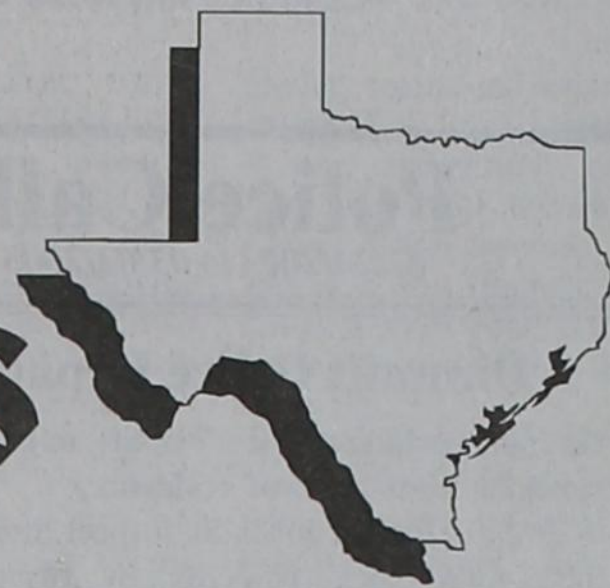




# The Castro County News



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## Castro County Calendar

What, Where, When!

★ Dr Charles Wade will be at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona Saturday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

★ Hart ISD is sponsoring a Perfect Attendance Month Feb. 24th through Apr. 17th. Winners will be awarded with prizes and pizza and movies.

★TDH will hold immunization and follow up flu clinic Tuesday, March 25th. This will be held at the Dimmitt Middle School nurses office.

★Texas Cattlewomen are holding a raffle to raise funds for the state. For more information, contact Desta at 364-5555

★ PTO is collecting box tops and labels. Boxtops and grocery tape receipts can be dropped at principals offices or call 647-2243.

★Single parenting seminar "IN HIS STEPS" will be held Saturday, March 8th at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. For more information contact Penny at 353-6615.

★ Running Water Conservation District is holding their annual tree sale. Last day to order is March 14, 2003. Go by the NRCS office or call (806) 647-2153 ext. 101.

Richardson Elementary will be holding their annual Read-A-Thon on March 14th. Second and third grade students will be asking for donations in support of their reading efforts. All donations will go to support Richardson's reading programs

Old Mill Trade Days will be March 7, 8 & 9 in Post. Christian Band Penuel will be featured on Saturday of the event. For more information call the Old Mill Trade Days office at 1-866-433-6683

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## 2002-2003 Swifts state bound



2002-2003 NAZARETH SWIFTS are headed to state after this past weekend's victories over Silverton on Friday night and Valera-Panther Creek on Saturday. See complete story on page 8.

### Cotton, Corn seminar scheduled

A Cotton and Corn seminar is scheduled for today at the Castro County Expo Center starting at 9:30. An agenda is listed below.

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Cotton Seedling Diseases, Dr. Greta Schuster, Assistant Professor (IPM), West Texas A&M University, Canyon
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Options in late season irrigation for Cotton, Stephen Biles, Mitchell/ Nolen Counties Extension Agent - IPM, Texas Cooperative Extension, Sweetwater
10:45 - 11:10 a.m.	Early Season Management, Dr. Jim Leser, Professor & Extension Entomologist - Cotton, Texas Cooperative Extension, Lubbock
11:15 - 12:00 p.m.	Cotton Weed Control Strategies, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Professor (Weeds & Herbicides), Texas Ag. Experiment Station, Lubbock
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch by Jenna's Feed Bag
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Troublesome weeds in Cotton & Corn, Gerald Hobson, DuPont Chemical
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Corn, Sorghum Weed Management, Dr. Brent Bean, Professor & Extension Agronomist, Amarillo

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For more information, please contact Rick Auckerman, Castro County CEA-AG or Emilio Niño, Castro Co. EA-IPM at 647-4115 or 647-4116.

### Wilhelm brothers headed for New York



Heath Wilhelm

Two outstanding Nazareth youths are headed for New York City to perform with the Amarillo Boys Concert Choir. Brandon and Heath Wilhelm will be leaving for New York Friday, March 14 and returning home Thursday, March 20.

The Amarillo Boys Concert Choir will be performing on the Early



Brandon Wilhelm

Show on CBS at 7:00 a.m. (Central time) on Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

This is 13 year-old Brandon's third year to perform with the choir. He has performed solos with the choir. Brandon was also a member in this year's show choir. The show choir performed a mini-tour of Amarillo schools, in

nursing homes and Christmas parties. Brandon hopes to be able to audition for the choir for one more year.

