flashing aimlessly on the back of their car.

Yes, those people, the ones who have seen me make motions of some sort or another with my hands and arms as I passed them, trying to point out to them that they had a blinker on. Of course, that was when I was in a good mood. When I was in a bad mood, the hand and

arm motion was more forthright and easy to decipher.

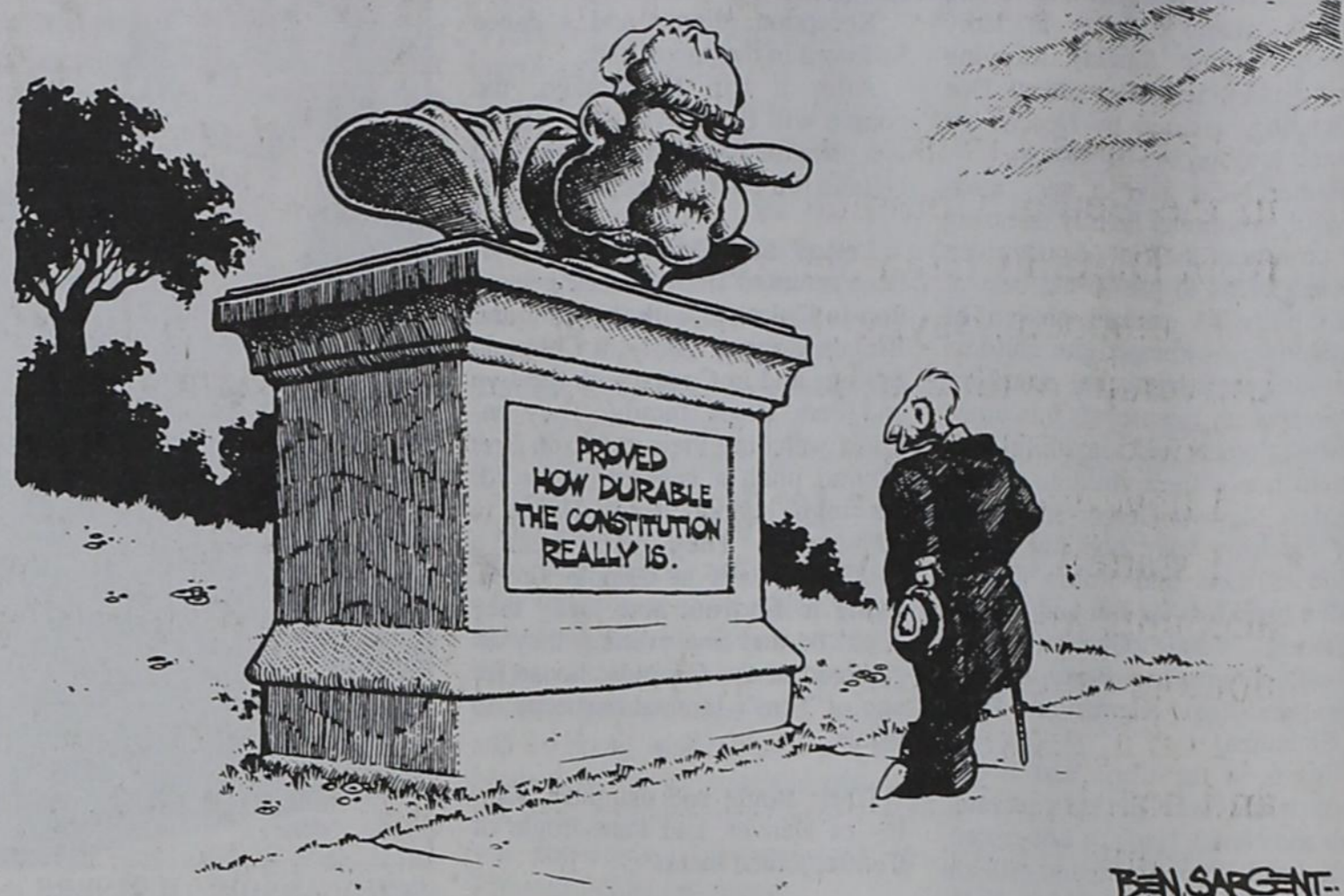
Since I began driving at age 15 until last Wednesday, it was always someone else who did that. Unnecessary blinkerage was something that was done by unsafe drivers. Never been to defensive driving, have ya buddy? Yeah, I can tell, 'cause you're blinking needlessly. Ya dummy! Get a clue! You're too old to drive, sister, and that flashing blinker proves it!

I was driving down Big Daddy cutoff between here and Hereford, taking the raw newspaper pages to Canyon to get the paper printed. I had turned onto the cutoff several miles before and I was listening to some easy listening station out of

Amarillo. I was singing along with the Andrews Sisters or McGuire Sisters or Pointer Sisters or whoever sang *Sincerely*, my head going back and forth, really getting into the song, when I noticed it: the flashing green arrow on the dashboard.

I turned it off as quick as I could, then looked into my rear view mirror to make sure no one was behind me, gesturing in a helpful or otherwise nature. Fortunately, it was only me and God and the Sisters singing on the radio. I looked up on the highway and figured where I was. I figure the blinker had gone about three miles.

I felt bad. Worse than a new clump of gray hair, I knew youth had passed me by.



## The Trillion Dollar Man

By Grover G. Norquist  
Americans For Tax Reform

In his recent testimony before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, Tennessee Rep. Jim Cooper fielded a series of questions about his "Clinton Lite" alternative health-care plan. Cooper, under pressure from subcommittee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), calmly suggested he was a "New Democrat" explaining he believed in letting the free-enterprise system find a solution to spiraling health-care costs without invoking the heavy hand of big government and adding massive amounts of new controls and regulations to America's health care.

Waxman, author of some of the government's biggest and most irresponsible spending programs and a key congressional player in any health-care reform, tartly reminded Cooper that he was also "... a young Democrat." The response of 20-year Rep. Waxman is more significant than most people realize.

In a revealing series of articles for *The Washington Post*, Dan Morgan provided insights into Henry Waxman's budget-busting solutions to one government health-care program that has spun wildly out of control: Medicaid.

According to Morgan, Waxman has been persuasive enough to expand Medicaid dramatically throughout the 1980s. He perfected what has come to be known as "The Waxman Wedge," which expanded small, inconsequential programs until they consumed a much larger percentage of the federal budget than ever was contemplated at their creation.

Between 1984 and 1990, Waxman pushed for 24 new Medicaid initiatives that cost taxpayers \$888 million in their first year of implementation. Five years later, these same initiatives cost taxpayers \$5.4 billion. Government spending on Medicaid now approaches \$90 billion every year, due in large part to the efforts of Henry Waxman.

Many of the problems associated with health care today can be linked to the fiscal irresponsibility found in the Medicaid program. Dan Morgan, the author of the *Washington Post* piece, acknowledged as much when he wrote: "Perhaps more than any other factor, Medicaid's dramatic growth has led to the sense of national panic over the cost of health care." One provision in particular is illustrative of how staggering the growth in Medicaid has become.

In 1987, Chairman Waxman inserted into the Medicaid budget a requirement for states to pay hospitals that handled large numbers of poor patients. Under the "Disproportionate Share Program," states immediately set out to find the loopholes in the new federal requirement.

Using a complicated financing scheme, states collected "donations" from non-profit hospitals to the state-run Medicaid program. The money was then given back to the hospitals as a subsidy, partially reimbursed from the federal Medicaid program. What began as a \$95 million, 3-year program to pay hospital costs in treating the uninsured ballooned (by 1992) into a \$10.8 billion-a-year example of Medicaid abuse. Waxman has repeatedly blocked attempts by other members of Congress to correct the abuses, even after

it became widely known that the "Disproportionate Share Program" had become a fiscal catastrophe.

Waxman has sponsored many other pieces of legislation related to public health that run counter to the best interests of every American. These bills have proved prohibitively expensive for both business and consumers and have resulted in only minor improvements in public health and safety. Among the Waxman-sponsored and co-sponsored bills are:

◆ The Chlorine Zero Discharge Act of 1993—To help combat breast cancer, the act calls for phasing out the use of chlorine-based chemicals in manufacturing processes, pesticides and household products, although normal scientific standards for cause and effect have not shown a significant relationship between chlorine-based chemicals and breast cancer. Price Tag: \$100 billion initially and \$70 billion for 20 years, or \$1,500 for a family of four every year.

◆ Non-Hazardous Waste Management—This 1992 amendment would have authorized the EPA to regulate the disposal of non-hazardous industrial waste. Price Tag: \$300 billion per year, according to then House Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member Norman Lent. Waxman failed in this attempt.

◆ Long-Term Care Bill—Under this proposal, any disabled person would be eligible for up to 88 hours a month of free home and community-based care, as well as a year of free nursing-home care, regardless of age or ability to pay. Price tag: \$45 billion, raised through higher payroll taxes.

◆ Vaccination Injuries Fund—Provides no-fault compensation by the federal government to families with children injured by vaccines in order to shield drug companies from liability. After this bill was enacted into law, the massive filing of expensive claims due in part to outdated and overly broad criteria for allowing complaints will cost the taxpayers at least \$3 billion to pay off claims filed as of mid-1991.

Waxman's "hawkishness" about public health and safety is perhaps a result of his impoverished childhood. He seems convinced that, no matter what the cost to the taxpayers in higher prices, limited access or declining quality of care, government-run health care is the necessary prescription to cure our nation's health-care ills. Such an approach ignores the ballooning federal deficit, the increased costs imposed on working Americans and businesses and the very real concern that the treatment may be far worse than the disease.

The public-relations campaign underway from the Clinton White House to sell its health-care plan glosses over the very real fears of taxpayers and of health-care consumers. All evidence suggests that government-run health care cannot and will not work. The abuse and waste in the Medicaid system should be a shining beacon of warning. One thing remains certain, however. As he did with Medicaid, Henry Waxman will be leading the charge to have the government take over health care in America. If Medicaid has taught us anything, it's that when Henry Waxman comes calling, we all had better keep a firm grip on our wallets.

**State Capital**  
  
**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — After discovering that mail-in ballots were manipulated in three South Texas counties, state officials are calling for changes in Texas election laws.

"We've had calls from various counties in the state where people manipulated the system to obtain ballots and vote them for people," said Tom Harrison, director of elections for the secretary of state's office.

In Jim Wells County, two investigations are under way involving 134 ballots that were mailed from two apartments in Falfurrias. Some of the voters whose names appeared on the ballots said they had never heard of the apartments.

Harrison said election officials are considering changes in the laws that would restrict the number of ballots to a residence, prevent campaign workers from distributing or collecting ballots and monitor the eligibility of voters who are getting mail ballots.

Other allegations involving mail-in ballot fraud include:

■ In Kleberg County, applications for mail-in ballots were received from three voters who had died.

■ In Webb County, a district judge found that abuse and fraud tainted mail-in balloting for the March 8 county court-at-law race and ordered a runoff election.

**Prison Funding Gets Nod**

Texas legislative leaders last week approved almost \$103 million in emergency prison funding but

blasted a proposed 5 percent pay raise for teachers.

The Legislative Budget Board endorsed the transfer of funds for prisons after several members blasted Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno for recommending the teacher pay increase.

Meno said his earlier proposal to raise the salaries of 7,100 of the state's 230,000 teachers who earn less than the state-set minimum would cost the state about \$4 million.

But lawmakers said Meno's proposal would cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by creating pressure to raise the pay of all teachers.

"I'm afraid your statements have led teachers in Texas to believe they are going to get a 5 percent state pay raise," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said. "It's not fair to mislead them."

Bullock said members of the Legislature would like to increase teacher salaries, but money is scarce because of fiscal demands for prisons and health and human services.

"You've created a myth out there that there's a 5 percent pay increase. What you're doing is going to go out and shove this back down the throats of the local school districts," Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, told Meno.

Meno said the raise would attract more certified teachers at a time when Texas is experiencing a shortage of qualified teachers. He said he would not back off his pay raise recommendation.

Gov. Ann Richards said she would present a budget to the Legislature in January that provides probably a 5 percent increase for all teachers.

The board — headed by Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, unanimously approved transferring \$102.75 million to fund temporary facilities for 7,500 inmates, and the construction of permanent prisons for 15,000 inmates.

**Bush Blasts "Contribution"**

Meanwhile, Gov. Richards last week proposed contributing \$1 million out of her office's travel and personnel budget to help fund

construction of 15,000 prison beds to reduce the backlog of 33,000 prisoners in county jails across Texas.

But Deborah Burstion-Wade, a spokeswoman for the gubernatorial campaign of Republican George W. Bush, said that for the governor to take \$1 million out of her \$116.3 million fiscal year budget "sounds great, but that is all it does. When you pull the curtain back, there is almost nothing there."

Burstion-Wade said costs for start-up, construction and operation of the 15,000 beds is \$311 million.

The Bush camp stuck with its earlier suggestion to build tents to house state prisoners at TDC facilities and in so doing cut back on the backlog in county jails.

**Insurance Help for Seniors**

The Texas Department of Insurance has launched a campaign to educate older Texans on ways to save money on insurance and how to avoid becoming victims of insurance fraud.

Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter announced the formation of a Seniors Action Team headed by Audrey Selden, associate commissioner of consumer protection.

Using newspaper columns, brochures, public service announcements and counseling, the agency will advise senior citizens how to make certain they are paying fair prices for insurance, options to consider before buying supplemental health insurance and how to decide whether they need life insurance and burial policies.

**Business Highlights**

■ Texas led the nation in the number of jobs created in February, according to the Blue Chip Job Growth Update, published by Arizona State University's Economic Outlook Center. The state saw 242,100 new jobs created, followed by Florida, 206,200 and Georgia, 151,000.

■ The Texas Railroad Commission has lowered natural gas production limits for May to levels less than last year and this month. The commission will limit May production to 141.62 billion cubic feet, 3.1 percent less than May 1993's actual production.

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# To the Voters of the Castro County Hospital District

I, Teresa Lindsey, was born in Plains Memorial Hospital when it was the old post-war barracks on May 3, 1955. I grew up in the Bethel Community. At age 16 I worked after school, Saturdays and summers at High Plains Clinic until I graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1973.

I attended Baylor University at Waco from 1973 to 1977, graduating from Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University with a B.B.A. degree, majoring in accounting.

Since graduating from college I have worked for C.P.A. firms specializing in audits of municipalities and some tax work.

I have worked at a feedyard doing accounts receivable and accounts payable, payroll, cattle and grain books in entirety.

I started back to work at High Plains Clinic in 1988 until Dec. 31, 1993. My responsibilities included accounts receivable, accounts payable, filing Medicare, Medicaid, Workmen's Compensation and private pay insurance, transcription of two doctors on a daily basis, and office manager.

For approximately 23 years I have watched the changes in Medicare encompassed government intervention in medicine and health care, fighting for survival yet maintaining quality care.

I think I have the experience and qualifications to serve on the Castro County Hospital Board and I would like to play a part in preserving our quality of care. I have listed some excerpts from "The Rural Health Clinic Services Act" Guide Book. Perhaps it can serve as a decision-making tool for voting.

## Independent Rural Health Clinics

### Converted Private Physician Practice

This type of RHC model is a physician's private practice that has been converted into a rural health clinic. The physician still owns and operates the clinic, and it is located in the same facility as the physician's private practice.

The physician employs or contracts with a nurse practitioner, physician's aide and/or certified nurse midwife who will provide services at the clinic at least 50 percent of the time the rural health clinic is open. Under this model, the physician may work less than full-time as long as the physician is present at the clinic at least once every week to provide services, consultation, and supervision. Under this type of model, the RHC would be reimbursed on all-inclusive per-visit payment rate.

### Physician Responsibilities

The rural health clinic must have a physician on staff who provides medical direction for the clinic's staff.

#### THE PHYSICIAN MUST:

Participate with the RHC's nurse practitioner, physician assistant, and/or nurse midwife in developing and periodically reviewing the clinic's written policies and services;

Periodically review the RHC's patient records, provide medical orders, and provide medical care services to the patients at the clinic;

In Texas, be present at the clinic at least once every week to provide medical care services, consultation, assistance with medical emergencies, or patient referral.

The cost of operating a rural health clinic will depend on the hours of clinic operation. Most rural health clinics operate on a 40-hour work week.

Staffing is the major operating cost to a clinic and would include a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife at \$40,000 to \$60,000 per year including fringe benefits and malpractice insurance. For rural health clinics, physician costs depend on whether the physician's services are offered at the clinic on a full or part time basis, but could run from \$24,000 to \$140,000 per year.

Excluding the salaries of these professionals, the basic operating costs for a rural health clinic would be \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year. This includes support staff salaries, leasing/renting a facility, medical supplies, equipment maintenance, utilities, and janitorial costs.

Implementation costs for a rural health clinic range from \$25,000 to \$80,000 depending on whether an existing physician practice is being certified as a rural health clinic or a facility is being newly renovated and established as a rural health clinic. Rural Health Clinics have the potential if conceived properly and managed prudently to recover their costs ("break even") or if not adequately planned and operated to fail to recover their costs ("lose money").

## Ordinance No. 95-2

An ordinance entitled "an ordinance making the annual appropriations for the Castro County Hospital District dba Castro County Community Clinics, Castro County, Texas, for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of April, 1995."

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of operating and maintaining three rural health clinics for the fiscal year ending on the 30th of April, 1995, the aggregate sum of one million four hundred forty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-one and six one-hundredths (\$1,448,841.06), all for the purposes uses herein specifically set forth.

Section 2. That the aggregate sum of one million four hundred forty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-one and six one-hundredths is provided and appropriated for the following specific purposes, to wit:

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Administrative (at current site)	
Salaries	157,625.52
Leases	4,200.00
CE/Travel/Dues	2,550.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Utilities	2,300.00
Other	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,175.52</b>
Hardee Family Medical Clinic (Option 1)	
Salaries/Contracts	329,128.00
Leases	46,797.00
CE/Travel/Dues	19,775.00
Supplies/Reference Fees	55,915.00
Utilities/Maintenance	6,146.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>457,761.25</b>
Hawkins Memorial Clinic	
Salaries/Contracts	136,038.29
Leases	8,234.00
CE/Travel/Dues	4,666.00
Supplies/Reference Fees	11,535.00
Utilities/Maintenance	5,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,123.29</b>
Medical Center of Dimmitt (Option 3)	
Salaries	367,634.62
Leases (includes new phone sys)	19,920.00
CE/Travel/Dues	46,000.00
Supplies/Reference Fees	68,836.38
Utilities/Maintenance	12,890.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>515,281.00</b>
Equipment, Recruitment, Other Expenditures	
Recruitment Expenses	35,000.00
Practice Establishment	60,000.00
Medical Equipment	
Medical Center of Dimmitt	
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# Sports

## Five Naz netters advance to state

### Brockman, Farris defend regional title

Nazareth's Scott Brockman and Alston Farris are headed back to the boys' state tennis tournament and this year they will be joined by three teammates who will compete in the girls' division.

Brockman and Farris, who won the Region 1-A championship in 1993, defended their title Saturday and now have their eyes set on achieving the goal they were denied last year in the championship match—winning a state title.

Melinda Schmucker earned a trip to the state tournament in girls' singles while Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin qualified in girls' doubles after they placed second in regional.

The Region 1-A tournament started last Thursday at South Plains College in Levelland and was scheduled to conclude Friday with semifinal and championship matches. But Friday's matches were postponed until Saturday morning because of rain.