Heath, who is 11 years old, followed his brother's footsteps and joined the choir two years ago.

Both Brandon and Heath attend Nazareth schools and maintain A-B honor roll status. Brandon is active in basketball, track and football. Every Tuesday, their grandmother picks them up from school and takes them to Amarillo for choir practice, with Brandon's show choir rehearsal immediately following.

"It's fun to watch them perform," said Lori Wilhelm. "It gives the boys a sense of discipline, pride and responsibility for themselves."

Brandon and Heath are the sons of Henry and Lori Wilhelm of Nazareth and Connie Blackwell of Amarillo.

### Castro County Men and Women in Service

James Bradford	USAF
Brad Murdock	USAF
Eric Kinser	USAR
Gloria Gonzales	USMC

Do you know of someone with Castro County roots that is currently serving in our Armed Forces? Please provide their name and branch of service so that we may honor them.

"The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars."

William Westmoreland

### Weather

	Hi	Lo	Prec	
Wednesday	44.....	9.....		Readings taken every day at 7:00 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Station Service recording station for Dimmitt.
Thursday	49.....	12.....	.02	
Friday	51.....	20.....	tr.	
Saturday	60.....	29.....		
Sunday	57.....	29.....		
Monday	38.....	28.....		February moisture .06
Tuesday	67.....	32.....		2003 moisture .06

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### Scripture for the week....

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11

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# Police Calls

02/24/2003 to 03/03/2003

## Dimmitt Police Department

- 02/25-100 block NE 7<sup>th</sup> St unknown suspect damaged front door of residence.
- 0/26-200 block E Jones St suspect threaten victim.
- 02/27-600 block NW 6<sup>th</sup> St suspect assaulted victim.
- 02/28-Suspect had warrants for his arrest from Castro and Randall counties. Suspect was arrested and booked in on the warrants.
- 03/01-Suspect was involved in a traffic accident. Suspect had a detectable amount of an alcoholic beverage in his system, but was under the 0.08 limit.
- 03/02-200 block NW 5<sup>th</sup> St unknown person(s) damaged rear view mirror of vehicle.
- 03/02-700 block W Stinson St unknown suspect took bicycle without consent.
- 03/03-Unknown person(s) damaged vehicle on the 1000 block of Dulin.

## Sheriff's Log

- 2/25-37 year old El Paso male booked for speeding and failure to appear.
- 2/27-48 year old Dimmitt male booked in for two motion to revoke for driving while intoxicated-third offense or more.
- 2/28-20 year old Dimmitt male booked in for two warrants for theft by check.
- 3/01-39 year old Amarillo male booked in for warrants speeding, no safety belt and VPTA.

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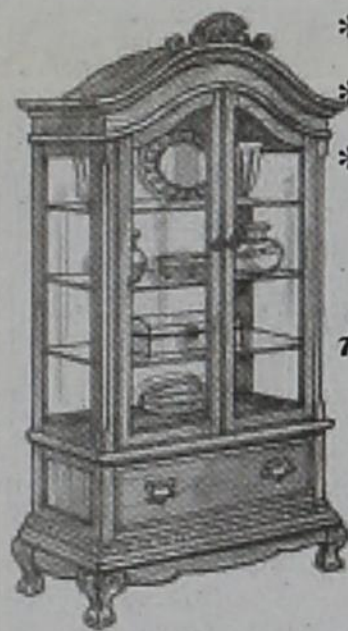
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# Family picture of health-a few steps to keep families healthy

(NAPSI)-If your whole family has ever been sick at the same time, you probably know that it's nothing to sneeze at when you have a house full of colds. Try these tips to keep colds from becoming a family affair:

• Mom-Today's moms are busier than in the past, with many working full time and helping to raise a family. It is especially important for busy women to be sure they have enough iron in their diet and that they get plenty of rest. Low iron counts and exhaustion can increase risk of colds and other illnesses. In addition, women should drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water every day. Proper rest, nutrition and hydration will help keep the immune system effective and may help keep colds at bay.

• Dad-A growing percentage of Americans are officially overweight. About 26 million of them are men. Whether Dad has a propensity for pizza or a hankering for

hoagies, it's a good idea to encourage him to watch his diet. Not only is eating more fruits and vegetables good for his heart, it has been shown to boost the functioning of the immune system as well.

• Kids-One of the best ways to prevent colds in children is to encourage frequent hand washing. Even if their hands look clean, regularly washing hands with warm water and cleanser can help. Encourage washing after a trip to the bathroom, after being out and about and always before eating to help prevent problems. Parents should also remind smaller children to keep their hands out of their mouths and not rub their eyes to help prevent the transfers of certain viruses.

• Baby-It's not always child's play keeping a baby free from colds. Younger infants are prone to the sniffles and ear infections and their curious nature makes them prime candidates for viruses spread by touch.

Be sure to keep your house clean and disinfect any areas that baby usually play in. Also, remember that babies thrive when they are kept well-nourished, well-rested, clean and loved.

• Family-Stress is a natural adversary to the immune system. Help soothe everyone in the family, including fussy babies, with a warm bath using Johnson's Bedtime Bath and a massage using Bedtime Lotion. Each product is enriched with lavender, chamomile and other natural herbs known for their relaxing and soothing properties. During the cold season, you can add a little Soothing Vapor Baby Bath into a warm bath to provide soothing comfort for babies with colds. A small amount of Soothing Vapor Cream massaged into the neck and chest once or twice daily can also help. Both products are enriched with rosemary, eucalyptus and menthol-ingredients

known for their aromatherapy benefits.

Families can find more health information on the Net. For more information on Baby's health, visit www.johnsonsbaby.com.

A Family Picture Of Health-A few steps can keep families feeling fit and help them avoid colds.

## Game night set

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night each Friday, starting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654.

## Centennial Moment:

Castro county had two cotton gins producing 2,570 bales in 1940 and 1,967 in 1941.

## Hart Candidate filing continues

Hart alderman, Stanley Dyer, is seeking re-election on the Hart City Council. The seats now being held by Dyer and Doyle K. Davis are up for election. Davis has filed for mayor, as has Don

Vaughan. March 19 is the last day to file for a place on the ballot. The terms for Harold Bob Bennett, Arthur Guzman and Danny Rodriguez are also up for election.

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- Houston space agency
- TXism: "plain as the top line \_\_\_ eye chart"
- TX globetrotter: Meadow \_\_\_ Lemon
- resident born in Dennison (init.)
- TXism: "tall \_\_\_ the trough"
- singer from Lubbock: \_\_\_ Davis
- film ('43): \_\_\_ Grande
- Rosebud h.s. class
- sixties hit: "I \_\_\_ Sheriff"
- TXism: "blister \_\_\_ (handle)"
- Indian head dress
- Tex-Mex order (2 wds.)
- this Dick broadcast the Cowboys win in Super Bowl XXVII
- TXism: "\_\_\_ your poison" (choose)
- Houston AM radio
- ex-Cowboys owner: \_\_\_ "Bum" Bright
- TXism: "touched in \_\_\_ (crazy)"
- Culberson Co. peak: \_\_\_ Capitan
- U.S. senator Ralph elected in '58 (init.)
- they're "upon you" in TX
- Dallas' 1st hotel: St. \_\_\_
- "roses \_\_\_"
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_-getter"
- Dallas oil company
- they're few at Denton's TWU
- this Wade prosecuted Jack Ruby (init.)
- these cause TXns to "ride the bed wagon"
- in Franklin Co. on 67
- "Big D" named for this Alvin (init.)
- Yoko \_\_\_
- TXism: "take a \_\_\_ (swim)"
- Erath is no. \_\_\_ milk producing co. in TX
- TXism: "tough as \_\_\_hide"
- TXism: "mean as \_\_\_"
- Hemphill Co. seat
- TXism: "mad \_\_\_-eyed cow"
- a pond in Texas
- TX billionaire Hughes (init.)
- early name for Bronte, TX
- TXism: "\_\_\_ it from the horse's mouth"
- near the stern of the U.S.S. Texas
- this Tom wrote "Harper Valley PTA" (init.)
- TX George Jones sang "Take \_\_\_"
- 214 & 972 are Metroplex \_\_\_ codes
- firmly saddled horse
- TXism: "\_\_\_ bien"
- TXism: "he can't \_\_\_ thunder" (hard of hearing)
- boot smells
- TX Clint Black hit: "\_\_\_ Tell Ourselves"
- Marshall hosts Fire \_\_\_ Festival
- Gov. Hubbard (init.)
- TX Catto was an ambassador here
- UT grad directed "\_\_\_ vs. Kramer"
- \_\_\_ saur "Barney" was created in TX
- \_\_\_ Belo Co. owns Dallas newspaper
- TXism: "I reckon"
- this Neeson starred in "Leap of Faith" with TX Martin
- this John sang in TX Willie's Farm Aid IV
- Hondo is seat of this county
- church bench