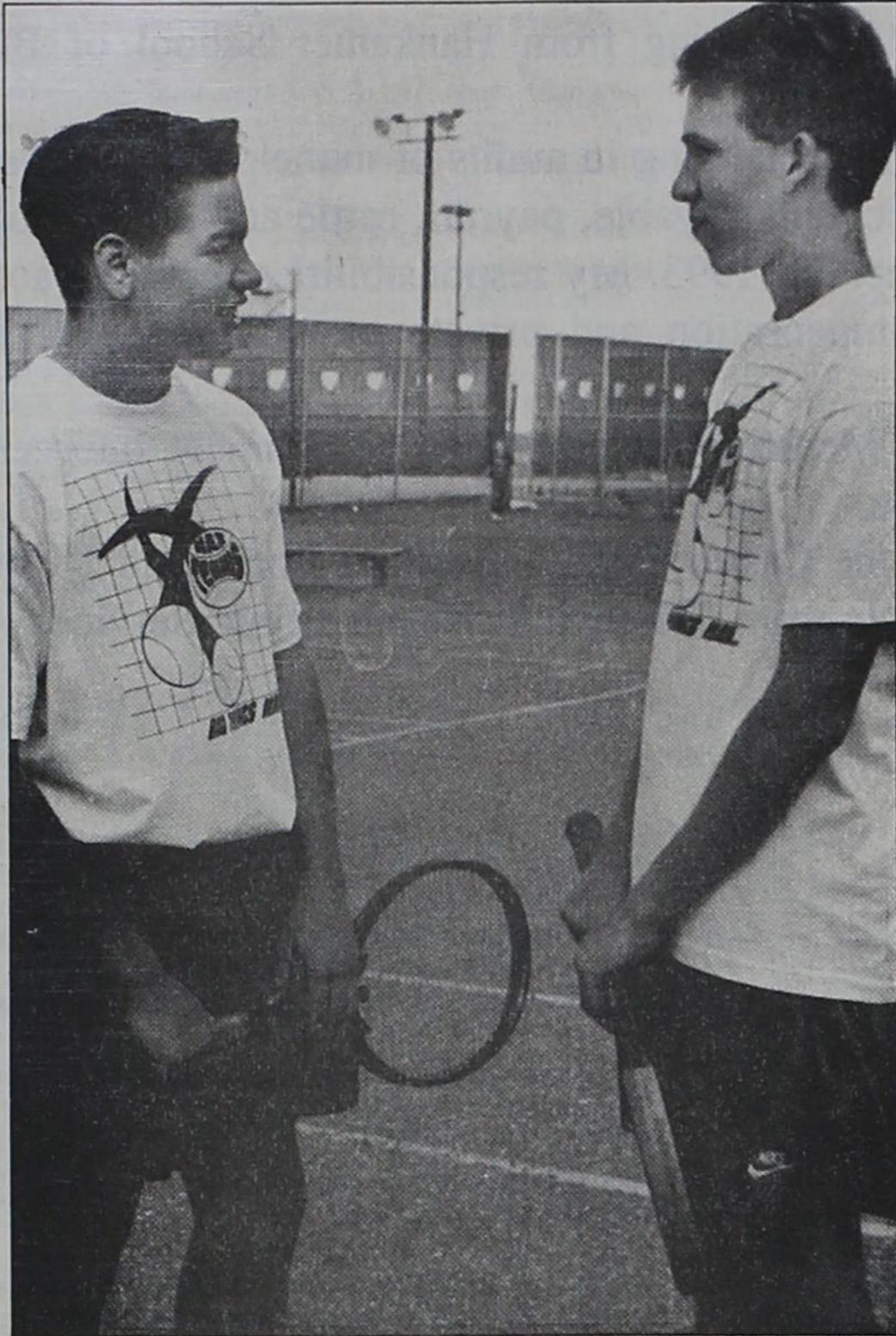
That forced Schmucker, who also qualified for regional in track, to race between the tennis courts and track on Saturday. She played her semifinal tennis match, then headed to the track to run preliminary races in the 400 and 800 Relay. Then she went back to the courts for the championship and play-back matches. After that she returned to the track and qualified for state in the 400, finishing second.

Brockman and Farris, seeded number one in the tourney, fought off a determined Richard Flores and Gilbert Flores of Irion County, winning 6-4, 6-2, in the first round, then breezed through the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds with 6-0, 6-1 victories over Duanne Coffey and Jason Sides of White Deer (quarters), and James Bean and Esparza of Fort Hancock (semis).

Efrain Gallegos and Kendal Perkins kept the defending regional champions on their toes Saturday, taking the Nazareth duo to split sets.

Brockman and Farris won the first set, 6-4, but then dropped the second to Gallegos and Perkins, 4-6. The Nazareth pair rebounded in the deciding set with another 6-4 victory to win the regional title.

"Scott and Alston came out and played well in the first set (in the championship match), I think they relaxed too much in the second," said Nazareth Coach Joey Waldo. "Then in the third set they got behind 3-0 before they pulled together. They picked each other



**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!** — Alston Farris (left) and Scott Brockman of Nazareth qualified for the Class A state tennis tournament after capturing the Region 1-A boys' doubles title Saturday in Levelland. This year's title is the pair's second-straight regional championship.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

up, came back and played really well to pull it out 6-4."

Schmucker beat Courtney Fryar of Sands, 6-1, 6-2 last Thursday in the first round and beat Angelica Alvarez of Fort Hancock, 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals. On Saturday she beat Jamie Riggs of Booker, 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals, but was tripped by Marci Matthews of Anton, 6-3, 7-5, in the championship match. She went on to defeat defending regional champion and this year's top seed, Vanessa Walker of Grady, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, for second place and a berth in the state tournament.

"Melinda played Matthews well, but Matthews is tough," said Waldo. "She wasn't seeded, but she was by far the best player there. Then in the playback Melinda

played well in the first set, but she got beat in the second. Walker stayed on the baseline and Melinda had to work to win every point. She came back to win that second set, but was down 4-1 in the third before she starting hitting shots and managed to win it 7-5."

He added that Schmucker was beginning to show effects from competing in track and tennis at the end of the day, despite posting one of her better times in the quarter to earn a trip to state in track, too.

Brockman and Durbin played well all weekend, according to Waldo. The pair handled Crystal Frame and Bella Comaco of Booker, 6-1, 6-2, in the first round, then beat Amy Nichols and Mandy Haddnett of Sands, 6-4, 6-0 in the quarters. Brockman and Durbin had

to go to three sets to beat Amy Perez and Kim Kemp in the semifinals Saturday morning. They won the first set 6-2, but dropped the next one by a 3-6 count before bouncing back to win the match in the third, 6-3.

The championship match with top-seeded Stephanie Miller and Johanna Rodriguez of Fort Hancock was another split-set decision, but this time Brockman and Durbin were on the short end. They won the first set, 6-2, but dropped the next two, 0-6, 2-6 and had to settle for second place.

"Kristin and Lena came out ready to play and took the first set easily. But I think they may have thought it was going to be a little easier and they never got back into the match. They were disappointed, but they still achieved their goal of getting to state," Waldo said.

Several other Nazareth netters and two singles players from Hart also competed in the tournament.

Jason Aven of Hart also won his first-round match, beating Bryan Crowell of Groom, 7-5, 6-3. In the quarterfinals, Aven rebounded from a 1-6 loss in the first set to win the next two, 6-4, 7-6, beating Philip Bailey of Irion County to advance to the semifinals. The tie-breaker in the last set was nip-and-tuck, with Aven prevailing, 7-4. Aven's luck didn't last on Saturday, however, he dropped the semifinal match to Orly Fuentes of Sanderson, 3-6, 1-6; then lost the third-place match to Andrew Neighbors of Miami, 2-6 6-7 (7-3).

Hart's Shea Bennett beat Jenise Blakenship of Adrian, 6-2, 6-0 in the first round before losing to Matthews, 3-6, 3-6.

Nazareth's Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte were 1-1 in the boys' doubles division, beating Bo Burgin and Bart Britten of Groom, 6-1, 6-2; before losing to second-seeded Brian Wilson and Brad McMinn of Plains, 4-6, 2-6.

Nathan Hoelting of Nazareth also won one and lost one at regional, beating Mark Soria of Tornillo, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3 in the first round before losing to Shane Sims of Forsan, 6-4, 4-6, 0-6.

Other first-round competitors were Ryan Hoelting, who lost to Philip Bailey of Irion County, 3-6, 4-6; Karmen Pohlmeier, who was beaten by Dedra Johnston of Silverton, 0-6, 6-3, 1-6; and Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte, who lost to Miller and Rodriguez, 1-6, 3-6.



**SHEA BENNETT AND JASON AVEN**  
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Photo by John Brooks

## Aven, Bennett earn top awards at Hart

Jason Aven and Shea Bennett were honored for a year of hard work which paid off in success in several sports at the Hart all-sports banquet Monday.

Hart coaches paid tribute to the success of student athletes during the 1993-94 season, including:

—An 11-2 football season, with the team going to the regional round of the Class A playoffs.

—The girls cross-country team qualified for the state meet for the first time in school history as a team.

—The girls' basketball team went to the regional tournament for the first time ever.

—Individual performers went to the regional golf, tennis and track meets.

—Bennett (in the 100 meter hurdles) and shot putter Israel Garcia are going to the state track meet next week.

Bennett was honored for her work this year in cross-country, basketball, tennis and track. She was on the state-qualifying cross-country squad which never finished lower

than fifth in a meet. They were second in district, third at region and eighth at state.

Bennett was named to the All-South Plains Team selected by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* and the *Globe News Super Team* in the *Amarillo Sunday News-Globe*. She was first team all-district, first team all-region, and third team all-state.

Bennett also played at the regional tennis tournament (she was girls tennis MVP) and finished second in the Region 1 track meet in the 100 meter hurdles to earn her state berth.

"Shea is dynamite to coach and is an asset to the high school," said Coach Rachele Pohlmeier. Aven was all-district quarterback for the Longhorns as they collected two more gold footballs in the 1993 playoffs. Aven also was honorable mention all-district in basketball, was a regional qualifier on the sprint relay team in track, qualified for region in tennis and was on the boys' golf team.

Aven was also the MVP in boys' tennis.

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## Thomas leads regional champions, qualifiers in track

Dimmitt's Kim Thomas will go to the State Class 3A Track Meet in Austin in just over a week with a very busy agenda.

Saturday at the Region 1-3A Meet at Odessa, Thomas won the 400 meters by almost a second, easily placed second in the triple jump and

led Dimmitt to second place in the mile relay.

Her performance led Dimmitt to fourth place in the team totals with 46 points. Canyon won the team trophy, and is a favorite to win the state Class 3A team title, too.

Thomas and teammates will be

joined by other county athletes at Memorial Stadium, including:

- Joey Flores of DHS in the 800.
- Israel Garcia of Hart in the shot put.
- Shea Bennett representing HHS in the 100 meter hurdles.
- Misti Ball, in the 800 meters, and

Melinda Schmucker, in the 400 meters, for the Nazareth girls.

•Nick Johnson of NHS in the long jump.

Flores led a tight field in the 800 meter final. Flores won the race in 1:58.87; that was just barely good enough not only to win but to medal.

The fourth-place finisher was out of the money despite running only .80 second behind Flores at the tape.

In the girls 800, Amy Ethridge just missed a return to state (she ran in the cross-country meet at Georgetown last fall). Her 2:26.13 on Saturday was good enough for fourth place.

Thomas won the 400 by a comfortable one-second margin in 58.77 seconds. She'll also go to the state meet in the triple jump. At Ratliff Stadium, she hopped, skipped and jumped to second place in 36-3 1/4. That was almost three feet out of first, but won the trip to Austin by 1 3/4 inches over rival Keri Reeb of Friona. The first-place girl, Nicole Wright of Abilene Wylie, won with 36-9 1/2.

Also earning a medal, and an alternate for state, was Rochelle Harman.

After finishing sixth in the 3200 on Friday night, Harman bounced back to almost win a state berth at the tape in the 1600 meters. Harman wove her way past the sixth, fifth and fourth place finishers in the last 200 meters of the mile, and was just over a second out of the runner-up slot. She earned the bronze medal in 5:36.95 in the 1600; in the 3,200 she was sixth in 12:53.12.

Dimmitt's mile relay easily won the second-place berth to state in 4:05.59. Breckenridge won in 4:03.83, while Southlake Carroll was third in 4:08.15, over two seconds and twenty yards behind Dimmitt at the finish.

Garcia, coming back from major reconstructive knee surgery last fall, won his second straight berth in the state meet. Garcia blew out his knee when the Longhorns defeated Plains in the fifth game of the football season last October. He was not released to begin working out again until March 1, according to coach Mark Petross. Other complications gave Garcia only one meet to prepare for district, but that one meet was enough.

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**JOEY FLORES**

Photo by John Brooks



**ISRAEL GARCIA**

Photo by D'Lynn Hankins



**NICK JOHNSON**

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**MISTI BALL**

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**KIM THOMAS**

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# Baseball

## Good Luck, Bobcats

★  
Varsity Bobcats vs. Friona

Thursday, There, 4 p.m.

★  
Varsity Bobcats vs. Floydada

Saturday, There, 1 p.m.

★  
JV Bobcats vs. Friona JV

Monday, Here, 5:30 p.m.

★  
Varsity Bobcats vs. Tulia

Tuesday, Here, 5 p.m.



### JUNIOR VARSITY BOBCATS

Kneeling, from left: Manuel Velasquez, Chad Ewing, Mikel Atchley, Zak Felts, Richard Carpio, Conrado Saucedo, Luis Nino, Nicholas Salinas. Standing, from left: Coach Gus Ortiz, Ryan Harkins, Ubaldo Rodriguez, Daniel Maxwell, Ramiro Gauna, Omar Rascon, Adrian Sanchez, Phillip Michler, Tony Rodriguez.

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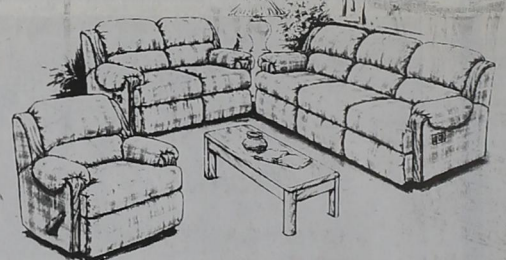
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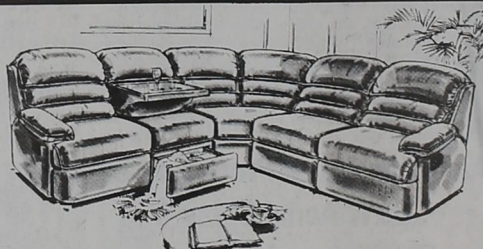
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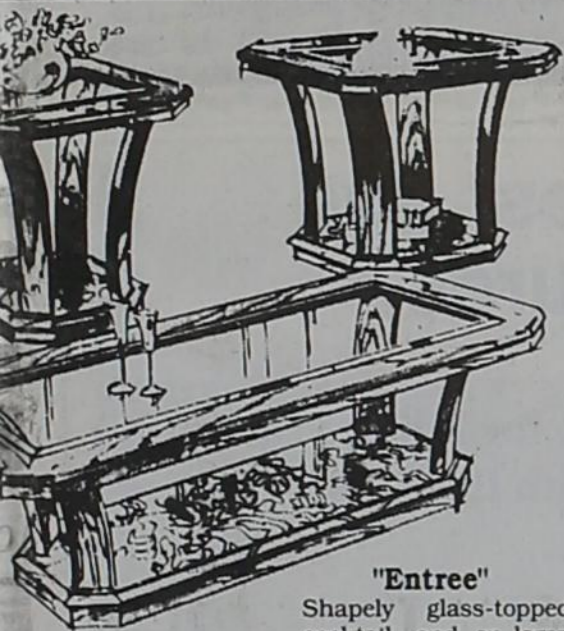
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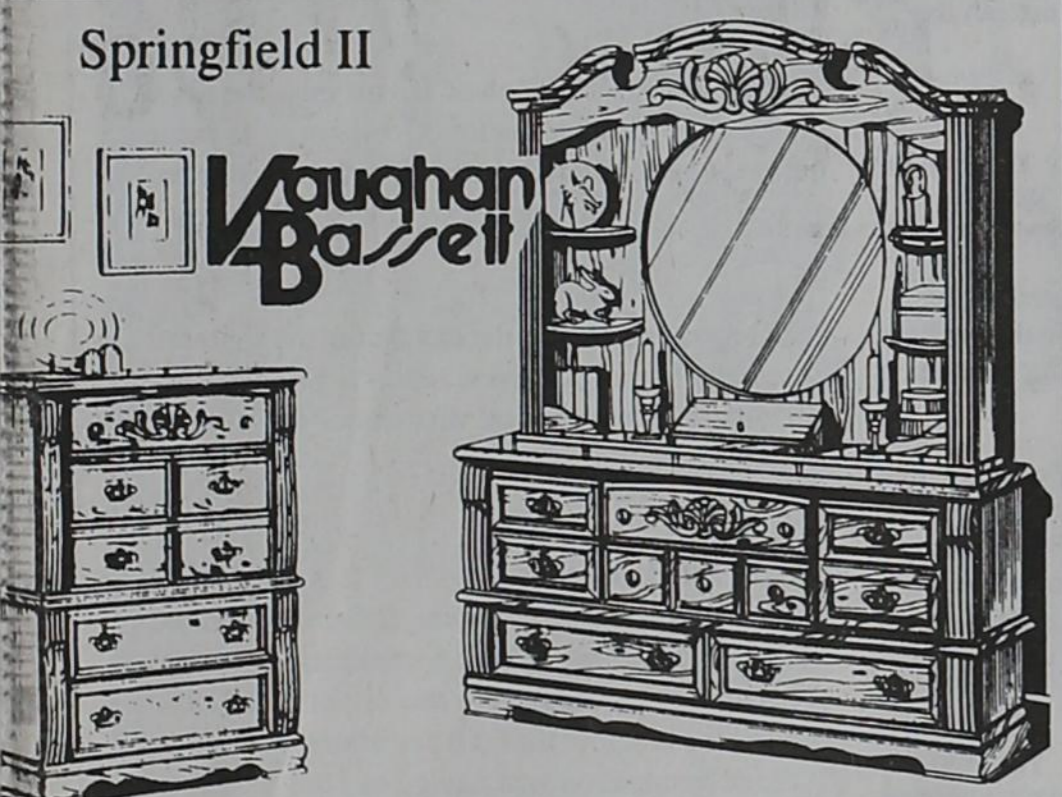
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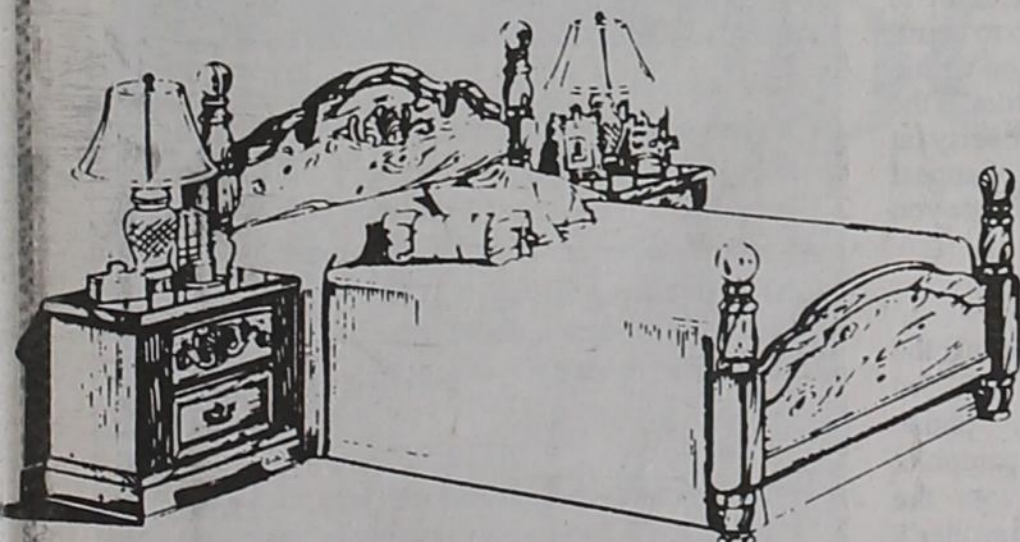
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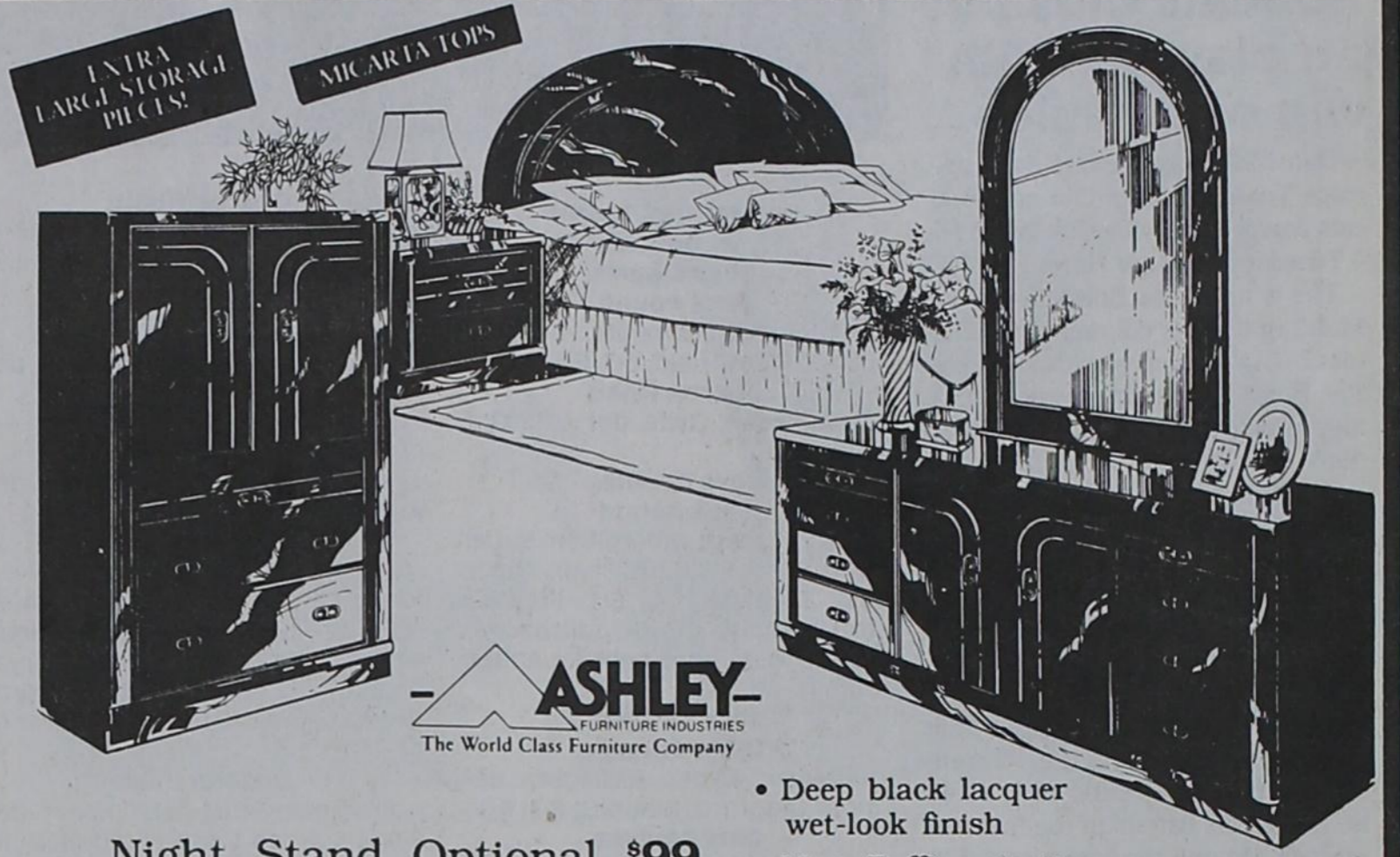
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## Bobcats close in on playoffs with win over Mules

Dan Matthews pitched a masterpiece Tuesday as the Dimmitt Bobcats won the Muleshoe Mules 6-4 Tuesday at George Howell Park.