**DOWN**

- TXism: "If it had \_\_\_ snake it would have bit you"
- TXism: "come hell \_\_\_ water"
- TXism: "I'm at the \_\_\_ my rope"
- \_\_\_ stopping me now"
- TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings, don't \_\_\_ can fly"

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# People



**Mrs. Doyle Fuller  
nee...Belinda Ann Boland**

## Couple resides in Amarillo

Belinda Ann Boland and Doyle Joe Fuller Jr., both of Amarillo, were married Friday, February 14, at Tenth Avenue United Methodist Church. The Rev. Thommy Ewing officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Bruce Boland of Amarillo. Parents of the groom are Maria Acevado of Dimmitt and Doyle Joe Fuller Sr. of Denver.

The couple reside in Amarillo.

## Braafladt celebrates 90th



**Helen Braafladt  
in 1937**

On March 4, 2003, Helen Braafladt celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Braafladt was born in Colony, Kansas. She attended school at Wichita State University and Amarillo College. She has had many accomplishments over the years which include singing on the radio in Amarillo and San Francisco on the NBC station before WWII. She has also written music for solo and choirs. She has just retired from playing the piano and organ at church for around 54 years. During the war, she sang with a group of girls called the "Chastinettes". They sang for the USO and in the homes of many of the Amarillo aristocrats.

She met and married Chet Braafladt in San Francisco in 1937 and they have been married for 65 years. The couple had two sons (both are deceased), two daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**Laura Bradford Quiroz**

Laura Bradford-Quiroz has been assigned to the 363<sup>rd</sup> Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

She had directly contributed to the success of the 363<sup>rd</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in the conduct of combat airpower missions supporting Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

Quiroz is the daughter of Jack and Susie Bradford of Dimmitt and the wife of Luciano Quiroz.

## Eastern New Mexico University offers scholarships

PORTALES-Eastern New Mexico University is offering new "Recruiter Scholarships" based on students' ACT or SAT scores.

The scholarships, most of which can be renewed for up to eight semesters if a student maintains a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25, range from \$300 per year for a 20 ACT (950 SAT) score to \$2,000 per year for a 30+ ACT (1340 SAT) score.

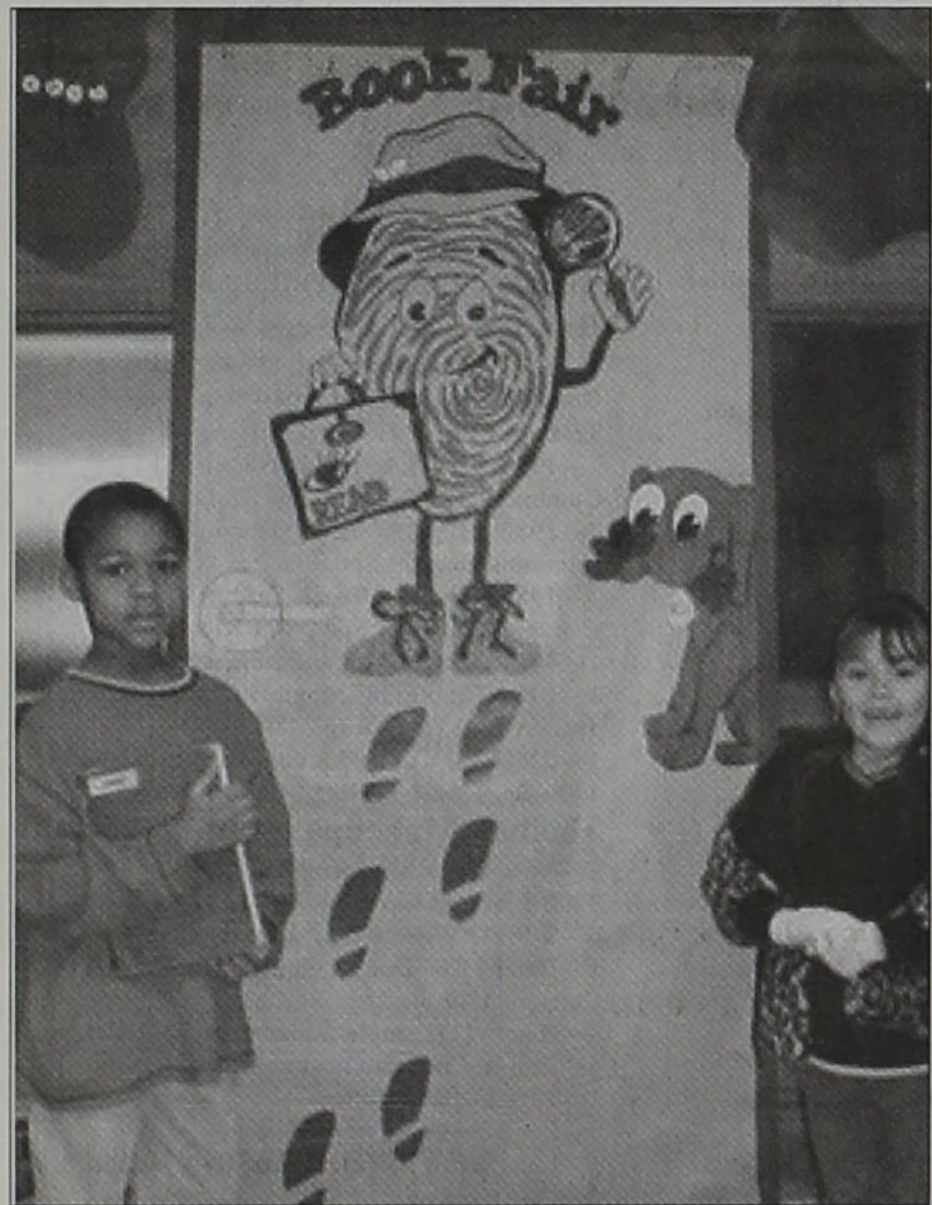
These scholarships, which can be offered by ENMU recruiters, are in addition to any Starter and Lottery Scholarships which pay for New Mexico students' tuition if they maintain a 2.5 GPA in high school and at ENMU. Students within 135 miles of the Texas border can attend Eastern for in-state tuition. Out-of-state students may also qualify for the Recruiter Scholarships.

Students who receive the \$300 scholarships (\$150 per semester) for a 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> ACT (950-990) score must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to have them renewed for a second semester. Students with an ACT score of 22 (1030) or higher must maintain a 3.25 GPA, and may renew their scholarships for up to eight semesters.

The value of the scholarships per year are: 20-21 ACT (950-990) \$300; 22-23 ACT (1030-1070 SAT), \$500; 24-25 ACT (1110-1140b SAT), \$800; 26-27 ACT (1180-1120 SAT), \$1,100; 28-29 ACT (1260-1300 SAT), \$1,200; and 30+(1340 SAT) \$2,000.

For more information, call Eastern's Admissions Office at 1-800-FOR-ENMU (562-2178 locally).

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**J.J. TRIANA AND XOCHITL QUIROZ ARE** being "Clued into Reading" in preparation for Richardson Elementary's annual book fair to be held March 10-14, 2003 with family night to be held on Thursday, March 13. The book fair will be open to the public from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Anyone wanting to volunteer and help with the book fair may contact Diann Leatherwood at 647-4131. The "Clued into Reading" poster pictured was drawn by Shellie Collins, a parent volunteer. *Photo By Kristie D. Kinser*

## Dimmitt Book Club to meet

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. in the Rhoads Memorial Library.

Maxine Tidwell will review Kathrine Graham's *Personal History*. It her story, struggle and leadership in a male dominated world. She piloted the Washington Post through the crisis of the Pentagon Papers in 1997 and won the Pulitzer Prize for biography.