The win tied the Bobcats with the Mules in the loss column in the District 2-3A race with two losses apiece. The Bobcats have one fewer win, so they're actually a half-game behind the Mules.

Dimmitt, though, controls its own destiny. If the Bobcats win today (Thursday) at Friona, Saturday at Floydada and here Tuesday in the last regular-season game against Tulia, they're in the playoffs.

Matthews' masterpiece was a Picasso. In fact, several Picassos from all aspects of the artist's life. He went through the Dark Period early when he walked six batters in the first two innings, leaving the bases loaded in the first and second without giving up a run. He gave up two runs and left two stranded in the third, but had just two walks in the last four innings.

That's when he went into the Impressionist phase. He impressed with sticking the ball over the plate and letting the Mules hit it at Dimmitt defenders. They had their own masterpieces.

Freddy Ruiz made four wonderful plays at third base, flagging down sharp grounders and throwing out baserunners. Jason Wooten went deep in the hole three times, throwing out a man in the first and preventing two sure doubles in the gap from getting through, turning them into infield singles.

All the while, Matthews bounced back from his early struggles to nail eight strikeouts on the Mules, including Muleshoe's last batter.

The Bobcats had been guilty in the past of giving up too many runs on errors. Tuesday, they took advantage of the other team's defensive mistakes. The Mules committed eight errors, including four at first base.

Dimmitt scored first when Freddy Ruiz's grounder to short was bobbled by the first baseman. Ruiz advanced to second as the next two batters were out, then scored when Matthews lined a two-strike pitch into left field, scoring Ruiz for a 1-0 lead.

Muleshoe scored twice in the top of the third on two hits, a walk, and a hit batsman. The Mules might have scored more but a batter missed a sign on a squeeze play, catcher Gerald Barrios tagged out the runner coming from third for the out.

Dimmitt took the lead for good in the fourth when Ruiz and Dewayne Espinosa reached on errors. Ruiz scored when Espinosa reached. Matthews rapped a base hit to right, scoring Espinosa for a 3-2 lead.

In the fifth, Joe Juarez reached on a fielder's choice. Phil Thrasher singled and advanced on an error on the second baseman which scored Juarez. Emilio Nino then homered over the left field fence to give the Bobcats a 6-3 lead.

Ruiz, the next batter, appeared to hit another home run, but the Muleshoe center fielder jumped and snatched the ball as it went down over the fence.

Muleshoe scored twice in the top of the sixth but Matthews got out of that jam. He walked two in the top of the seventh, but struck out the last man with two on for the win.

**Bobcats 6, Muleshoe 4**  
at George Howell Park  
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Dimmitt-0 1 0 2 3 0 x - 6 6 0  
Jimmy Gauna and Jason McClanahan, Dan Matthews and Gerald Barrios, WP--Matthews, LP--Gauna, HR--Dimmitt: Emilio Nino.

### Region 1-AAA tennis

## Ortega loses in quarters

Art Ortega of Dimmitt advanced to the quarterfinal round before bowing out of the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament this weekend in Odessa.

Ortega, who captured the District 2-AAA singles title, knocked off Mel McCree of Brownfield, 6-3, 6-4, in the first round before losing to Dustin Hawk of Clyde, 1-6, 0-6.

Other Dimmitt netters competing in regional lost their first round matches.

Brad Beck and Ty Annen were upended by Preetesh Patel and Brigham Rindlischbacher of Canyon, 1-6, 0-6.

Amber Langford was beaten by Heather Wilde of Ballinger, 3-6, 1-6.

Carrie Bradley and Amy Wooten lost to Lindsey Nichols and Ashley Black of Abilene Wylie, 1-6, 2-6.

Jimmy Bryan and Robert Moss lost to Sammy Whittenburg and Ben Butler of Perryton, 0-6, 1-6.

# SCOREBOARD

### Region 1-3A Tennis at Odessa

**Boys Singles First Round**  
Art Ortega, Dimmitt, def. Mel McCree, Brownfield, 6-3, 6-4.

**Quarterfinals**  
Dustin Hawk, Clyde, def. Ortega, 6-1, 6-0.

**Boys Doubles First Round**  
Sammy Whittenburg-Ben Butler, Perryton, def. Jimmy Bryan-Robert Moss, Dimmitt, 6-0, 6-1.

**Girls Singles First Round**  
Heather Wilde, Ballinger, def. Amber Langford, Dimmitt, 6-3, 6-1.

**Girls Doubles First Round**  
Lindsey Nichols-Ashley Black, Abilene Wylie, def. Amy Wooten-Carrie Bradley, Dimmitt, 6-1, 6-2.

**Region 1-1A Tennis at Levelland**

**Boys Singles First Round**  
Jason Aven, Hart, def. Bryan Crowell, Groom, 7-5, 6-3; Phillip Bailey, Irion County, def. Ryan Hoelting, Nazareth, 6-3, 6-4; Nathan Hoelting, Nazareth, def. Mark Soria, Tornillo, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

**Girls Singles First Round**  
Dedra Johnston, Silverton, def. Karmen Pohlmeier, Nazareth, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1; Shea Bennett, Hart, def.

**Quarterfinals**  
Aven, def. Bailey, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Shane Sims, Forsan, def. Hoelting, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

**Semifinals**  
Orly Fuentes, Sanderson, def. Aven, 6-3, 6-1.

**Third place**  
Andrew Neighbors, Miami, def. Aven, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

**Boys Doubles First Round**  
Scott Brockman-Alston Farris, Nazareth, def. Richard Flores-Gilbert Flores, Irion County, 6-4, 6-2; Bryan Charanza-Jaret Schulte, Nazareth, def. Bo Burgin-Bart Britten, Groom, 6-1, 6-2.

**Quarterfinals**  
Brockman-Farris def. Coffey-Slides, 6-0, 6-1; Brian Wilson-Brad McMinn, Plains, def. Charanza-Schulte, 6-4, 6-2.

**Semifinals**  
Brockman-Farris def. James Bean-Esparza, Fort Hancock, 6-0, 6-1.

**Championship**  
Brockman-Farris def. Efrain Callegos-Kendall Perkins, Sanderson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

**Girls Singles First Round**  
Dedra Johnston, Silverton, def. Karmen Pohlmeier, Nazareth, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1; Shea Bennett, Hart, def.

**Quarterfinals**  
Jenise Blakenship, Adrian, 6-2, 6-0; Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth, def. Courtney Fryar, Sands, 6-1, 6-2.

**Quarterfinals**  
Marci Matthews, Anton, def. Bennett, 6-3, 6-3; Schmucker def. Angelica Alvarez, Fort Hancock, 6-2, 6-3.

**Semifinals**  
Schmucker def. Jamie Riggs, Booker, 6-4, 6-4.

**Championship**  
Matthews def. Schmucker, 6-3, 7-5.

**Girls Doubles First Round**  
Stephanie Miller-Johanna Rodriguez, Fort Hancock, def. Carie Wethington-Robin Schulte, Nazareth, 6-1, 6-3; Kristin Brockman-Lena Durbin, Nazareth, def. Crystal Frame-Bella Comaco, Booker, 6-1, 6-2.

**Quarterfinals**  
Brockman-Durbin def. Amy Nichols-Mandy Hadnett, Sands, 6-4, 6-0.

**Semifinals**  
Brockman-Durbin def. Amy Perez-Kim Kemp, Irion County, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

**Championship**  
Miller-Rodriguez def. Brockman-Durbin, 2-6, 6-0, 6-2.

**Track Region 1-3A Meet at Odessa**

**Girls**  
High Jump: 6. Dolores Dimas, Dimmitt, 5-0.  
3200: 6. Rochelle Harman, Dimmitt, 12:53.12.  
Triple Jump: 2. Kim Thomas, Dimmitt, 36-3 1/4.  
800: 4. Amy Ethridge, Dimmitt, 2:26.13.  
400: 1. Thomas, 58.77.  
1600: 3. Harman, 5:36.95.  
1600 relay: 2. Dimmitt, 4:05.59.

**Boys**  
800: 1. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 1:58.87.

**Region 1-1A Meet at Levelland**

**Boys**  
Long Jump: 1. Nick Johnson, Nazareth, 22-1.  
Shot: 1. Israel Garcia, Hart, 52-0 3/4.  
800: 6. Brad Keel, Nazareth, 2:07.03.

**Girls**  
800: 1. Misti Ball, Nazareth, 2:24.87.  
100 hurdles: 2. Shea Bennett, Hart, 16.89.  
400: 2. Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth, 60.78.

### More about

## Track qualifiers . . .

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"He threw 54-9 in his first meet back, and that was with just a little work, so we know the potential is there for even more," Petross said. "He was practicing at regional before the rain and was up around 56, 57 feet. If the weather had been nice he would have been out there even farther."

Garcia's 52-footer was ahead of the 51-4 toss by Justin Dempsey of Happy. Petross said Dempsey and Robert Lee's John Williams (53-9 at the Region 2-A meet at Abilene) will be Garcia's toughest competition at state.

Johnson will be going back to the

state meet, this time in the long jump. He dominated the field with his jump of 22 feet, 1 inch. The next closest competitor was Cody Aderton of Texline, who leaped 21 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Schmucker had the most interesting day of competition Saturday. Rain had washed out the Friday track preliminaries and the last two tennis rounds. Schmucker spent much of the day changing between her tennis uniform and her track gear. She had to leave one tennis match to qualify in the morning 400 preliminaries Saturday, then went back to tennis, then back to track, then back to tennis.

Emilee Rice of Smyer won the quarter in 60.09 seconds, and Schmucker was second in 60.78, holding off Marti Carlton of Wink, a wink away in 60.82.

Ball was unpressed in the 800 at the finish, but had trouble getting out of the pack at the beginning. Because Friday's preliminaries were washed out, all runners participated in the finals. Ball was placed in the second row and had trouble getting through the slower pack. She finally broke through to win in 2:24.87, two seconds ahead of Julie Williams of Anton.

Bennett will be going back to Austin this year, but this time in track instead of tennis. She picked up a gold medal in girls doubles last year, and will try to medal in the 100 meter hurdles. She was second behind Leanne Stout of Farwell, finishing in 16.89 second. Stout won in 16.24.

## LGA meets

The Ladies Golf Association held its first monthly meeting of the year last week.

Play Day prizes were presented to Cheryl Clayton, Pauline George, Mozelle Hall and Tina Maurer.

Melissa Carpenter won the hole-in-one pot sponsored by the LGA. Her hole-in-one shot was on Hole #11 during an April 9 tournament at Country Club of Dimmitt. She used a five-iron.

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## Top awards . . .

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Several of Aven's teammates earned individual awards in football, including:

--Manuel Minjarez with the Trench Award. He was singled out for his punt-blocking prowess and was the District 2-A MVP on defense as a noseguard.

--Chris Hernandez won the Strike Award for his knack for always being around the football on defense.

--Cesar Salas and Fred Reyna received the Fighting Heart Award. Salas led the team until being hurt late in the year, playing on less than a dozen plays in the playoffs. Reyna was honored for his "big heart, and doing more than what you think he is physically able to do," according to coach Danny Wilhelm.

Earning H Awards in football were Barry Washington, Carlos Urbina, Eddy Chavers, Fernando Urbina, Clint Emery, Andy Bennett,

J.R. Lee, Aven, Jeremy Card, Alberto Barron, Reyna, Hernandez, Raynea Garcia, Salas, Harvey Robledo and Minjarez.

Earning H Awards in girls basketball were Trinette Finch, Traci Knox, Sheila Aalbers and Jodi Card. Boys basketball H Awards went to Aven, Eddy Chavers, and J.R. Lee. Lee was named boys basketball MVP by coach Jerry Card.

Aven and Robledo were named boys track MVPs, while H Awards went to Washington, Raynea Garcia, Lee, Card, Emery, Aven and Robledo. Girls track H Awards went to Christina Robledo, Tylen Garcia and Bennett. Girls MVPs were Garcia and Shelly Mayhew.

Golf MVP awards went to Danna Wilhelm, Jennifer Martinez and John Welps. Robledo and Mario Guzman were named cross-country MVPs.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

### Informal Review

If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX. 79027, phone 647-5131.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX. 79027.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

### More information

You can get more information by contacting the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX. 79027 or phone 806-647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

**For change of use** (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

**For ARB changes** (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

### Deadline for protest is June 7, 1994.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



More about

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To try to counter this trend, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen devised the Rural Health Clinics Act.

Basically (as I understand it), the act says:

—Let's set up health clinics for those in rural areas, either as independent clinics or as branches of the nearest hospitals.

—Let's call in whatever medical troops we can find — physicians, physicians' assistants, technicians, registered nurses, vocational nurses, nurses' aides—to provide this primary health care.

—Let's entice these health-care people with competitive salaries to keep them.

—Since there are so many low-income people in rural areas and small towns, let's pay a decent reimbursement for their care under the Medicaid program, so the cli-

nics can treat them without losing money.

—To insure quality care, let's set up strict guidelines and make sure everything is adequately supervised.

◆ Those are the ideals that our hospital district—and many others throughout Texas and the US—have bought into.

It's an attempt at the federal and local levels to provide us with a permanent system of decent health care.

Sen. Bentsen — now Treasury Secretary Bentsen—is a hard-nosed businessman and a fiscal conservative. He's been involved in the health-care issue for more than two decades. Incidentally, he's not a big fan of the Clinton health-care plan.

Bentsen's legislative track record

is excellent; his plan should be well thought-out and workable.

The Castro County Hospital Board has embraced the Rural Health Clinics concept as a way to (1) recruit and retain doctors here and (2) keep our hospital open.

◆ The plan here has hit some snags.

— Dr. Bill Lee retired and offered his clinic to the hospital district. The board thought the best course was to buy it and add it to the system. That third clinic is straining the budget.

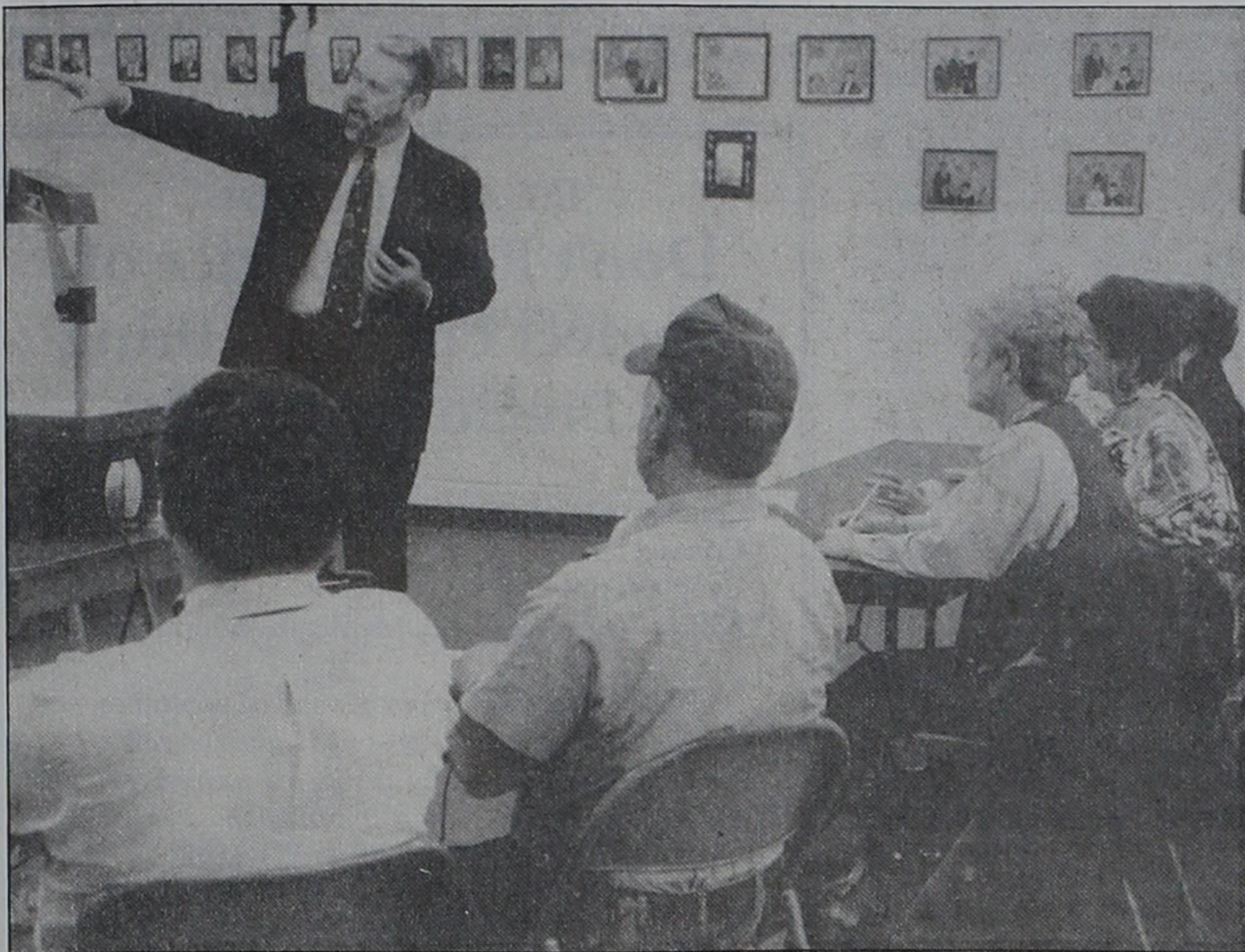
—A young doctor recruited to take Dr. Lee's place didn't work out.

— People in the Hart area haven't been utilizing the Hawkins Memorial Clinic as much as was

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**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS THANKED BY WT**—Dr. Dudley Moore (second from right), director of development efforts for West Texas A&M University, presented gifts last Thursday to Gary Thompson (left) and James Hubble, both of American Maize-Products in Dimmitt, and to Layne Myatt (right). The gifts were presented at a meeting of the Dimmitt Rotary Club. American Maize-Products was recognized by WTAMU for its scholarship program, which has assisted Dimmitt graduates Royce Schulte and Chad Sandoval and which will be expanded in the future. Myatt accepted the gift on behalf of David Schaeffer and Stanley Schaeffer for their efforts in establishing the Shaun David Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship at the university. The scholarship is one of seven in an honors program established by Dr. Barry Thompson, WTAMU president. Photo by John Brooks



**CO-EXISTING WITH WAL-MART**—Don Taylor addresses a workshop held in Dimmitt last Thursday, which was sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-one local business

people heard Taylor give ideas for competing with large operations. His main emphasis was customer service. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Ramiro Rosalez selected as Good Citizen by DAR

Ramiro Rosalez has been awarded the DAR Good Citizen Award for 1993-94 at Dimmitt High School.