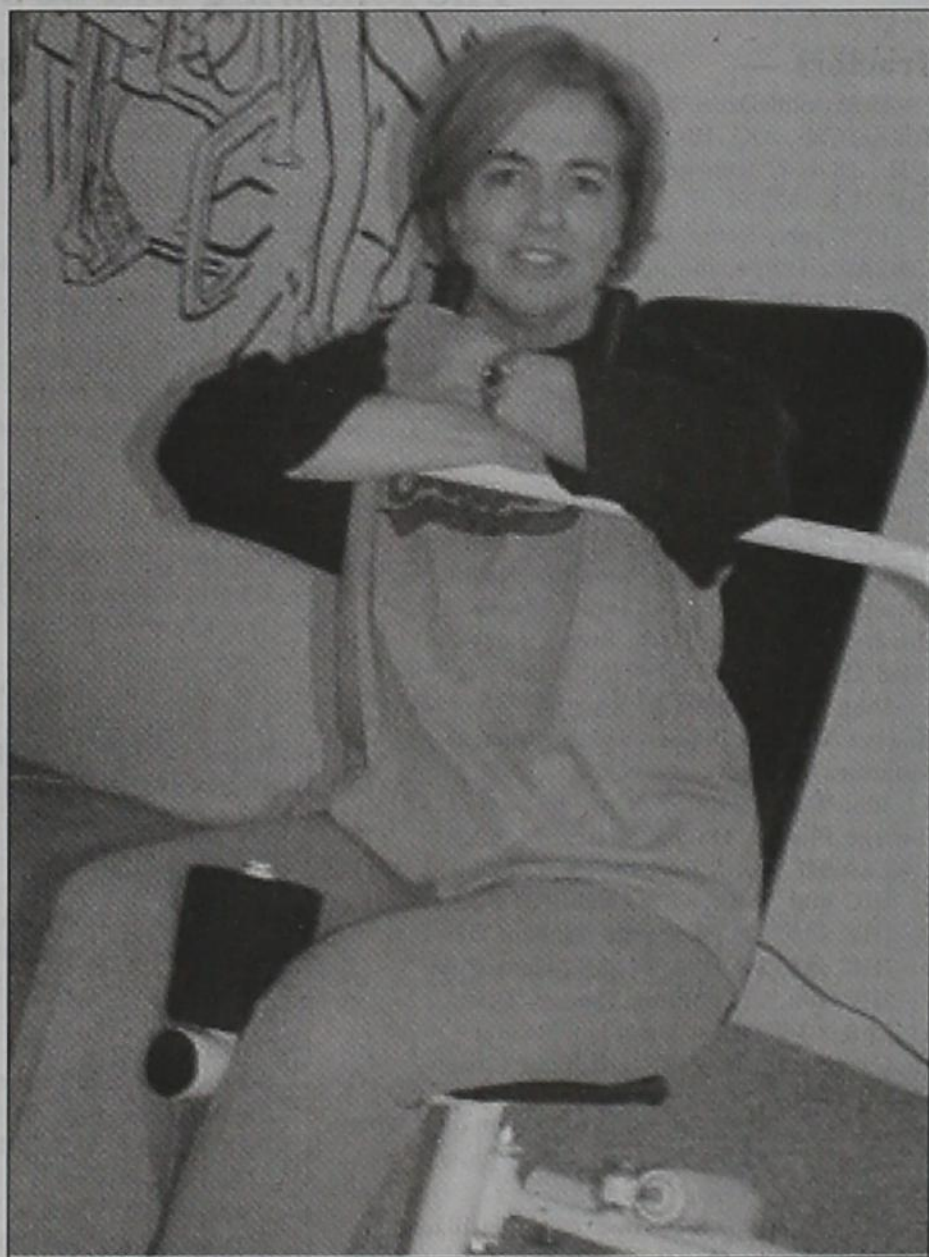
The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

## Gonzales called to active duty

February 19, 2003-Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Gloria E. Gonzales, a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School, was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Inspector-Instructor, 4<sup>th</sup> Force Service Support Goup, home based in Lubbock, Texas.

Gonzalez's unit deployed as part of a larger Marine force currently repositioning to Southwest Asia for possible for future contingency operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

## Curves for women thrives



**MARY LOU SCHMUCKER, Curves manager, is pictured on one of 10 fitness machines located at Curves for Women 30-Minute Fitness & Weight Loss Center.** *Photo by Kristie Kinser*

Curves opened in Dimmitt on November 18, 2003. The first week, 102 members joined the fitness center which now has 274 members, with that number growing daily. Members of Curves range from 15 years to 86 years of age.

Curves offers women 30-minute fitness and common sense weight loss with the support of a community of women. Their goal is to achieve permanent results without permanent dieting. The program offers strength and cardio training through hydraulic resistance.

In November, Curves started out with eight fitness machines. They now have 10 machines and 10 recovery stations. In a 30 minute Curves workout, all five

components of exercise are performed. The stations are arranged in a circle formation and each person visits each station a total of three times.