The award was announced recently by the Los Ciboleros Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also earning the award was Chris Lyles of Hereford High School. Rosalez and Lyles are graduating seniors.

Rosalez has been involved in Spanish Club, Key Club, Interact Club, FHA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has received the "I Dare You" Leadership Award and was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* his junior year.

Ramiro has been active in football during his four years at DHS. He played football and ran track as a freshman. His sophomore season, he was on the District 2-3A all-district

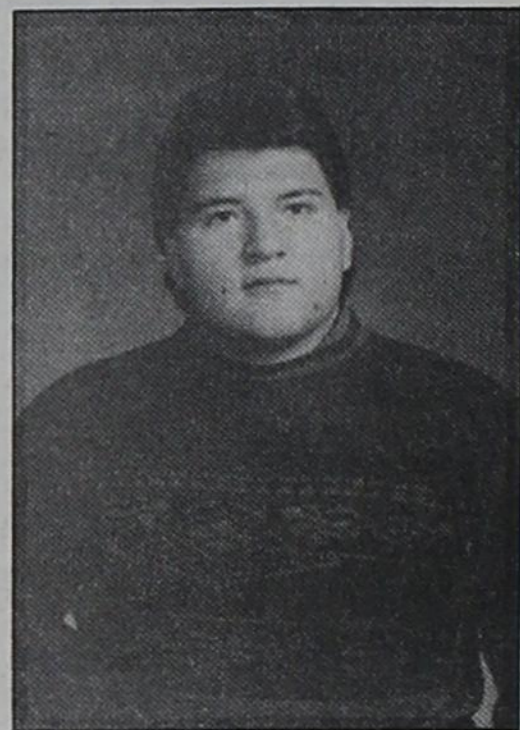
second team at center. His junior year, he was named to the all-district second team as a defensive tackle, and was selected as the team's best offensive lineman by his coaches. Last season, he was named first team all-district at center and was second team all-district defensive tackle.

Ramiro's life as a Christian began at Lee Street Baptist Church, where he sometimes sings solos in worship services. He is currently a drummer for a gospel group, "West Texas Praise Team," which spends weekends traveling across the state to present old-time Gospel concerts. The group strives to reach people with the hope of making a difference in their lives.

He spends his spare time drawing, lifting weights, and singing and listening to Christian and Gospel

music, as well as some rap, rock and country.

He plans to major in music at South Plains College at Levelland.



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**PENNEY IS TOP BUS DRIVER**--Gene Penney, left, was the winner of a bus road-e-o held recently. The contest was sponsored by the South Plains Association for Pupil Transportation and the Panhandle Association for Pupil Transportation. Also participating were (from left) Gwen Pevehouse, Gwen Sears and Ruby Gowdy, and Andrea Delacruz (not pictured). They were joined by drivers from Fritch, Canyon, Childress, Hereford and Amarillo Highland Park. Penney will compete in the state contest in Odessa on June 14. *Photo by John Brooks*

## Viewing Tuesday's solar eclipse can damage eyes

A solar phenomenon on Tuesday is expected to shade most of Texas, with El Paso and parts of southern and northern New Mexico being treated to a total eclipse.

Tuesday's solar eclipse will dim a wide swath across Central and West Texas, but viewing the eclipse can be dangerous to your eyes. Even a brief glimpse can cause permanent burns on your retina and can permanently damage your eyesight.

About 85 to 88% of the sunlight will be blocked in an area stretching from Austin to Amarillo, but the sun's ultraviolet rays will not be suppressed, which means they will be as strong as they usually are at any Texas midday. Texans won't experience another solar eclipse of this magnitude until well into the 21st century.

Beginning about 9:49 a.m. on Tuesday, the moon will slowly glide across the sun to create an annular eclipse. During an annular eclipse, the moon will cover all but a bright ring around the circumference of the sun. The moon is too far away from the earth to completely cover the sun's surface. Peak dark time will be a five-minute period beginning at about 11:33 a.m., with the moon finishing its celestial course at about 1:12 p.m.

"That's what makes this eclipse more dangerous because the outer atmosphere will not be covered," said Dr. Glen O. Brindley, director of the division of ophthalmology at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple. "People have a tendency to think that when the sun is covered, they can look at it. That is just not true."

Dr. Brindley dispelled several myths about solar eclipses, including the following:

- Wearing sunglasses with UV-protection coating or welder's goggles provide no protection against the damage from watching the sun. Nor will looking at the sun through exposed photographic film stop the sun's harmful effects. The sun's UV rays can easily penetrate these.

- Direct viewing should be done only under the guidance of a professionally sponsored eclipse watch, such as a planetarium, science museum or university.

- Looking at an eclipse through a telescope, binoculars or camera view finder is especially dangerous.

- Adults should closely supervise children during the eclipse to make sure that they are not looking at the sun. Children's eyes are especially vulnerable to retina burns.

Aside from viewing the eclipse on television news, no other method will let you look directly at the moon's course over the sun.

In Central Texas, if the weather is clear, the peak of the eclipse will be just like an overcast day. People can check the progress of the eclipse by checking the shadows of trees and landmarks. The shadows will gradually fade and virtually disappear.

Another safe way to monitor the progress of the eclipse is to take two sheets of paper, one dark and one white. Lay the dark sheet on the ground. Punch a hole in the

**Annular eclipse coming Tuesday**

The peak time will be about 11:22 a.m.

By 10:30 a.m., the sky will be significantly darker.

The eclipse will begin at 9:49 a.m.

Don't look directly at the sun, even through sunglasses, a welder's hood or film. The safest way to see the eclipse is on television.

middle of the second, white sheet. With your back to the sun, hold the white sheet away from the ground to focus a pinpoint of light on the dark sheet. As the moon glides over the sun, the sun's crescent shape will appear on the dark sheet of paper.

Those who want to get firsthand view of the eclipse should view it indirectly with a pinhole camera.

To build your own pinhole camera, you need a large cardboard box (about 12 inches square or larger), aluminum foil, a white sheet of paper, tape, scissors and a straight pin.

To construct the camera, cut a one-inch hole in the top center of one side of the box. Cut out a 2 x 5-inch viewing port at the bottom center of the same side. Tape a piece of aluminum foil over the one-inch hole. Take a pin and poke a hole in the foil. Tape a sheet of white paper on the inside of the box, on the side opposite the pin hole.

To use your pinhole camera, stand with your back to the sun and hold the box over your head with the pin hole facing the sun. Watch the eclipse through the viewing port. It will be reflected on the white paper.

## Pohlmeier to advance in fashion

Karmen Pohlmeier of Nazareth placed first in Casual-Construction at the 4-H district fashion show, which was held in Lubbock on April 19, and she will represent the county at the State Roundup.

The show, "4-H Frontier of Fashion," was held at South Plains Mall in Lubbock.

Brandi Rice, another Castro County 4-H'er, received a blue award in the Buying-Formal division.

Pohlmeier served as mistress of ceremonies for the show while Rice and Kaci Schulte assisted in the awards presentation.



**MODELING THEIR FASHIONS**--Castro County 4-H'ers Brandi Rice (left) and Karmen Pohlmeier model their entries in the District 4-H Fashion Show in Lubbock on April 19. Rice earned a blue award in the Buying-Formal category and Pohlmeier placed first in the Casual-Construction division. Pohlmeier will advance to the State Roundup with her first-place finish at district. *Courtesy Photo*

## CUFUPU plans contest, education

A two-fold campaign is underway for the CUFUPU '94 campaign in Dimmitt.

The campaign will be designed to educate residents on how to dispose of junk and yard debris, and a contest to encourage pride and recognition for persons with well-kept yards, homes and businesses.

Committee members Mike Bain, Tammy Wilhite, Jean White, Wayne Collins, Reeford Burrous, Karen Brooks, Dorothy Hopson, Sheryl Shaw and Delores Heller said the contest will focus on improvement from June to July, and entries must be turned in to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce by June 3. The group's goal is to have individuals, blocks and businesses make an extra effort to beautify Dimmitt.

Judging will take place from July 15 through July 30. A block or area that is most improved will be given a block party, while the individual with the most improvement will receive \$50. A business or public building will receive public recognition and advertising.

An added bonus will be free gladiola bulbs to be given to interested individuals. First State Bank of Dimmitt has donated 7,500 bulbs; the bulbs have been ordered but have not yet arrived, Bain said.

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(ELECCION GENERAL)**

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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MAY 7, 1994 (7 DE MAYO DE 1994)

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)

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VOTE FOR ONE  
(VOTE POR UNO)

Trustee, Place 1  
(Regente, Lugar 1)

JOHN NINO

Trustee, Place 5  
(Regente, Lugar 5)

AVERY L. THRASHER

FRANK WELCH

**GENERAL ELECTION  
(ELECCION GENERAL)**

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
(DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE CASTRO)

MAY 7, 1994 (7 de mayo de 1994)

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Trustees - Vote for none, one or two  
(Regentes - Vote por ninguno, uno o dos)

TERESA LINDSEY

BILL CLARK

STANLEY SCHAEFFER

MILDRED BRADFORD

CARL KING

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In / Voto Escrito)

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CITY OF NAZARETH**

May 7, 1994

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FOR MAYOR

(Vote for 1)

Ralph Brockman

FOR COMMISSIONER

(Vote for 1)

Gregory Schacher

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

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(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

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(CIUDAD DE DIMMITT, TEXAS)

MAY 7, 1994 (FECHA 7, DE MAYO, 1994)

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VOTE POR UNO

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DISTRITO DOS  
VOTE POR UNO

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VOTE FOR ONE  
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VOTE POR UNO

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VOTE POR UNO

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Hart Independent School District  
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**SAMPLE BALLOT  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

MAY 7, 1994

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VOTE POR 3 LUGARES O MENOS

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(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

MAY 7, 1994

FECHA 7, DE MAYO, 1994

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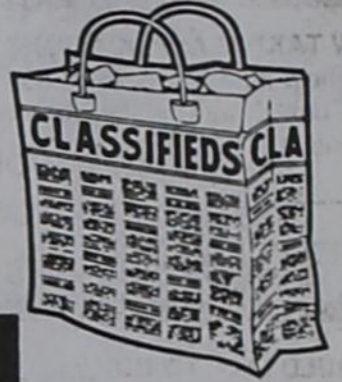


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One of Dimmitt's finest!  
Over 5000 square feet at edge of town. Four bedrooms, four baths, double fireplace, formal dining, glassed in patio, large kitchen and breakfast area with built-ins, complete sprinkler system, and two car garage with attached three room guest house. \$225,000.

MOTIVATED SELLER! Over 2,500 square feet in excellent location. Many extras including sunroom, basement, built-ins and deck. \$92,500.

FOUR BEDROOMS, 2-1/2 baths, built-ins, large living area and more in good location. \$57,500.

LARGE three bedroom, two bath home on three lots. Fireplace, built-ins, cellar and much more. \$65,000.

FOUR BEDROOMS, 1-1/2 baths, central heat, evaporative air. Neat home. Only \$29,500.

HART  
LARGE THREE BEDROOMS, 1-3/4 baths, built-ins, free standing fireplace, good corner lot. \$48,000.

THREE BEDROOMS, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, storm cellar and lots of storage. \$38,000.

FARMS & RANCHES  
300 ACRES in good water area between Hart and Dimmitt. Two electric wells. Been in same family for years. \$800 per acre.

FIVE MILES SOUTH of Summerfield, three wells, lays perfect. \$400 per acre.

TWO GOOD DRY LAND FARMS in Nazareth and Arney.

11,200 ACRE RANCH in New Mexico. \$80 per acre.

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**GEORGE REAL ESTATE**  
S. Hwy. 385 647-4174

Jimmie R. George, Broker 647-3274

Mary Lou Schmucker.....945-2679  
Reta Welch.....647-5647

**1—Real Estate, Homes and Land**

FOR SALE: 1980 Lancer double-wide mobile home, 3-bedroom, 2 bath on 1.37 acres. Fenced yard. In Nazareth, 945-2298. 1-51-tfc

MANUFACTURER'S REPO. 1994. Save \$7,000. Call 1-800-372-1491. Excellent financing available. 1-3-5tc

TIRED OF PAYING RENT? Nice 3 and 4 bedroom homes, priced to sell now. Only two weeks left. Call 1-800-372-1491. 1-3-5tc

PICK UP LOSS PAYMENTS on large 3 bedroom mobile home. Must sell quick. Call 1-800-372-1491. 1-3-5tc

**3—Real Estate, For Rent**

FOR RENT: 605 SW 5th. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, fenced yard, \$325. Open house Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. 376-3877. 3-4-tfc

**DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS**  
622 N.W. 5th  
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638  
S&S Properties Equal Opportunity Housing

TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT: Nazareth Trailer Park. Water paid. 945-2501. 3-43-tfc

**Office Space For Rent**  
1,900 square feet of office space for rent as one unit or six individual offices.  
647-5384

**Stafford Apartments**  
One and two bedroom, furnished or unfurnished. Privacy yard, microwave, dishwasher. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

**5—For Rent, Misc.**

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
KITRELL ELECTRONICS  
647-2197 Dimmitt

STORAGE SPACES for rent. Call 647-3447 or 647-2577. 5-1-tfc

**6—For Sale, Misc.**

FOR SALE: Two John Deere 145B mowers with all attachments. Excellent condition. Your choice, \$350 apiece. Call Carter, 647-4197. 6-4-1tc

FOR SALE: Used carpet. \$1 per sq. yard. Call Betty Carpenter, 647-3278. 6-3-2tc

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KILL ROACHES! Buy ENFORCER OverNite® Roach Spray or OverNite® Pest Control Concentrate. Makes 2 gallons. Kills roaches overnight or your money back. GUARANTEED! Available at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., 109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt. 6-49-12tp

**3—Real Estate, For Rent**

**Azteca Complex APARTMENTS**  
910 E. Jones  
★ NOW LEASING ★  
1, 2 or 3 Bedrooms  
We have Rent Assistance for qualified tenants (agricultural workers)

For more information, call (806) 647-3406 Night 647-2677  
Miguel Velasquez, Manager

Equal Opportunity Housing

**6—For Sale, Misc.**

FOR SALE: Quilters! Hobbs Batting for sale. Wool, cotton and polyester, wholesale prices. 647-3287. 6-50-tfc

NEED CAR INSURANCE? Low payments. 806/647-4247. 6-46-tfc

**Trash & Treasures SECOND HAND STORE**  
We buy, sell and trade almost anything!  
143 N. Main, Hereford 364-8022

**10—Agricultural Services**

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call Roy Schilling at 647-2401. 10-34-tfc

JIM HADDOX HORSESHOEING. Call 647-2892. 10-3-4tp

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

ROUND BALE HAULING, Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-6117, mobile. 10-1-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and hay baling. Custom livestock hauling. Tommy Kellar. 647-4614 or 647-2712 (mobile) 10-27-tfc

**11—Feed, Seed and Grain**

FOR YOUR MANURE fertilizer needs, call Joel Gerber at 945-2297. 11-47-tfc

**14—Automobiles**

**Scott's Trading Post**  
Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer  
S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

1990 BUICK PARK AVENUE  
33,000 miles; cream puff

1989 MERCURY SABLE  
4-door; loaded; 54,000 miles

1987 GMC  
S/W; half ton; 350 fi.; 53,000 miles

1984 CHEVROLET SILVERADO  
Half ton; 57,000 miles, sharp

1978 FORD  
Half ton, nice. Good work truck!

1975 OLDS 88 ROYAL  
2-door; hard top; 350 V8; loaded; 39,287 miles

1992 CHEVROLET SILVERADO pickup for sale. 4 x 4, 3/4 ton. 5-speed transmission, 55,000 miles, excellent condition. 945-2558. 14-48-tfc

**Our everyday prices are lower than their sale prices!**

For a QUICK QUOTE CALL  
**STEVENS CHEVY-OLDS**  
Hereford, Texas  
1-800-299-CHEV

**3—Real Estate, For Rent**

**14—Automobiles**

SUBURBANI 1989 4 x 4 Silverado. Quality vehicle, loaded, aluminum wheels. Non-smoking, non-commercial. 1-258-7394, 1-364-2946, Hereford.

14-2-3tc

MUST SELL! '91 Mercury Cougar XR-7, V-8, automatic transmission, power sunroof, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette, anti-lock brake system, power driver's seat and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-4-1tc

MUST SELL! '93 Buick Roadmaster Limited, 4-door sedan, leather seats, dual power seats, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, electronic climate control, AM/FM stereo cassette and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-4-1tc

MUST SELL! '94 Chevrolet Lumina APV van, 7-passenger seating, 2-tone paint, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Alice Roder in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-4-1tc

MUST SELL! '91 Oldsmobile 88 Royale Brougham, 4-door sedan, driver's side power seat, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Kim Humphrey in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-4-1tc

**18—Services**

**Roy's Plumbing**  
647-2147  
offering a full range of services  
Residential and Commercial  
DITCHING • BACKHOE  
SEPTIC SYSTEMS  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured

**George's Exxon EXON FULL SERVICE**  
★ Oil Changes  
★ Car Washes  
647-4641  
George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

HEREFORD PROBLEM PREGNANCY CENTER, 505 E. Park Ave., Hereford. FREE pregnancy testing by appointment. Call 364-2027. 18-49-tfc

**Artisan Fence & Construction**  
ANY TYPE FENCING  
SPECIALIZING IN QUALITY  
Fence and Fence Repairs  
For an estimate call  
**GENE SANDERS**  
352-4188

AMARILLO-AREA PREGNANCY Crisis Center Hotline. Call collect, 0-354-2244. Also Methodist Mission Home, 24 hours, toll-free, 1-800-842-5433. 18-4-tfc

ROOFING SYSTEMS: For quality hail-resistant roofing, call Robert Duke at 647-5517. 18-44-tfc

**James (JJ) Jones**  
Custom Cabinets and Trim  
China Hutches • Gun Cabinets  
Desks • Entertainment Centers  
All Types Remodeling & Add-ons  
FREE ESTIMATES  
647-2966

**18—Services**

WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT? Or feel better? 30 days, \$30. Call 647-2242. 18-40-tfc

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 18-4-tfc

For your lawn and garden rototilling, lawn leveling, shredding, mowing empty lots and light dirt work...  
Call  
**Farm & Ranch Supply**  
647-4646 or 647-3693

**19—Students Wanting Work**

NEED YOUR YARD MOWED? Call Brad Beck at 647-2253 or Brent and Bryan Portwood at 647-2541. 19-4-tfx

NEED YOUR TENNIS RACQUET restringed? Call Brent and Bryan Portwood at 647-2541. 19-3-tfx

**20—Help Wanted**

**Maintenance Supervisor**  
Corn wet-milling manufacturer is seeking an experienced maintenance supervisor. Will respond to major equipment or process failure, scheduling manpower, budget, directions of capital projects and supervising mechanical and fabrication crews. We require a four-year college degree, Engineering preferred. Four years of maintenance repair in a manufacturing environment with two years in a supervisory capacity. Send resume with salary history to:  
**AMERICAN MAIZE-PRODUCTS DIMMITT INC.**  
P.O. BOX 169  
DIMMITT, TX 79027-0169  
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2.5 ACRES RESTRICTED estate lots, minutes from Kerrville. Beautiful oaks, views, good soil, paved roads, central water, utilities, \$25,000. Financing available. 210-257-5559.

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DRIVERS, TIRED OF driving/not getting anywhere? Call DCC!! We offer: assigned trucks, paid vacation, major medical/much more. Minimum age 23/1yr. OTR experience. 1-800-727-4374.