During the week of March 17-21, Curves invites women to bring in a bag of non-perishable food items and sign a year contract and Curves will waive the one time service fee. All food items will be donated to local community services. Their hours are; Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For further information contact Mary Lou Schmucker at 647-FUNN (3866).

## The Village Shop

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10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
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# Church News

The Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ

## would like to invite you to a Gospel Meeting

It will be held with guest speaker Gerald Jackson  
April 6th through April 9th.  
The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

**Family:**  
Gerald Jackson was born and raised in Lubbock, TX. He has been married to Marsha Rene' for 25 years. They have three children; Scott 19, Leslie 17 and Brian 12.

**Military:**  
Gerald and Marsha are veterans of the United States Air Force. Both served proudly and were discharged honorably.

**Education:**  
Gerald is a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute and Lubbock Christian University. His graduate studies are in Education Psychology at Texas Tech.

**Ministry:**  
He has 22 years of ministry experience. He has served as the Associate Minister at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ in Lubbock, evangelist for the West Adams Church of Christ in Los Angeles, CA. and the 20th and Birch Church of Christ in Lubbock. He served as counselor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice while serving as counselor and minister for the Central Lubbock Church of Christ. Now he has returned to Parkway Drive Church of Christ as their evangelist. He has done extensive work in cross-cultural communication and counseling in the field of addiction with churches and government agencies.

### JESUS HAS THE ANSWER

Sunday, April 6th- Jesus has the answer for all of my questions	
Morning Class (The All-Sufficient Word)	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship- Jesus has the answer for the world's problems (The Cure for Social Ills)	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship- Jesus has the answer for my family (Patterns for Family Life)	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7th- Jesus has the answer for salvation (God's Plan to Save Humanity)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8th- Jesus has the answer for a broken heart (Overcoming Emotional Pain)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9th- Jesus has the answer for fear (Conquering Fear in Our Lives)	7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the  
Dimmitt, Texas  
Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ at 647-4435.

## "We need more Joshua's"

At times I think there is a need for us all to take a step back and just watch and listen to our world so that we can truly see what's going on around us. The Devil is working more than overtime to do what he can to influence our world with ungodliness and sin. More than ever before our families are under attack. The Devil is striving daily to separate and destroy families. Satan is using every tool he can get his hands on to destroy the spirituality of this world. *"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."* (II Cor. 4:4)

Have you paid much attention lately to the entertainment industry that so heavily influences our children? I will admit that occasionally I will find a good clean, morally pure movie or show to watch, but to be honest with you they are few and far between. We are allowing junk and garbage into our homes and into the lives of our children

through the television and Internet that we wouldn't allow through our front door. There are so many things that our society has come to accept that many years ago wouldn't have even been discussed in public or at all. I wonder have you noticed the fact that our families are bombarded with more pressure to break it off or call it quits than ever before? Our world and society is no longer geared to the family and family values. What haunts me the most about all of this is the fact that it seems we're okay with it. Do we have the mindset that is afraid of rocking the boat?

We need more men like Joshua? We need God-fearing men that will step up and be the spiritual role models in their homes. We need men that are more concerned about what God thinks than what the major-



Chuck Ball

ity thinks. We need men that will gladly and proudly stand and repeat the words of Joshua. *"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Josh. 24:15)

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Sunday Morning Worship Service-10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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## How to raise a crook

by Jim Davidson

While it should go without saying, most of us parents love our children and we want the very best futures for them and want them to become productive, responsible, law abiding citizens. However, apparently a lot of parents do not realize that their own attitudes and behavior contribute to the real possibility of one or more of their children winding up in prison. Along these lines I want to share something titled HOW TO RAISE A CROOK, printed some time ago in The Presbyterian Journal. I hope if you are a parent or someone who is in a position to influence the values, morals and character of young people, you may benefit from it. If you'll think about it, much of what we learn comes from the experience of others and it can be for bad or for good.

1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants; this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him -- it will encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow the top of your head off later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." He may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and that he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up anything he leaves lying around: books, shoes, clothing. Do

everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing the responsibility onto others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feed on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of children, then they won't be too shocked when the home is broken up.

8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you have had them?