**20—Help Wanted**

SUMMER JOB — Field scout for checking crops in Castro and Lamb Counties. Water technician for checking gypsum blocks in Castro and Lamb counties. Demonstration Aide for helping the Extension Agent-Pest Management check demonstrations. Ideal for high school or college student. Must have own transportation. Contact the Extension Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas at 647-4116. 20-4-tfc

PEDIATRIC NURSE, Home Health Agency in Lubbock needs a pediatric nurse for a part-time position. Experience preferred. Call Carol Espinosa, 1-800-443-8125. 20-3-2tc

CASTRO/SWISHER COUNTY JUVENILE Probation is accepting applications for an assistant juvenile probation officer (para professional) for Tulia, Swisher County, Texas. The selected employee will perform clerical duties and be a para professional doing independent work as an assistant juvenile probation officer under the direct supervision of the chief probation officer. Apply at your nearest Texas Employment Commission Office. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 10, 1994. Castro/Swisher County Juvenile Probation is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-3-2tc

HEREFORD CARE CENTER needs RN director. Also now hiring LVNs and CNAs. Call 364-7113 or come by 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-36-tfc

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**Maintenance Supervisor**  
Corn wet-milling manufacturer is seeking an experienced maintenance supervisor. Will respond to major equipment or process failure, scheduling manpower, budget, directions of capital projects and supervising mechanical and fabrication crews. We require a four-year college degree, Engineering preferred. Four years of maintenance repair in a manufacturing environment with two years in a supervisory capacity. Send resume with salary history to:  
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NEW MONEY! MAXIMUM cash paid for deeds of trust. Fast closings. Call now for free quote. 1-800-231-0756 (voice), 206-874-8575 (FAX) Sanders Mortgage Group.

ADOPTION: ABUNDANT LOVE, laughter, secure life await your newborn. Peace of mind for you. Loving father, stay-at-home mom. Allowed expenses. John and Wendy 1-800-727-9662. It's illegal to be paid for anything beyond legal/medical expenses.



**20—Help Wanted**

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for part-time help from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. shifts. Pick up applications at 406 N. Broadway.

20-2-4tc

**21—Wanted, Misc.**

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

21-1-tfc

**NEED 100 OVERWEIGHT** people to try a new diet product. Call 647-3610. Susie Fernandez or Jay Stanton, independent Herbalife distributors.

21-46-tfc

**22—Notices**

**Park Ave Bowl & Club**

125 W. Park Ave, Hereford

**SUMMER SPECIAL:**  
FRIDAY FAMILY DAY  
3 p.m. to Midnight—99¢ per game

**JOIN OUR PRIVATE CLUB**  
Membership only \$10 per year

**EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT BOWL CASINO—WIN CASH**  
9 p.m., Call for Reservations

**DISCOUNTS:**  
Senior Citizens (60 and older):  
\$1.50 per game  
Children (12 and under):  
\$1.50 per game

**SHORT SUMMER LEAGUES NOW FORMING!**

Call 364-2604 for more information.  
Summer League Schedule:  
(Bowl 12 Weeks)  
Ladies' Trio, Wed., May 25, 7 p.m.  
Men's Trio, Wed., May 25, 9 p.m.  
Mixed Trio, Thurs., May 26, 8 p.m.  
Join a league and get all practice bowling for \$1 per game.

**PLAN YOUR NEXT PRIVATE PARTY AND BIRTHDAY PARTY WITH US!**

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING** for only \$20. Next class in Dimmitt on Saturday, June 4. Call 655-5608 for details. A USA Training Co., Inc.

22-4-4tc

**CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

You are hereby notified that KENNETH CHRISTIE FEEDLOT has applied for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. 24285. This permit, if approved, will authorize expansion of a Beef Cattle Feeding Facility in Hereford, Castro County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 7 miles southwest of Hereford on Highway 60 to FM Road 1057, south 2.5 miles to private county road, and west .5 miles to the lot. This facility will emit the following air contaminants: odors and particulate matter.

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Richard Wheeler, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not to issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on April 28 and May 5.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing, within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state: 1. your name, address and telephone 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 hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Bill Ehret, assistant chief hearings examiner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin,

**22—Notices**

Texas 78711 - 3087, telephone (512) 305-9087.

Before a permit can be issued for this facility the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards.

22-3-2tc

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

22-40-tfc

**24—Card Of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank everyone in the community for the kindness shown to our family upon the death of our mother-in-law and grandmother, Beck Bridges. The people here were good about visiting her in the nursing home and hospital, sending cards and flowers, and visiting us at home.

We're grateful to all those who helped make her funeral so meaningful—the community choir, Weldon and Gaylia Davis, the Methodist Men's Quartet, choir director Bill Newland, organist Deanne Clark, pianist Walter Maynard, pastor Paul Kenley—and to the women of the First Baptist Church for preparing lunch for our family afterward.

And we want to especially thank the staff of Canterbury Villa for the loving care provided to Beck and Howard during the 14 years that it was their home. May God bless all of you.

BRUCE & PHYLLIS BRIDGES  
BRAD & SHARON BRIDGES  
EVELYN BRIDGES

24-4-1tc

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

On Monday night, April 18, 1994, the City Council voted that the City is only responsible for the main sewer lines and main water lines. Property owners are responsible from the main to their houses. The City will only clean the main lines on the sewer. The city will still make taps on sewer and water mains at homeowners' expense, then the repairs and cleaning of the property owners' lines will be their responsibility—not the city's responsibility.

THE MAYOR  
CITY COUNCIL  
25-3-2tc

**ORDEN DE ELECCION**

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el Saturday 7 de mayo 1994 con el proposito de: Electing four (4) councilmembers by districts.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City of Dimmitt Administrative Office, entre las 8 de la manana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Monday, 18 de abril 1994, y terminando el Tuesday, 3 de mayo 1994.

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

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Dolores Baldrige or Betty McClure, 200 East Jones or P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el Friday, 15 de abril 1994.

Emitada este dia 21 de march 1994.

MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS  
Oficial que preside  
25-3-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids on a computer for instructional use. Specifications may be obtained from the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office at 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3 p.m., May 16, 1994, at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

25-4-2tc

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2149**

THE ESTATE OF MURL BACOT WARD, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MURL BACOT WARD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of MURL BACOT WARD, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on April 26, 1994, in the proceedings indicated below our signatures hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to us at the addresses below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

Our residence and mailing addresses are: CARLA A. SCOTT, Route 4, Box 58, Hereford, Texas 79045; and SHARON R. EWING, 206 SW 5th Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

CARLA A. SCOTT  
SHARON R. EWING

Independent Executrices  
of the Estate of  
MURL BACOT WARD, Deceased  
25-4-1tc

**ORDER OF ELECTION**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 7, 1994, for the purpose of electing four (4) councilmembers, by districts.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the City of Dimmitt Administrative Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 18, 1994, and ending on Tuesday, May 3, 1994. Additional early voting will be held as follows: N/A.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Dolores Baldrige or Betty McClure, 200 East Jones or P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 15, 1994.

Issued this the 21st day of March, 1994.

MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS  
Presiding Officer  
25-3-2tc

**DHS plans drug-free grad party**

Dimmitt High School seniors and their guests are invited to attend an all-night drug-free party, "Mardi Gras Madness Night" from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. on May 27.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Dimmitt High School office. Students admitted must be 21 or under.

"There will be lots of food, fun games and great prizes which will be given away throughout the night," said an organizer of the event. "Let's show our young people how to have a great party without drugs or alcohol."

The party is being planned by senior parents, and they are seeking donations or merchandise which will be used for prizes. Anyone who wishes to donate should contact Beth Roberts at 647-5242 by May 20.

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**HART HIGH SCHOOL Student Council members** who attended the annual Student Council State Convention recently included (from left) Patrice Hill, who went as a sponsor; Maria Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer; Sandra Lopez, vice-president;

Fred Reyna and Jaime Rodriguez, former officers; Norma Velasquez, reporter; and Jeanie Birkenfeld, sponsor. Not pictured is Chris Hernandez, president, who also attended.

Courtesy Photo

**Hart Student Council wins awards at state**

Hart's Student Council won two awards at the annual Student Council State Convention last Wednesday-Saturday in Austin.

The group received the Safety Award and the SMILE Award. The SMILE Award was presented for the drug prevention and awareness program organized by the council

for the student body.

Attending the meeting were newly-elected officers Chris Hernandez, president; Sandra Lopez, vice president; Maria Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer, and Norma Velasquez, reporter. Also attending were former officers Fred Reyna and Jaime Rodriguez and

sponsors Jeanie Birkenfeld and Patrice Hill.

The students participated in the student council state election and learned leadership skills, techniques and ideas for the 1994-95 school year. Members also went sight-seeing and met other student council members from across the state.

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## More about Hospital board...

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generating an annual income of \$73,192 with expenses of \$202,848 for a deficit of \$129,656. Subsidize this clinic with \$60,000 in tax income and keep it open until the \$60,000 is used up (about September), then review its situation.

"We roughly estimate that the (Hart) clinic's share of all the revenue in the Castro County Hospital District is \$300,000," Moss said. "That area, with one-fourth of the county population, should receive \$62,500 in tax income. ... And we felt like we could use \$148,000 in Disproportionate Share Funds."

"American Maize pays about 40% of the taxes in that precinct, so you can't say that much comes from Hart," Coleman said.

"True," Moss answered, "but we figured about \$25 per person for the population of the Hart area could be justified for the clinic."

Noting that the Hart Independent School District has been operating a clinic, CCC Assistant Administrator Cenci Hardee said, "Hart doesn't need two," and added that a second look at the Hawkins Clinic in September would be a good idea if the school clinic reopens then.

Goode argued against closing the Hart clinic "at the present time," and Schaeffer commented that keeping the clinic open "would provide some consideration to the people of Hart for the taxes they pay."

## More about 1:1

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expected.  
—A lack of communication with the public about the new concept has resulted in some serious public-relations problems, and outright hostility by many taxpayers.

As Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said, "In general, it takes two to three years for a new clinic to get established." He was referring to the Hart clinic, but I suppose it could apply also to a new clinic concept.

The hospital district has the reserve funds, for now, to underwrite the losses.

In fact, Plains Memorial anticipates a \$281,000 surplus—more than enough to offset the clinic program's deficit without touching the reserve funds.

Our hospital board went into this with our future welfare in mind. These trustees are good, dedicated people whom we elected to do a thankless job for us. They've bitten the bullet before, when it would have been much easier just to check it in.

I think we should give them the benefit of the doubt, and give this program a chance to work.

That brings us back to the bottom line.

And the bottom line is that every rural health clinic had better pay its own way — operating costs, administrative costs, everything—without having to be subsidized permanently by local tax money.

I don't think our taxpayers would stand for anything less.

The Castro County Community Clinics' budget also projected \$170,176 in administrative expenses — including \$157,626 in salaries and \$12,550 for leases, continuing education, travel, dues, supplies, utilities and other expenses. Of this amount, Moss said, \$110,175 is charged back to the three clinics at \$36,725 each.

Another category was \$139,500 for "additional expenses," such as clinic equipment (\$24,000), physician recruitment (\$35,000), establishment of a new physician's practice (\$60,000), renovation (\$15,000) and patient education (\$5,500).

"Basically, the administrative cost hasn't changed," Moss told the board.

Under the adopted budget for Castro County Community Clinics, projected expenses total \$1,448,841 and projected income totals \$1,336,464.

The \$112,377 deficit, Moss said, "we feel is reflected in the recruitment and establishment of a new doctor, and would be offset by an increase in the enlarged Hardee Family Medical Clinic and through the growth of the new doctor's practice."

Coleman proposed an amendment to postpone expansion of the Hardee clinic and "take a look at it later."

"I'm not necessarily opposed to the expansion project," Coleman said. "I just feel that we've committed a lot of funds already and we need to let the situation settle before we commit any more."

"Would that make it a viable option?" Schaeffer asked. "The projected income is based on the expansion."

Coleman's amendment failed 3-2, with Drerup joining him in voting for it.

Goode presented a Plains Memorial Hospital budget that contained 28 cost cuts and revisions from the budget he had proposed last Wednesday night.

These revisions hiked the hospital's projected revenues from \$3,215,000 to \$4,011,301, and its projected expenses from \$3,215,000 to \$3,730,124, producing a projected excess revenue of \$281,000.

"And since the rural health clinics are asking for \$148,000 (in DS Funds), you've got room to spare," Goode said.

The budget anticipates tax income of \$1,150,000 for the coming year at the current 35-cent rate.

The board adopted the proposed hospital budget as revised, with Coleman again casting the lone dissenting vote.

After the budget adoption, Welch said to Goode: "We came in under budget last year and can apply some carryover funds. Do you think we'll be able to do it again this next year?"

"That depends on the 'Dispro' Funds," Goode said.

Goode had reported last Wednesday night that the hospital district has more than \$2.3 million in cash reserves available, including \$1.8 million in certificates of deposit and \$540,000 in an interest-bearing checking account. He said the reserve funds "have been holding pretty steady."



SPANISH STUDENTS WIN RIBBONS  
...22 win blue, red ribbons in Levelland contest

Photo by John Brooks

## DHS students earn ribbons at Levelland

Twenty-two Dimmitt High School students earned at least one blue or red ribbon each at the South Plains Foreign Language Contest held April 8 in Levelland.

Students entered individual events in poetry, prose, sight reading, extemporaneous speaking and written tests. They also worked in groups to perform skits and puppet shows.

All DHS students participating won at least one blue or red ribbon; Adriana Lopez, Olga Porras and Margarita Vasquez brought home three blue ribbons each.

Other blue ribbon winners were Rocío Garcia, Maria Garcia, Angelita Mendoza, Juanita Ornelas, Sandra Ramirez, Susana Ramirez, Josh Roberts, Terri Beth Teaschner and Katrina Vernon.

Earning red ribbons were Wanda Finke, Wendy Finke, Lindsey Garza, Christina Granada, Tracy Grand, Robert Moss, Alka Patel, Rachel Ramirez, Justin Roberts and Joy Waller.

## Obituaries



### Peggy Bailey

Peggy Dixon Bailey, 57, a former Dimmitt resident, died Sunday at Brownwood.

Services were Wednesday at Ivey Chapel of Foskey Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Bailey was born in Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School and attended Lippards Business College in Plainview for two years. She had lived in Castro County until 1955, when she moved to Seminole. She married Bill Bailey in 1958 at Plainview. She moved to Brownwood in 1987. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Seminole Ladies Cotton Club.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Mike Bailey of Hollister, Calif., Jimmy "Buzz" Bailey of King City, Calif., and Randy Bailey of Seminole; two sisters, Irene Bradley and Elizabeth Worthington, both of Dimmitt; and 11 grandchildren.

Her nephews served as pallbearers. Friends from Brownwood served as honorary pallbearers.

### Sara R. Davis

Sara Rachele Davis, four-month-old infant, died Saturday.

Graveside services were Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo with Jerome Brockman, deacon at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, officiating. Arrangements were by Bell Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Sara Rachele was born in Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents, Tom and Barbie Dennis of Amarillo; her grandparents, Regina Steffens of Nazareth, Betty Morris of Amarillo and Bill Dennis of California; and her great-grandmother, Agnes Brockman of Dimmitt.

### Geneva Dennis

Geneva A. Dennis, 81, of Dimmitt, died Thursday in Midland.

Services were Saturday at Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dennis was born March 29, 1913 at Memphis. She moved to Dimmitt from Memphis in 1931. She married Morgan J. Dennis on Nov. 11, 1930 in Amarillo. He died June 9, 1989. Mrs. Dennis was also preceded in death by a son, Dr. Douglas Dennis, in January 1993.

Mrs. Dennis was a member of First Baptist Church. She was a housewife and was instrumental in organizing the first Castro County Fair.

Survivors include a son, Edgar Dennis of Dimmitt; a daughter, Decimae Dennis of Midland; three sisters, Jauvada Curtis and Mary Pyeatt of Amarillo, and Zoe Garvin of Milton Freewater, Ore.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity or to First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027.

Pallbearers were Milton Bagwell, Bay Baldrige, Dudley Wooten, Norman Nelson, Jack Howell and Jerry Annen.

### Lila McFarlin

Lila McFarlin, 69, of Lockney, died April 26.

Services were Thursday at West Side Church of Christ in Lockney with Frank Duckworth, minister, officiating, assisted by Ed Hull, minister of Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. Burial was in Lockney Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. McFarlin was born on July 6, 1924 in Boston. She married Gary Don McFarlin on Dec. 29, 1972, in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by twin sons.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Billy Joe Higgins of Plainview; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to West Side Church of Christ.

### Zella Rice

Zella Rice, 91, of Hart, died Sunday.

Services were Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Hart with the Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hart Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rice was born June 16m, 1902 in Sherman and moved to Hart in 1909 from Sherman. She married John Rice on July 20, 1921. He died in 1970. She owned and operated Hart Floral Shop from 1964 until her retirement in 1977.

She was also preceded in death by a son, L.J. Rice, in 1987, and by four grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Royce Rice of Amarillo; three daughters, Marian Stolcis of Galt, Calif., June Davis of Hart and Virginia Myrick of Amarillo; a sister, Velena Evans of Tallequah, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

## Immunization clinic slated Wednesday

Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the TDH office, 108 SW Second in Dimmitt.

Appointments are encouraged and may be made by calling 647-2404. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Immunizations will be offered for polio, DPT, DTaP, Td, MMR, HIB for appropriate ages and Hepatitis B for infants and high risk adolescents.

Fees are determined by monthly income.

## Retirement tea slated May 15

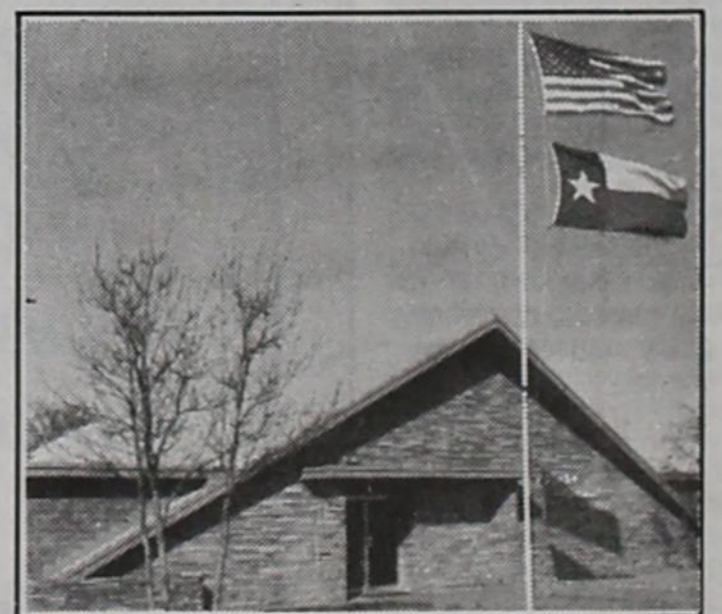
Six employees of the Dimmitt Independent School District will be honored at a retirement tea May 15 at the Richardson Elementary School library.

The honorees will be Hazel Calhoun, Billie Kirby, Bessie Strickland, Isidoro Hinojosa, Maria Guerra and Laverne Bernethy.

Dimmitt Classroom Teachers Association will sponsor the tea, and all friends of the retirees are welcome to attend. The tea will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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# People

## Double-ring ceremony joins Rogers, Rucker

A formal, double-ring ceremony performed at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock joined Robin Katherine Rogers and Jeffrey Rucker in marriage on Saturday.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hank Scott.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Margie Rogers of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Terry Rucker of Lubbock and Sue Rucker of Austin.

The church was decorated with large brass candelabras entwined with English ivy. The altar was accented with two floral sprays in urns mounted on ivory Roman columns. Each arrangement featured an array of magnolias, coral gladioli and English ivy. Ivory satin and tulle bows accented with sprays of pearls marked the pews.

Music was provided by organist Beverly Eubank, who accompanied soloist Michelle Kenimer in performing *Parents' Prayer, In This Very Room, and The Unity Candle Song*.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and she wore a gown of candlelight satin and Alencon lace designed by Mori Lee. The fitted bodice of re-embroidered lace was beaded with pearls and iridescent paillettes and featured a scalloped vee neckline, Renaissance sleeves and a basque waistline. The back of the gown was cut in a low scalloped vee and was centered with a bustle-style bow. The tapered skirt was accented with a cathedral-length train, intricately marked with Alencon lace cutouts and an elegant border of sequins and pearls.

She wore a pearl and Alencon lace tiara, accented with a silk illusion pouf and a two-tiered, waist-length veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of magnolias and larkspur accented with ivory tulle.

Maid of honor was Rhonda Rogers of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jill Rucker of Lubbock, sister of the groom; and Bonnie Martin of Lubbock and Denise Kashouty of Sherman Oaks, Calif., friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants were outfitted in two-piece designer gowns of teal European taffeta. The gowns were fashioned with scalloped sweetheart necklines and Renaissance sleeves, and featured keyhole backs and tapered peplums.

The bridesmaids carried bouquets of solitary magnolias and coral gladioli accented by ivory



MRS. JEFFREY BUD RUCKER  
... nee Robin Katherine Rogers

illusion bows.

Brad Tussy of Oklahoma City, Okla., cousin of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Pat Melton of Houston and David Tidwell of Lubbock, friends of the groom; and Matt Davidson of Clovis, N.M., cousin of the groom.

The groom and groomsmen wore classic black Lord West tuxedos with tails featuring black satin shawl collars. The groom's tuxedo featured an ivory satin vest and bow tie while the groomsmen wore accessories of black satin.

Guests were seated by Michael Tue of Lubbock and Peter Lin of Dallas, friends of the bride; and Ty Barton and Hall Shuman, both of Lubbock, friends of the groom.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at Lake Ridge Country Club. Guests were treated to a gourmet-style buffet.

The serving tables were covered with white linen cloths accented with ivory tulle swags and gold

lame bows.

The bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake accented with flowers complementing her bouquet.

The groom's table held a cake decorated with a large Roman script "R" of European chocolate, which was also depicted on the decorative chocolate mints.

Entertainment for the reception was provided by soloist Rhonda Rogers, sister of the bride, who sang *Unforgettable* and *When I Fall In Love*. Background music was provided throughout the evening by Heather Yule, a harpist from Ireland.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

For her traveling attire, the bride wore a two-piece white linen suit accented with white and gold jewelry and a coral rose corsage.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in interior design and she currently is employed by the Baker Company as an interior designer.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts and sciences degree in international trade and he is employed by Industrial Molding Corp. as a systems administrator.

OF THE 164 graduates of the US Military Academy at West Point in 1915, 59 became generals. The most famous of these was Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied forces in western Europe during World War II and later 34th President of the United States. —New Britannica

## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from May 5 to 13.

### DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Taco boats with cheese, whole kernel corn, shredded lettuce, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomato, chocolate pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: Burritos, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, chocolate clusters and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, corn on the cob, pinto beans, spicy applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, tater tots, green beans, ice cream and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

### HART

THURSDAY: Chicken tacos, pinto beans, salad, tostados, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: No school for elementary. High School students will have submarine sandwiches, olives, pickles, potato chips, peaches, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken casserole, pinto beans, salad, blueberry crisp and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, salad, corn on the cob, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Frito pie, pinto beans, cornbread or crackers, pickles, brownies and milk.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Baked potatoes, chili, cheese, sour cream, broccoli, bread and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos, hot rolls, applesauce, pork and beans and milk.

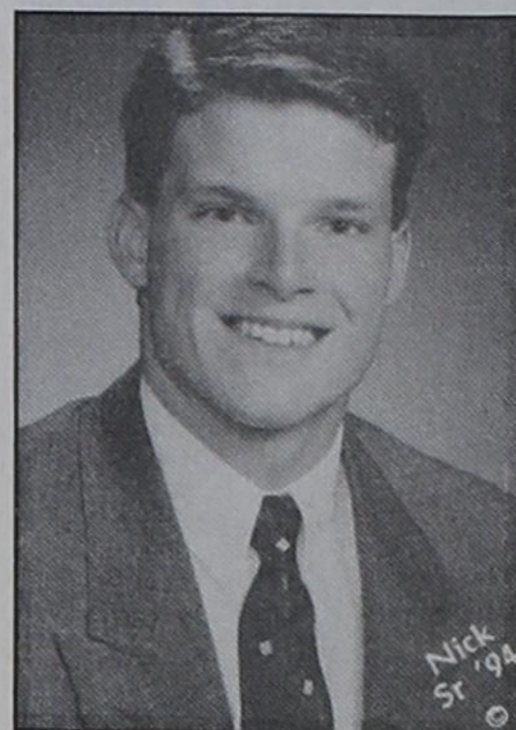
MONDAY: Baked potatoes, chili, cheese, broccoli, bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Manager's Choice, tater tots, peaches, hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sloppy Joe's, beans, pears and milk.

THURSDAY: Lasagna, tossed salad, fruit salad, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, green beans, applesauce, pudding and milk.



Nick Johnson



Sabrina Acker

## Johnson, Acker serve on junior bank board

Nazareth seniors Nick Johnson and Sabrina Acker have been participating as members of the junior board of directors at First National Bank of Tulia.

The program was developed to assist young people as they enter into the adult business world. Monthly evening programs on financial and business topics are presented to the group of students by First National Bank personnel as well as professionals from other communities. In the four years the program has been underway, guests from Dallas, Fort Worth, Plainview, Lubbock, Amarillo, Spearman and Wichita Falls have assisted in the programs for students.

"This is our fourth year to sponsor the junior board program," said Luther Robinson, president of the First National Bank of Tulia. "We have been extremely pleased with the participation in our program the last four years."

Acker, daughter of Luke and Mona Acker, has served as FHA treasurer and was president of the junior class. She is an "A" honor roll student, and is a member of Gifted and Talented, National Honor Society, Student Council, UIL and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She attended

Girls' State and was on the Scholastic All-Team. She is active in basketball, track and cross country. She plans to attend Texas Tech University after graduation.

Johnson is the son of N. Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth. He served as vice president of Student Council, was a team captain for football and basketball and was all-district in both. He earned all-region, all-state and all-state tournament honors in basketball. He has served as class president and was nominated to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is active in Future Farmers of America, Student Council, UIL and track. He is undecided about his future plans.

"This has been another outstanding group of young people," said Robinson. "We are hopeful that these students will enter the adult business environment a little better prepared as a result of our programs, because helping kids is really what this program is all about."

Robinson said the bank will soon begin to make plans for next year's board and any member of the 1994-95 senior class interested in the program should contact their school for more information.

## Book Club event May 14

Dimmitt Book Club will hold its annual spring luncheon May 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

Reservations may be made by calling Debbie Matthews at 647-3201. The meal will be catered by the Senior Citizens. Cost for the meal is \$7.

Jan Bryan will be the reviewer at the luncheon. She will review *The Book of Virtues*, edited by William J. Bennett.

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And says tomorrow will be a brighter day.  
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And also to the Lord above,  
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Katherine Ann Nabors and William Paul Dannevik

## July vows planned

Katherine Ann Nabors and William Paul Dannevik plan to exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on July 30 at Caprock Winery in Lubbock. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Carol Barbour and the late Bob Nabors of Oklaunion. She graduated from Vernon High School in 1989. In 1993 she earned her bachelor of science degree in exercise and sport science and English from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is currently attending graduate school at Texas Tech, working on her teaching certification. She is employed at First National Bank in Lubbock. The prospective groom is the son of Bill and Martha Dannevik of Dimmitt. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1988 and is a senior finance major at Texas Tech University. He is employed by Plains National Bank. After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Lubbock.

## Bridal shower honors Nelson

Karen Nelson, bride-elect of Cleet Griffin, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Betty Jones. Guests were greeted by the hostesses; the honoree; Lucy Nelson, mother of the bride-elect; and Novelle Griffin of Lamesa, mother of the prospective groom. The serving table was covered with a fuschia linen cloth and it held a centerpiece of pink roses in a crystal vase. Crystal, brass and china appointments completed the decor. Margo Knox of Vega and LeAnn

dy Lynn of Amarillo served lemon bars, strawberries and dip, barbecued pecans, apricot tea and coffee to guests. Special guests were Gail Nelson, grandmother of the bride-to-be; Rachel Hunter and Alma Nelson, great-aunts of the honoree; Patty, Allyson and Macy Hill, Amy Andrews and Carolyn, all of Hereford; Jan and Jill Nelson of Canyon; Sue Crozier of Midland; and Gwen Gentry of Lamesa. The 28 hostesses presented the honoree with a comforter and bed accessories.

## Pohlmeier, Brockman, Kleman are state-bound

Three Nazareth students will be competing in the Class A state literary meet Friday in Austin. Karmen Pohlmeier, Scott Brockman and Lynette Kleman earned trips to the state meet when they placed among the top three in their events in the Region 1-A meet at Levelland.

Pohlmeier qualified for state in two events — News Writing and Editorial Writing, placing first in News Writing and third in Editorials at regional.

Brockman finished third in News Writing to earn his ticket to Austin.

Kleman qualified for state with a third-place regional finish in Prose Interpretation.

The News Writing contest is slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin. The Editorial Writing contest will be at 10 a.m. in the same building. Kleman's Prose Interpretation competition will begin with preliminaries Friday at 8 a.m. in the Thompson Conference Center. The finals in the event will be held Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

Brockman and Pohlmeier will be making their second trips to the state meet.

Pohlmeier finished second at state in News Writing as a freshman and Brockman competed in Editorial Writing last year.

This will be the 13th straight

year Nazareth has qualified at least one student for the state academic meet, and a journalism competitor from Nazareth has made it to state 10 of the last 11 years (the exception was in 1985).

## Cinco de Mayo event planned

Special speakers, ethnic food and other events are planned today (Thursday) at the old gym at Dimmitt Middle School as part of a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

The event is sponsored by the ESL class at DMS and is open to the public. Students will sell burritos and other food and sponsor basketball shooting, a cake walk and a dance contest. Events will include fourth graders from 8:30 to 11 a.m., fifth and sixth graders from noon to 1:30 p.m., and seventh and eighth graders from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

The public is also invited to hear special speakers from Amarillo. Coco Medina, vice president of the Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and owner of KZIP Radio, will speak at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Judge Abe Lopez of the 109th District will speak at 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Both speakers will be at the old gym.

Cinco de Mayo is the celebration of the liberation of Mexico from French rule.

## FFA banquet set for tonight

Former members of the Dimmitt FFA will be honored guests at the annual Dimmitt FFA banquet, today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Expo building.

The banquet will be dedicated to all former members of the Dimmitt chapter. Anyone who has served as an officer for the local chapter will be recognized at the banquet, and the oldest officer at the banquet will receive an award.

All parents, slave sale and stock show buyers, faculty and school board members are invited.

New officers will be introduced at the banquet. They include Chad Jennings, president; Jill Gfeller, vice president; Dustin Buckley, treasurer; Jason Wooten, secretary; Jay McCormick, reporter; Carla Petty, sentinel; and Chris Davis, parliamentarian.

## Casas, Durbin inducted into Alpha Chi at WTAM

Brent Durbin and Bessie Casas of Dimmitt were among the 56 persons inducted to the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi recently at West Texas A&M University.

Alpha Chi is a national honor scholarship society. Membership is by invitation only and is limited to students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale and rank in the top 10% of their respective classes.

Casas is a senior reading major. Durbin is a senior agribusiness major.



Mike Schinkus and Lesvia Brown

## Schinkus, Brown to wed

Robert and Olivia Brown of Hereford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lesvia Brown, to Mike Schinkus, son of Jerry and Twila Schinkus of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 1 p.m. on July 1 in the Hereford First United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Hereford High School and she is studying nursing at Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1986. He studied mechanics at South Plains College in Levelland and is currently employed by Gebos's.

The couple plans to live in Lubbock after the wedding.

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## 4-H plans record book workshop

Castro County 4-H'ers should be planning their record books now because of changes in dates at the district level.

To help 4-H'ers in their work, the Castro and Lamb County Councils have organized a record book workshop for Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at the First State Bank of Earth.

The workshop will be directed by 4-H specialist Martha Couch.

Castro County 4-H'ers interested in attending can meet at the courthouse at 5:45 p.m. and will be able to travel to Earth in a group.

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## Church Happenings

### Presbyterian Church

On Sunday we will celebrate Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home.

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"A Simple Hello" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11. Beth Jones will sing.

"God Delivered a People" will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

### Ministerial Alliance

National Day of Prayer will be observed today (Thursday). Everyone is invited to meet at the gazebo at 12 noon to pray for rain, our city, our state, our county, our country and our world. The time of prayer will be 20 minutes so that everyone may have lunch.

Pedro Gonzales will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 11:1-14 on Tuesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

## Breast screening clinic is set

A mobile mammography unit from High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo will be set up at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on May 16.

Trained medical personnel will perform mammography screenings for \$70 that day.

Anyone wishing to have an exam must make an appointment by call-

ing 1-800-377-HOPE or 1-359-4673.

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

The major goal of the clinic is the early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low-cost screening, which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self examination and a mammogram.

Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection, which is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening. Those guidelines are to learn and perform breast self examination every month, have a physical exam every year and have a mammogram according to the following recommendations by age: one baseline mammogram at 40 years, a mammogram every one to two years between the ages of 40 and 49 and yearly mammograms age 50 and over.

## Robertson is finalist in cover model contest

Kourtney Robertson, daughter of Jeff and Karen Robertson of Dimmitt, is one of 10 finalists for the *Seventeen* Cover Model contest, which was announced by J.C. Penny Co. in Amarillo.

Robertson is an eighth grader at Nazareth Junior High and she is involved in Junior FFA, basketball, track and tennis. She is a graduate of the Diane Dick School of Modeling in Amarillo.

Robertson and her mother will be attending the IMTA convention in New York in July.

The teenager was selected from four photographs—two head shots and two full-length shots—which judges thought best exemplified the visual attributes of a *Seventeen* cover model.

Photographs of the regional winners in San Antonio will be sent to New York. The winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York, a photo shoot, and will ap-

pear in the pages of *Seventeen* magazine. One out of eight finalists will grace the magazine's cover.



Kourtney Robertson



MERRITT

## Merritt earns Eagle Scout rank

Former Dimmitt resident Derek Merritt, now of Frankston, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Derek, 13, is the son of Brock and Susan Merritt, grandson of Glenn and Mona Merritt and great-grandson of Mable Brock and the late Earl Brock, a longtime Scout worker here and a Silver Beaver Award winner.

Derek began his Scouting in Dimmitt as a member of Pack 267. He is currently an eighth grader at Frankston Middle School, where he was named to the honor roll and is active in the UIL academic and athletic programs. He is a member of Frankston United Methodist Church and an active member of the church youth group. He is a member of several patriotic organizations, including Children of the Republic of Texas, Sons of the Republic of Texas and Children of the American Revolution.

Derek was a charter member of BSA Troop 841 in Coppell. He was active in the trip from May 1991 until August 1993. He served as a patrol leader, quartermaster and den chief. With Troop 841 he attended Scout Summer Camp at San Isabel, Colo., Camp Pioneer at Mena, Ark., and Camp Constantine at Possum Kingdom. He was elected to Order of the Arrow and was tapped out at Camp Constantine in 1993.

For his Eagle project, Derek worked with his church, First United Methodist Church of Coppell. He planned and supervised the painting of a room as it was converted from the pastor's study to the Bennett Conference Room.

Upon moving to Frankston, Derek joined Troop 328 as a Life Scout. He has served as patrol leader and assistant patrol leader.

## MS Bike-a-thon scheduled May 22

Sponsor forms are now available for the Dimmitt Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon, set May 22 in Dimmitt.

Carolyn Harman will serve as coordinator for the event here. The project will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success. Funding for the treatment and research programs conducted at St. Jude Hospital comes primarily from public support of events such as the Bike-A-thon.

Information and sponsor forms are available by calling 647-2421.

This year's Bike-A-Thon poster child, seven-year-old Shauna Richters, represents all of the patients treated at the world-renowned research and treatment facility. Shauna was diagnosed with Wilms' tumor, a malignant growth on her left kidney, in December 1990. Shauna is in remission from her cancer and completed her chemotherapy in June 1991. She is doing well and returns to St. Jude Hospital every six months for checkups. Shauna celebrated her last chemotherapy treatment with a present she had eagerly looked forward to: a new bike.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to lend their support to the hospital by making a contribution or by becoming a rider.

## 4-H judging teams place

Castro County's 4-H Junior I livestock judging team and Aaron Hart placed at the district livestock judging contest, which was held April 9 in Lubbock.

The Junior I team placed fourth in swine, with Hart placing fifth among individuals in the category. He also was third in cattle. Other members of the Junior I team are Reece Hales and Jeremy Furr.

Other 4-H'ers competing were Kristin Hales and Shane Furr, Junior II; and Shaun Furr and Tawnee Matthews, Senior.

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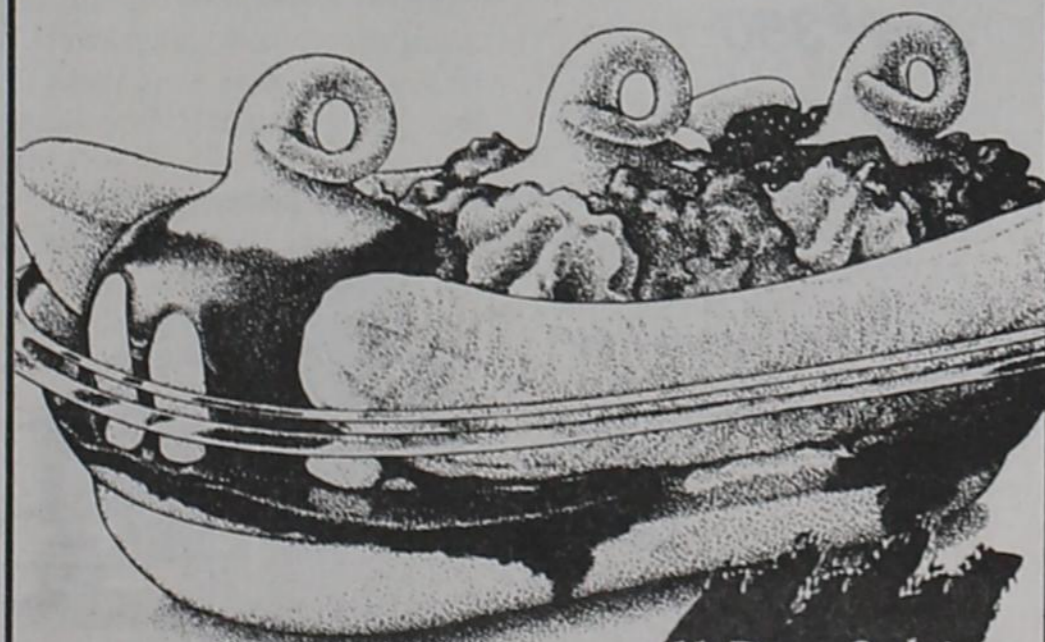
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## MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

### Improving customer care

Today, small businesses must stay completely focused on their customers if they are going to survive. It will take superior customer service to hold market share and excellent service to gain on the pack. We're not talking lip service, but real, honest-to-goodness customer care.

Based on conversations we've had with hundreds of business owners and customers around the country, we believe there are five levels of customer service. You may see your business in one of the levels we describe. If you're not where you would like to be, you may want to move your service quality up a notch.

#### Five levels of care

--No care. The lowest level of customer service is no care. A recent study by Yankelovich Partners found that for many businesses "no care" is the norm. 62% of the customers surveyed reported that they had walked out of a business because no one greeted them, no

one waited on them or offered to help. That's no care.

In the same survey, 60% of the respondents reported asking a question that the sales clerk couldn't answer. To make matters worse, most didn't offer to find out. That's no service.

--Barely care. Barely care is the level where many small businesses perform. They barely give any real customer service. They do almost nothing to set themselves apart from the mega stores who also provide barely care.

Barely care gives greet their customers, offer assistance and say thanks. Then they go on to the next sale. The previous customer is quickly forgotten as the barely care giver repeats the process on the next one.

--Reactive care. The reactive care giver provides barely care and then goes one step beyond. The additional step is to let the customer know that they are there to help if needed. The customer must take the initiative, but they are assured of assistance if they call.

Each of these steps is an

improvement. Barely care is better than no care; and reactive care is better than barely care. Barely.

--Proactive care. Proactive care is the level of care that goes beyond reactive care. Proactive care givers follow-up with customers. They initiate calls to see how customers are doing.

The proactive care giver really is concerned with how the customer is doing. They want to serve the customer more effectively because they know that the only way they can guarantee future business is to keep the customer satisfied.

Proactive care is a high level of customer service. However, if you're providing proactive care you could still lose your customers to a competitor who goes all out to please the customer.

--Whatever-It-Takes care. Whatever-it-takes customer service includes the best of all other levels of service. In addition, it encompasses building a partnership with customers.

This level of service is not just based on giving great service to ensure the next

sale, but also focuses on helping customers even if you don't make another sale. Your business becomes giving customers what they want and need.

It will require a higher level of commitment and employee training than you've provided in the past. You'll have to stretch to build new relationships. You'll have to think like a partner with your customers. You'll have to know their needs as well as you know your own.

The reward is customer loyalty. I know you've heard that customer loyalty doesn't exist anymore. For most businesses that is true. Most businesses don't offer whatever-it-takes care. No care equals no loyalty. Barely care, reactive care and even proactive care offer little promise of "customers for life." Whatever-it-takes care will ensure satisfied customers who want to do business with you again and again.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo 79105.

## Approaching the job market-2 Be the best you can be

Editor's note: This is the second article of a six-week series, "Approaching the Job Market," from the Castro County Extension Office. The series' purpose is to assist those who are seeking employment. We hope you find these articles to be beneficial. Fact sheets about each story are available at the Extension Office in the courthouse basement.

A person's goals, self-image, personality, attitude, personal hygiene and concern for family are personal skills that make a major impression on an employer. You may already have most of the skills, but you may need to upgrade them.

Each skill will be discussed to show how they can affect getting a job or losing out on one.

#### Goals

What do you really want out of work? The main reason for looking for a job should be related to your personal needs and goals. When looking for a job, your needs or goals will help you look for the right job. Goals are things you want to do in the future. They may include the chance to save money, buy a car to get to work, get school clothes for the children or buy a home.

There are seven steps to successful goal-setting:

--Decide on what you want to have for the future.

--List possible ways of achieving your wants.

--Map out your plan. What steps have to be taken to reach your goals?

--Always keep your goals in mind.

--Believe that you can reach your goals.

--Check your success often.

--If you need to change your goals or start over, do so.

Goal setting helps you to realize how important it is to work hard on the job when you can afford the things you really want for yourself and your family.

#### Self-image

When you really want a job, play up your good traits and play down your faults. You show that you can handle the job and present a more confident image. The way you feel about yourself will tell the employer that you are in charge of your life and you can benefit the company. Employers look for people with confidence who can either work by themselves or with other people on the job.

#### Personality

If you are sincere, happy and positive, you are seen by others as having a "good personality." Some

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## Insects of Interest

By ANDY WILLIAMS  
CEA-Pest Management

Codling moth is a major pest of apple and pear; it also attacks walnut, prune, quince, hawthorn and some varieties of plum. It can be managed in a number of ways, but central to most codling moth management programs is spray treatments aimed at hatching larvae.

Codling moths are small moths that have a wing span of 1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter. They have a gray mottled appearance that blends well with bark, making them difficult to detect. Codling moths can be distinguished from other moths likely to occur in orchards by dark brown wing tips that have coppery markings.

Each overwintered female deposits 30 to 70 eggs. Eggs are laid singly on leaf surfaces or on the tiny fruit. Eggs are about the size of a pinhead, disc-shaped, and transparent white when first laid. As they mature, the eggs become opaque white and develop a red ring.

Young larvae may occasionally feed on terminal leaves and bore into the fruit within the first 24 hours after hatching, complete one instar just under the fruit skin, and then tunnel to the core, where they feed on developing seeds.

Newly hatched larvae are pinkish white with a black head. Mature larvae are about 3/4 inch long and pinkish white with a mottled brown

head. First generation larvae generally develop from April into mid-June and require an average of 471 heat units to complete development, they leave the fruit to seek shelter in which to pupate.

Eggs of the overwintered population hatch when an average of 158 heat units have accumulated from the time that they were laid.

Assuming that the first codling moths appeared on April 1 with Castro County accumulating about

300 heat units from April 1 to April 29, the first spray application should have taken place around April 15 for first generation codling moth. Using Malathion, a homeowner should apply three sprays at seven-day intervals.

I will be placing codling moth pheromone traps soon near Flagg. In future articles I will report weekly trap catches (low is two or less, moderate is 3-10, and heavy is more than 10).



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## Cotton Talks



The 1993 upland cotton premium and discount schedule was announced by the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) on April 26.

Highlights of the new loan schedule include reduction of the base loan rate to 50 cents per pound for Color Grade 41, Leaf Grade 4 cotton. After location differences were figured, the 1994 loan rate (basis Lubbock) was set at 49.9 cents per pound. The 1993 loan rate was 52.35 cents per pound.

One bit of good news for producers was the reduction of the Level 1 penalty for bark in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. USDA set the Level 1 discount at 235 points, 15 points under the 1993 discount. The Level 1 bark discount for all other areas of the cotton belt was set at 405 points.

"The reduction in the Level 1 bark discount is not large, but at least it is going in the right direction," said Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. "Hopefully, as USDA gathers additional data on market activities under the new grading system, these discounts will continue to move down to more accurately reflect the actual cost of bark in cotton."

Because of the decreased base loan rate established for the 1994 crop, loan values will be lower across the board this year.

PCG reminds producers and others interested in keeping abreast of the latest boll weevil news to watch for the "High Plains Boll Weevil Report" on DTN in 1994.

The report is provided by Plains Cotton Growers and will be updated each Tuesday and Friday until November. The report can be found in the Cotton/Rice Segment on the DTN 6001 color system.

The two-page report includes a color map indicating boll weevil levels across the area. Page two of the report contains a more detailed look at boll weevil trap catches in different High Plains counties.

For more information about the High Plains Boll Weevil Report, contact PCG at 792-4904.

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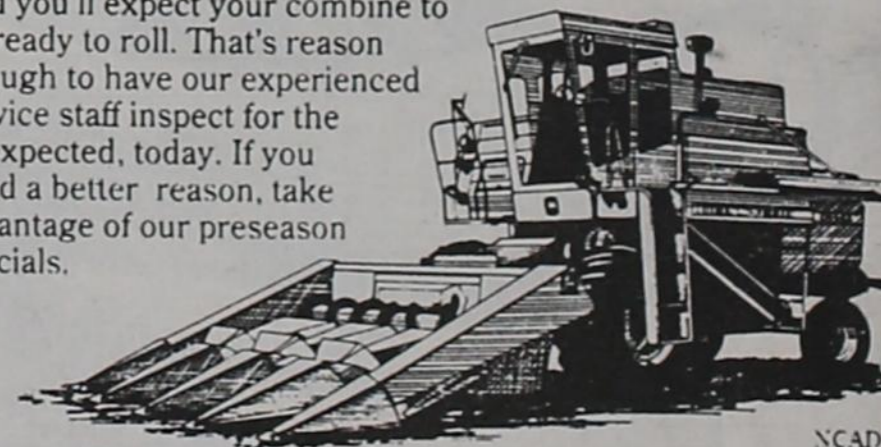
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**SERVICE AWARDS** — The Castro County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) presented service awards to two of its employees last week. Dianne Huseman (left) was recognized for 10 years of service and Ruth Hackle-

man (center) was honored for 40 years of service. Presenting the women with their certificates is Kenneth Frye, county committeeman.

Photo by Anne Acker

# ASCS News

By SCOTTY ABBOTT

## Livestock feed program

Due to dry weather and the loss of winter pasture, Castro County is eligible for the emergency livestock feed program. The Livestock Feed Program (LFP) provides help in paying for additional feed needed to maintain livestock herds. Applications are now being accepted at the local ASCS office. The beginning date of the feeding period is the later of the date the program was authorized (April 21, 1994) or the date your application is filed.

To be eligible, a person must be an eligible livestock owner and must:

1. Derive at least 10% of your gross income from the sale of livestock and feed grains.
2. Have a feed loss of 40% or more.
3. Be purchasing and feeding feed above what is normally fed at this time of year.
4. Not have sufficient feed available to maintain your herd.
5. Not have gross revenue of more than \$2.5 million.

Livestock must have been owned or leased for at least six months unless they are:

1. Offspring of eligible livestock.
2. Purchased by the owner as replacement breeding stock.
3. Purchased by the owner and the owner can prove that this is part of their normal operation in four of the last five years.

When you file an application, we will need to know all of your pasture acreages, their percent of normal, and the number of head of livestock you own by weight range.

For more information, contact the office.

## Small grain acreage reports

May 16, 1994, is the last day to report small grains. This report includes all fall seeded crops of wheat, triticale, barley, oats and rye for grain; any ACR (set aside), CU for Pay, or CU for P&CP (Planted and Considered Planted) with a small grain cover. All producers must file an acreage report for small grains for the following situations:

1. Small grains intended for grain.
2. Small grain on acres to be used as ACR or CU, including volunteer stands.
3. "Zero" wheat, barley or oats if you have a crop base for one of the crops, no acres are planted for harvest, and you are participating in the program for the crop.
4. "Zero" wheat, barley, or oats for harvest, have a base, and aren't participating in the program but want to protect the base. (Cannot protect base with zero report for nonparticipating crop if you exceed your normal plantings of fruits and vegetables on the farm.)

Failure to report these acreages may cause loss of program benefits and reduction or loss of future years crop acreage bases.

Your acreage report needs to be accurate because tolerances apply to all program crops, ACR, CU, Flex acreage, Oilseeds as CU for Pay or Flex, and soybeans.

## Measurement service

Producers who are unsure of their acreages may request ASCS to measure small grains for harvest,

ACR/CU with a small grain cover and small grains grazed out through May 16, 1994. Aerial measurement rates are: a) \$20 or less for farms requesting measurement on less than 26 acres; b) \$20 for the first 25 acres and 3 cents for each additional acre over 25 acres.

Ground measurement rates are \$20 for the first plot and \$10 for each additional plot.

Cotton producers can now plant approved crops on up to 50% of their required ACR acreage if they agree to forego deficiency payments on an acre for acre basis. The approved crops are soybeans, mustard seed, sunflowers, safflowers, canola, mung beans, rapeseed and flaxseed.

Other eligible covers on ACR and CU for Pay acres are: (a) small grains disposed of before reaching the hard dough stage by haying, grazing or plowing; (b) small grains left standing when producer pays the \$10 fee; (c) forage sorghums and sweet sorghums such as haygrazer, sudan and red top cane.

## Options for excess wheat

Producers who have excess wheat on ACR or CU acreages now have new options to consider.

A recent change now allows you to swath your excess wheat after May 16 but before June 1 if you file a request in this office on or before May 16, pay a \$10 fee, and allow us to inspect the hay before selling or feeding it. Excess wheat must be swathed before it reaches the hard dough stage and before June 1.

If you sign up for measurement service, you will be notified of the determined acreage and allowed five days from the date of the notification letter to swath any excess small grain acreage. You must swath the excess wheat by June 1 whether you have been notified of your determined acreage or not. If you receive your notification after June 1 and the excess small grains have not been swathed, then the excess will have to be plowed.

Another option available is that if the small grain acreage cannot be substantially destroyed by May 16, you may file a request by May 16 to leave the small grain standing. You will have to pay a \$10 fee and the acreage may not be hayed or grazed. The acreage can be plowed or reseed itself.

## Failed acreage

Before destroying or making use of a disaster affected crop, you must first measure and report the acres and file a disaster application with this office. We also need a copy of your insurance appraisal if the crop is insured.

## Change in tolerance rules

For 1994, tolerance will be the larger of 5% or 1 acre not to exceed 50 acres. The maximum acreage allowed in 1993 was 10 acres. Remember that tolerance does not apply to crops with measurement service.

Your acreage report needs to be accurate because tolerances apply to all program crops, ACR, CU, Flex acreage, Oilseeds as CU for Pay or Flex, and soybeans.

Acreage reports in excess of the allowable tolerances are subject to the affected crop being ineligible for program benefits unless a good faith determination is made. If a good faith determination is made, a penalty will still be assessed (20% of applicable target price).

Tolerance is applicable for: a) program crops when the measured acreage is more or less than the reported acreage; b) ACR and CU for Pay when the measured acreage is less than the reported acreage.

When the determined CU for P&CP (history protections) is less than the acreage allocated as P&CP credit, the producer has the option to either have payments reduced by the standard payment reduction and receive P&CP (history) credit for the participating program crop or forfeit all P&CP credit from P&CP and flex acreage and have the standard payment reduction penalty waived.

## ACR and CU for Pay eligibility

Land designated as ACR (set aside) or CU for Pay, including the 15% of the maximum payment acreage if participating in the 0/85 and/or 50/85 must be crop land that was devoted to a small grain, row crop or other annually planted crop in one of the last five years or designated as ACR or CU for Pay in one of the last five years.

## ACR and CU for Pay size requirements

Land reported as ACR or CU for Pay must meet the minimum size and width requirements of 5 acres in size and average at least 1 chain (66 feet) wide unless the field is eligible as follows:

- 1) One field per farm may be reported as ACR and one as CU for Pay less than the required minimums provided the acreage is reported to complete the balance of the required ACR and/or CU for Pay.
- 2) Land between skips in an established cotton skip row pattern is eligible for CU for Pay and is not eligible as ACR.
- 3) Skips in an eligible skip row pattern is eligible as CU for Pay or ACR for feed grains and ACR or CU for pay for cotton if the skip is at least the larger of 4 normal rows or 150 inches from plant to plant.

To be considered under the skip row rules, the field must be planted in a uniform pattern. The number of rows planted between skips cannot exceed 36 rows.

## ACR and CU for Pay Haying and Grazing period

ACR and CU for payment acreage may be hayed or grazed except for the nonhaying and nongrazing period which begins June 1, 1994 and ends Oct. 31, 1994.

## Eligible crops on ACR/CU for Pay acres

Industrial and other crops (IOC's) are eligible to be planted and harvested on ACR and CU for Pay acres with no reduction in deficiency payments. Approved IOC's are chia, crambe, crotalaria, cuphea, guar, guayule, hesperaloe, kenaf, lesquerella, meadowfoam, plantago ovato and sesame.

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other traits of a good personality are avoiding gossip and being willing to learn new things from other people.

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## Attitude

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The sale attracts thousands of persons from the region to Dimmitt for the day. Besides individual garage sales throughout the city, booths are available for \$25 each at the courthouse square. Booth size is negotiable, and arrangements may be made by calling the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Persons registering at the chamber and paying a \$10 fee will be listed on the city sale map. The fee helps with advertising the sale. Persons paying the fee will receive a yard sign and be a part of the community effort.

## Horse judges win district

Castro County horse judges captured first in the Junior II and Senior divisions at the district horse show in Canyon on April 23.

The Junior II team finished first overall and first in performance. The team was led by Justin Sutton, who placed third overall. Other team members are Rusty Wooten, Rusty McDaniel and Sage Annen.

The Senior team placed first overall and in halter, and finished second in performance and reasons. Kodie Bagley was first in reasons, second overall, third in halter and third in performance. Her sister, Kori, placed third in reasons. The sisters were joined on the team by Coby Summers, John Fuller, Cody Annen and James Wilhite.

obtaining that first interview or job. Attitude deals with the way you feel about other people and yourself and affects the way you act. A way to improve your attitude is to write down three things you like about yourself and three things you need to improve. Continually work on the three things you want to improve before you brag about the things you like about your attitude.

## Personal hygiene

Having clean clothes, a clean body, clean hair and a neat hairstyle are all part of personal hygiene. This will tell the employer that you are concerned about the way you look at work. Personal hygiene is what makes a first and lasting impression when you ask for an application or about job openings.

Follow this checklist before you go looking for a job or report to work:

- Shaved.
- Used deodorant.
- Bathed.
- Combed hair.
- Brushed teeth.

--Cleaned fingernails.

--Clean clothes.

Don't leave home until you have all the items checked.

## Family involvement

Sharing your goals and listening to your family about their needs helps you feel important and want to find a job. A job helps the entire family. If you have to sacrifice and accept a job at night, make sure the family understands. Work out a schedule when you can spend time with them. Everybody learns how to give and take when the adults in a family work. Share your concerns about schedules with each other.

Following these suggestions will help you become the best you can be on and off the job. When you have positive feelings about yourself, it will be reflected in your work. It will help the boss see that you are an asset to the business. Employers spend a lot of time observing employees from the time they pick up an application to the interview and then during the early days of employment.

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## Gin Scene

Agribusiness Profile...

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

**Cotton  
gin Co-Op  
sets a  
record in  
its 50th  
year of  
operation**

PETERSBURG — In a slower, less complicated world, the cracker barrel at the general store was a good place to kick back and spend time listening to farmers' comment on the state of their agriculture.

That's not so any longer, however. Farmers these days don't have time to spare — especially in May when

the critical window exists

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for putting seed in the ground in the nation's largest cotton belt.

The best source to measure the pulse of agribusiness today may be a favorite gathering spot, the local cotton gin office — one of the places where farmers are stopping to make final arrangements for planting seed this month.

A recent search for the "typical" cotton gin led to Petersburg Co-Op Gin, where things seemed unusually upbeat this week.

"We had an exceptional year last year," an optimistic gin manager, Paul Willis, said of the 1993 Petersburg area crop.

Willis' comment seemed to be an understatement, judging from the fact that last year's crop brought to the gin was so

See Petersburg, Page 7



Courtesy Tech Photo/Mark Mamawal

**Cotton Study:** Dr. Norman Hopper viewseed tests that help industry know which seed has high vigor.

## Unlocking secrets of cotton . . .

By WENDY WALTON  
AgReview Writer/Intern

LUBBOCK — Farmers know the importance of seed viability and vigor when it comes to producing top quality cotton.

Now, a test known as the Cool-Warm Index is available to farmers to help determine the quality

of cotton seed.

Dr. Norman Hopper, seed physiologist at Texas Tech University and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, explained how a seed vigor test gives an indication of the strength of the seed and how it will perform under stress.

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**Vigor, from Page 1**

"Germination or viability tests determine only if the seed is dead or alive," Hopper said. "However, vigor tests determine the ability of the seed to emerge when subjected to stresses such as temperature, soil moisture and disease pressure."

Hopper reported testing seed lots helps the farmer determine the best seed lot. By this method, the farmer can plant the seed with the highest vigor at the earliest possible time.

The Cool-Warm Vigor Index combines the germination results from the standard Warm

Germination test and a Cool Germination test. Once this value is determined, the seed lot is rated as excellent, good, fair or poor.

The equipment and supplies used to conduct the Cool-Warm Vigor Index are the same as those in a standard germination test. The data obtained from the two tests, a warm germination test (counted after four days) and a cool germination test, are used to calculate the CWVI.

Calculating the index of the test is the next step. Following the two tests, germination percentages are added together to give the

Cool-Warm Vigor Index level. Seed lots are then classified as excellent, good, fair or poor. A nomograph found on the seed vigor index brochure may be used to calculate the index.

The final step of the process is using the results.

The results interpreted correctly allow a grower to separate the seed lots according to vigor level.

The seed with the highest vigor level can be planted at the earliest possible planting date when less than optimum conditions may be encountered. The producer may follow with a lower vigor

level later in the season as soil temperature becomes warmer.

On 38 to 40-inch rows, three to four plants per foot produces an ideal population of 40,000 to 50,000 plants per acre.

The Cool-Warm Vigor Index was developed by and in conjunction with the following scientists: Norman Hopper; Gay M. Jividen, Cotton Incorporated; Robert B. Metzger, Texas Ag Extension Service; and James R. Supak, Texas Ag Extension Service. Funding was provided by Cotton Incorporated and Plains Cotton Growers.

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**U.S. consumption of soybean oil hits new all-time high**

By MARGARET SCHERF  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumption of soybean oil in 1993-94 is expected to reach 13.2 billion pounds, an all-time record, according to the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

"Use of soybean oil in baking and frying fats has led the expansion," the service said this month in a situation and outlook summary on oil crops.

The department this month reduced its forecast of soybean exports by 15 million bushels to 590 million. Through March 31, cumulative exports of 440 million bushels were 156 million below last year's quantity.

Exports would need to average 7.1 million bushels per week for the remainder of the marketing year to reach the projected level. The average export volume last year from April through August was 8.3 million bushels per week.

"With slowing exports, yearend stocks of soybeans are projected to rise slightly from the March forecast to 160 million bushels," the report said. "Stocks as of March 1 dropped to 1,008 million bushels, down 208 million from the previous March."

The projection for the U.S. 1993-94 average farm price was lowered to \$6.40

to \$6.50 per bushel in April. The average farm price increased from \$6.70 per bushel in February to \$6.76 in March, "but prices plunged after U.S. farmers' 1994 planting intentions were released," the report said.

Tight domestic supplies of vegetable oils have swelled soybean and competing oil imports this year, mostly from Canada, it said. In the first four months, imports totaled 18.3 million pounds and significant amounts will likely continue, it said.

"Consequently, projected soybean oil imports were raised to 55 million pounds in April," the report said.

The monthly average soybean oil price increased from 28.85 cents per pound in February to 29.03 cents in March, it said.

"However, the market for soybean oil fell more than 1 cent per pound in early April upon hearing 1994 planting intentions," the report said.

The projected total 1993-94 soybean meal use was raised to 29.6 million tons in April, due entirely to a 100,000-ton increase in domestic demand.

Soybean meal production during October-February was 13.2 million tons, down slightly from 13.4 million a year earlier. "With crush expected to pick up for the remainder of the season, the April forecast for 1993-94 U.S. meal

production is up from last month to 29.6 million tons," the report said.

"Brazilian soybean growers this season pre-sold an unprecedented volume of beans to trading companies

and crushers," the report said. "Most of that was then sold to export early in the marketing year to take advantage of high Brazilian interest rates and currency exchange rates."

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# Smoothing transportation focus of NAFTA actions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Mexico and Canada have agreed to better coordinate their planning for transportation projects as the three nations mesh their economies under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The three countries' transportation ministers met here Friday to discuss the added burdens increased trade puts on roads, bridges, waterways, railways and border crossings. It was the first trilateral transportation summit, which will be followed by a meeting in Canada next year.

In a series of loose agreements, the secretaries committed to improved communication among federal, state and local governments in planning new transportation projects. They also agreed to explore new ways of financing border infrastructure projects, primarily by trying to tap into private money.

And, the United States and Mexico committed to find ways of alleviating congestion and pollution at the crowded border crossings along the southern border in part by using new technologies to speed inspections.

"In the past there

have been insufficient cooperative planning efforts involving all levels of government on both sides of the border," U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena told reporters at a midday news conference. "The one thing we agreed to this morning is to ensure that all levels of government ... are all at the table planning and making decisions about these projects."

Said Mexican Transportation Secretary Emilio Gamboa Patron: "We are trying to make the red tape easier between the three countries."

An early test of the governments' new resolve will be a plan to build a fourth international bridge in Laredo, a project pushed by local officials and Gov. Ann Richards.

Mexico will consult with U.S. officials on the Laredo project to ensure that the infra-

structure on its side of the border complements that of the planned bridge, Pena said.

That could lay the groundwork for joint planning on new border crossings. Gamboa noted that Mexico and the United States share 43 border crossings and are studying plans for 10 more.

"We firmly believe that in order for all of us ... to realize the benefits of NAFTA, the real work begins now," Pena said.

Canadian Transport Minister Douglas Young cautioned that many hurdles lie ahead.

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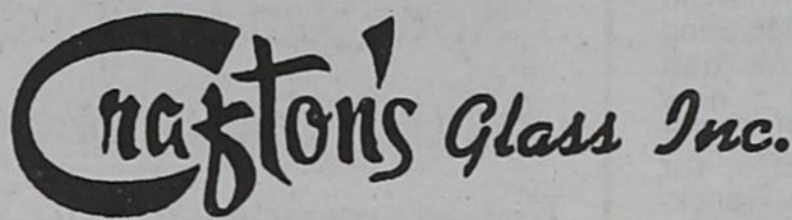
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# School balk at extending homestead exemption

DALLAS (AP) — Uncertain about the state's school finance situation and concerned they may be running out of taxing capacity, most school districts appear to be holding back on raising homestead tax exemptions.

As the deadline for increasing property tax exemptions approached Saturday, few local school boards had voted to boost their homestead exemptions above the minimum required by the state, according to the Texas Association of School Boards.

"We have not seen a large number of inquiries about increasing homestead exemptions this year," Dan Casey of the association told The Dallas Morning News in its Saturday editions.

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districts last year after the Texas Supreme Court threw out the state's school finance law.

Voters refused to legalize the law in a statewide referendum on May 1, 1993. They rejected a constitutional amendment that would have preserved the county education district system that was used to distribute school funds.

The CED system gave homeowners a 20 percent homestead exemption on about two-thirds of the property taxes they paid.

On the remaining third, amounts varied depending on what the local school board approved, but in about three-fourths of the districts, it was \$5,000 — the minimum the state required.

After the law was thrown out and voters rejected the proposed amendment, the 188 CEDs in Texas were abolished and the local school boards' homestead exemption was extended to the entire property tax bill in each school district.

An analysis by the state comptroller's office released this week indicated that 272 of the state's 1,048 school districts give homestead exemptions above the state minimum of \$5,000.

Last year, local school officials complained they couldn't react to the reduced homestead exemptions because they missed the annual April 30 deadline for adjusting property tax exemptions.

But, a year later, few have increased their exemptions.

For example, the

Austin school board rejected the pleas of some homeowners last week and decided not to give any more than the state minimum.

Fort Worth school board members also decided to stay at the

minimum.

Rep. Libby Lineberger, D-Manchaca, chairwoman of the House Public Education Committee, said it is unfortunate for homeowners that so many voted against

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The net effect of the reduced homestead exemptions was that homeowners paid a greater share of school property taxes.

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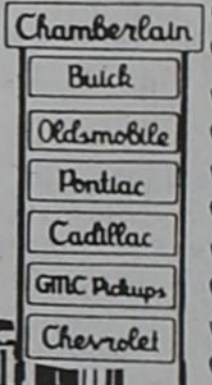
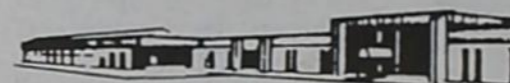
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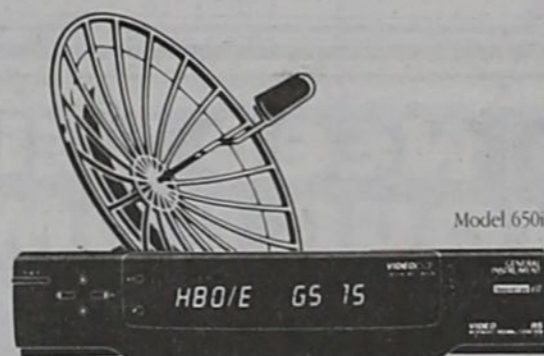
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# Hopes for Plant Stress Lab in hands of Congress

By WENDY WALTON

AgReview Writer/Intern

LUBBOCK — The question of whether funding will be forthcoming for expansion of Texas Tech University's Institute for Plant Stress Research will be answered soon by Congress.

This month, Dr. Sam E. Curl, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Dr. Robert C. Albin, Director of the Institute for Plant Stress Research and associate Dean for Research and Dr. Dick Auld, chairman of the department of Plant and Soil Sciences travelled to Washington to propose a budget of \$8 million for the project.

That trip follows the current halting of the project at an early stage in its development. To date, only a small greenhouse facility has been completed along Fourth Street on the Tech Campus. And, that facility is yet to be used.

Dr. Albin said the goal of the program involves developing an understanding of how plants grow and survive under certain conditions. The research also includes studying extreme temperatures and limited moisture conditions common across the Great Plains area.

Those and other selling points have been hammered to Congress in previous visits to Washington.

"Based on the testimony Dr. Curl gives before the Senate Appropriation Committee on agriculture, rural development and related agencies, the amount of money allotted for the research is decided," Albin said during an interview in March.

For 1995 and 1996 fiscal years, \$4 million is needed each year to finish the research project.

According to Albin, Congress has been supportive of the research program in the past. He feels the educa-

tional part of the program is very positive.

"The research emphasizes three main areas," Albin explained. "First, stress physiology is conducted to identify structural and biochemical mechanisms that display drought or temperature tolerance. Genetic enhancement is conducted to determine deoxyribonucleic acid sequences commonly known as DNA into test species or crops."

Albin said advanced production systems develop improved cultural practices to optimize soil fertility and ensure growers are available to the newest technology.

The cooperation of three agencies are involved in the support and research of the region's agricultural industry — The United States Department of Agriculture, Texas

Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Tech University, all part of the Institute for Plant Stress Research.

Albin commented on the progress of the program over two decades.

The program began 14 years ago. In Phase I of the USDA plant stress and water conservation laboratory program, Tech received \$4 million. At this time, the construction of the head house and green house project began. This facility reached completion in the spring of 1993. The laboratory when finished will include offices for scientists, support staff, green houses and research equipment.

A brochure produced by the college of agricultural sciences and natural resources explains how Texas Tech University was chosen for the site of

the lab.

An area known as the Great Plains includes regions in the following states: South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. There are various crops grown across these states.

Lubbock has a climate ideal to grow all the crops found throughout the Great Plains area. Based on its climate and resources Lubbock has long been a favored site for the project, according to Albin.

"The overall main objective of the program is to reach the highest productivity level," Albin explained. "By using the funding and research opportunities the program is very positive."

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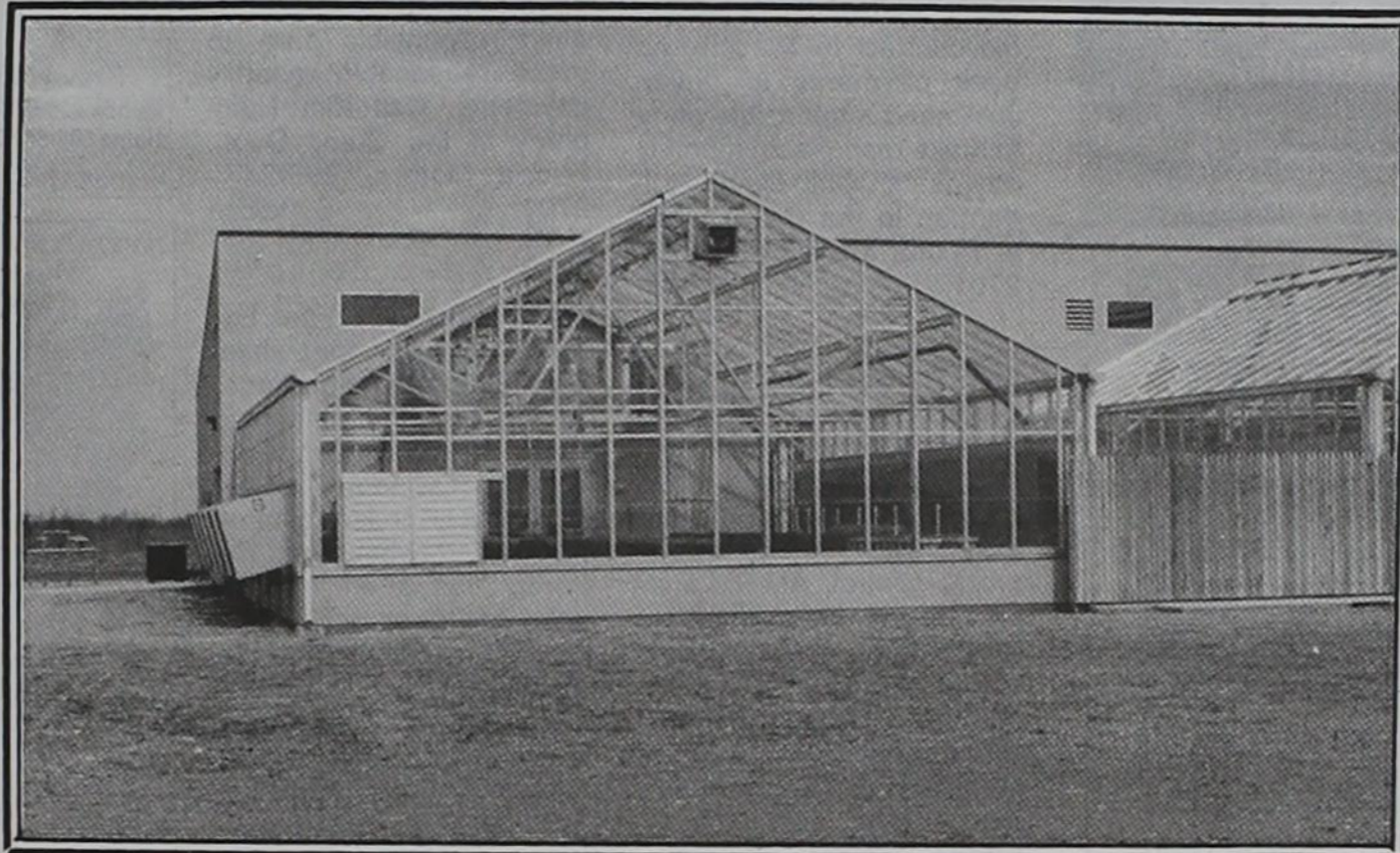


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## First phase:

The first phase of Texas Tech University's plant stress research facility could move forward if Congress approves appropriations for \$4 million in 1995 and another \$4 million in 1996. The Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences sent an entourage of administrators to Washington this month to argue the case for a speedy re-instatement of funds for the project.

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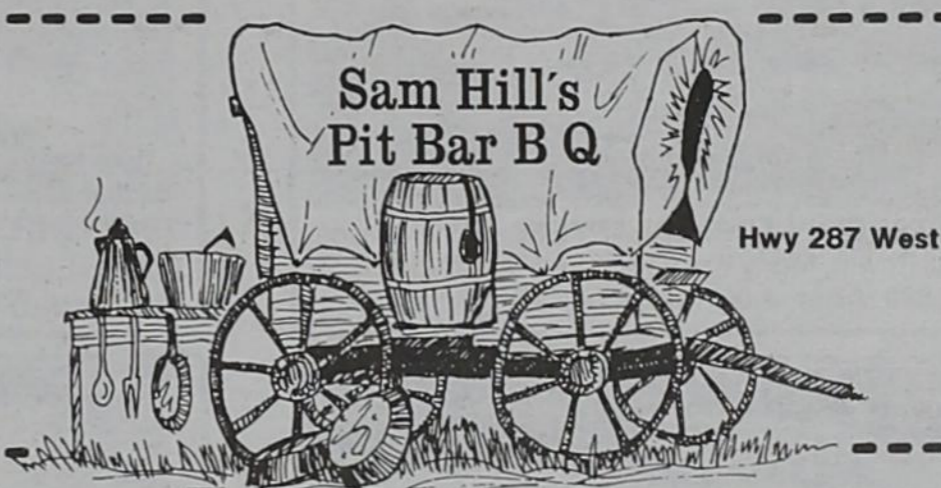
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# Imported 'possum' threatening U.S. animals?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is seeking all brushtail possums imported from New Zealand because of a high risk they may spread bovine tuberculosis to U.S. animal populations.

"The presence of New Zealand brushtail possums in this country is a major threat to the health of domestic animals and wildlife in the United States because these animals are known to be highly infectious carriers of bovine tuberculosis," said Donald Luchsinger, acting deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

"We are taking emergency steps to locate all of these

imported possums to prevent them from establishing a population here that could become a wildlife reservoir for bovine tuberculosis," he said.

Six shipments of almost 100 brushtail possums each have been imported into the United States since 1991, according to export records provided by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"While some of the

imported possums have been moving in trade channels to menageries and zoos, it is believed that there is a growing U.S. market

for the possums as pet animals," the department said.

A USDA risk assessment earlier this year estimated that there is

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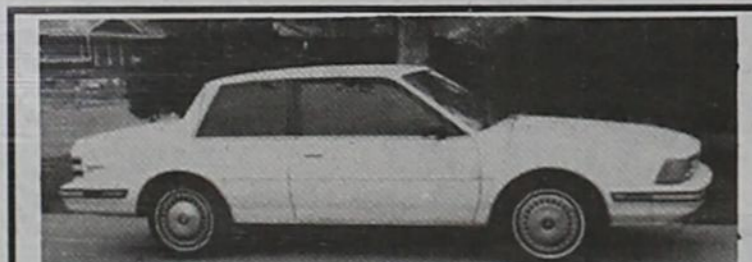
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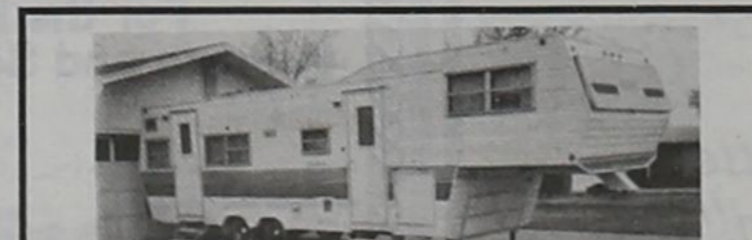
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 year's crop brought to the gin was so exceptional, in fact, that it broke all records at the gin. It reported the best net profit in its history — \$1,310,000 — after ginning 44,000 bales. That topped the previous record of 35,000 by almost 30 percent.

The Co-Op reported to its membership last week that turn out and grades last year were near perfect.

Turnout averaged over 24 percent, which is 2-4 percent above normal. Grades were good for the area — of 44,000 bales ginned, more than 75 percent were in grades 11 and 21, the highest the USDA classing office can give.

Crops were especially

bountiful in areas where farms had strong irrigation, with some 2-bale-per acre yields reported.

This combination of good weather, and good cotton helped create a dream year for the Co-Op, the best ever year coinciding its golden anniversary.

Current activity around the gin includes moving lots of cotton seed to customers.

Despite the fact you might think the gin would be virtually inactive this time of year, quite the contrary.

"We are currently busy selling planting seed, preparing to conduct annual gin repairs over the next few months," said Willis.

Willis has some time sizing up the prospects

for next crop year, and it seems like, as usual, it will all be up to the weather.

A profile of Petersburg Co-Op's customer base shows most to be either fully or partially irrigated. About five percent are strictly dryland.

Though Petersburg has received a welcome 2.5 inches of rain in April, that's not quite enough to get dryland cotton off the ground.

For irrigated farmers, the story is a little brighter.

"For the guys who pre-watered, it was ideal," said Willis. "What we want now is for it to clear up long enough for us to plant"

Petersburg's Co-Op owes its beginnings to a town meeting May 23, 1944, in which five men signed on as directors to establish a gin. All deceased now, the board included R.E. Wilson, chairman; W.M. Finkner, E.F. Saffle, W.R. Mosely and J.R. Wommack.

The Co-Op purchased a used gin plant on the city's main street, operating in the center of town until old wooden structure later burned. Its location just north of Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber has remained vacant ever since as the gin moved to its current location on the northeast edge of the city.

Willis said improvements through the years took a quantum leap in the past decade. "We rebuilt our cur-

rent gin from the ground up, using it for the first time in crop year 1986," Willis said. "The gin then added double lint cleaning, and more recently triple lint cleaning to give customers the best quality fiber for marketing."

Only about 10 percent of gins are equipped with double or triple lint cleaning capability, claims Willis.

Willis, a Petersburg native, returned to manage the gin in 1983. The Petersburg High School graduate received a bachelor's degree at West Texas State University in 1967 then joined Holly Sugar Corp. and was transferred to California. He later entered the cotton ginning business in California before returning to his home town.

Changes Willis notes over his career so far include a transition to

bigger, higher capacity equipment in the gin.

On the production side, Willis said one major change in harvest has included the use of burr-extracting strippers, which result in removing part of the trash, creating a cleaner product when it reaches the gin.

Grading changes within the USDA have worked to the advantage of cotton farmers, believes Willis. The new grading scheme does not penalize bark content as it did in the past. In a year of bad weather and high bark, that change in grading will make a significant difference to farmers.

As seed sales have kicked off, Willis says he notes a strong shift toward two of the newer varieties — the new HS200, and three-year-old HS26. HS 200 is a short season, and 26 is longer season. Both are bred to yield higher strength fiber

and better grades than their predecessors.

Other seed in demand at Petersburg include All Tex varieties like Atlas, Willis said. Paymaster HS145, long the seed of choice in the area, is no longer the top seller.

Several new varieties have become available to farmers this crop year, and Willis expects customers to try them on a small scale, allocating a few acres to prove their yield and quality.

Willis says he is waiting to see how the new HS varieties — which are built to withstand the rigors of the short growing season in the High Plains region — perform in a bad year. The track record so far has been built on good years, such as last year, and he expects them to prove themselves even more capable of performing in the face of rougher weather scenarios.

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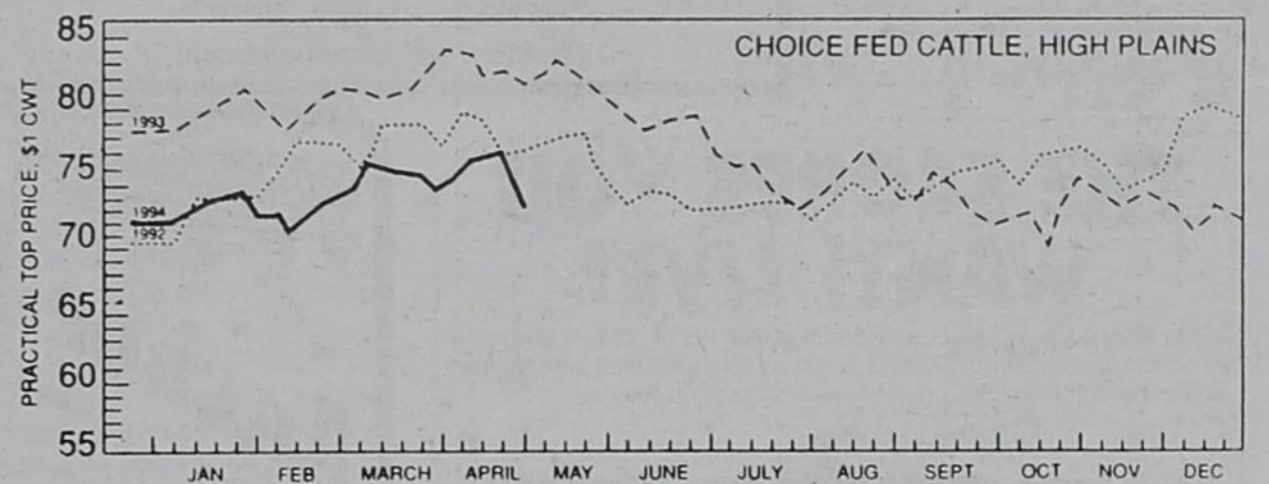
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