9. Satisfy his every need for food, drink and comfort. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.

10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

Certainly this is a personal thing, but let's hope this article will help us see ourselves in a true light, and it will make a positive difference in our attitudes toward raising our children and grandchildren. Someone once said that "prison" is a school to which criminals are sent to figure out what went wrong." It's no real mystery. When parents are not good role models and fail to teach character values to their children, the results are usually predictable. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

### Flores named to Dean's Honor Roll at SPC

Joey Flores as been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at South Plains College for the Fall 2002 semester. Only students who have attained a grade point average of 3.25 or better during a semester are

awarded this achievement. Flores is studying law enforcement at South Plains College. He is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is the son of Harvey and Rena Lumbrera of Dimmitt.

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# Veneman announces sign up dates for ag assistance act benefits

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 2003 -- In the first phase of agriculture assistance implementation authorized under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced that sign-up for the expanded Livestock Compensation Program will begin April 1, 2003. The Tobacco Payment Program benefit sign-up will begin March 17, 2003. Veneman said the implementation team is working on details regarding other program benefits and said information about these other sign-up dates will be announced in the near future.

USDA has also launched a website, located at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov), that provides producers one location for details on these programs, questions and answers, allows for comments and suggestions on program implementation, as well as other information on USDA agriculture assistance.

"USDA is committed to providing

these disaster program benefits to producers as quickly as possible and today's announcement is the first step in meeting those expectations," said Veneman. "Our implementation team is examining ways to cut the red tape and expedite the process where possible and the new website provides the ability for producers to make suggestions on how we might work more efficiently in meeting that goal."

Both the LCP and the TOPP programs can begin quickly because program systems are in place and the programs are relatively easy to administer. Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

LCP sign-up will begin on April 1 and is scheduled to end early June, 2003. The Act expands LCP by including additional counties that were approved under a Secretarial disaster designation or Presidential disaster declaration for damages and losses due to any natural disaster. The Act

also includes catfish as an eligible commodity.

Previously under LCP, a county must have been named as a primary county under a Secretarial disaster designation between Jan. 1, 2001, and Sept. 19, 2002, only for drought. The Act expands LCP to make eligible any counties that were requested as primary disaster areas under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration by Feb. 20, 2003, and that were subsequently approved.

To be eligible for LCP assistance, a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo, as well as catfish. Counties named as contiguous counties are not eligible for the program. LCP payments will be based on losses per head or number of eligible livestock and catfish.

To sign up for LCP assistance, eligible producers should visit their

local FSA offices on April 1. USDA anticipates more than 700 additional counties will be made eligible for LCP under the Act. LCP was originally administered in 2,149 counties. Tobacco Payment Program (TOPP)

Sign-up for TOPP will begin March 17 and is scheduled to end May 16, 2003. The program provides an estimated \$53 million to tobacco producers. Eligible applicants are quota holders and producers of all kinds of tobacco under USDA's 2002 tobacco program. Payments are expected to be issued between mid-May and June 1, 2003. To apply for TOPP assistance, eligible persons should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices beginning March 17. Agriculture Assistance Act Provisions

The Act, signed into law on Feb. 20, 2003, authorizes total disaster aid estimated at \$3.1 billion for producers suffering from natural disasters and related conditions. USDA will announce sign-up as quickly as possible for other

assistance provided by the Act, including the crop disaster program that reimburses producers for qualifying crop losses in either 2001 or 2002 due to damaging weather or related conditions; \$250 million for the Livestock Assistance Program to reimburse producers for grazing losses; \$60 million for sugarcane producers; \$60 million for sugar beet producers; and \$50 million for the cottonseed industry. The Secretary said information about these other sign-up dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Interested parties will also want to consult the program regulations when issued. Disaster Assistance Web Site

USDA's Farm Service Agency has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing FSA disaster assistance. The Web site can be accessed at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) or at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. The new website gives farmers

and ranchers immediate access to information on programs authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003," said Jim Little, FSA Administrator. "Producers who have suffered from disaster conditions can turn to this site for timely details on these important issues."

The Web site will be updated frequently and will feature current news on programs contained in the Act, plus details on sign-up, program requirements, as well as a comments and suggestions section. The site will also have links to online program application forms, Federal Register notices, information about regulations, as well as a list of the counties eligible for certain disaster assistance. The website also provides pertinent details on existing FSA disaster programs, including emergency low-cost loans for producers in designated disaster areas, the Emergency Conservation Program and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

## Study shows United States at mid-point on water availability scale

Several years of drought in various regions of the United States cause us to stop and wonder how abundant the nation's and world's water supply really is.

There will always be the same amount of water on Earth, however, it is not distributed evenly among the countries.

According to research from the United Kingdom, the United States' water availability per capita is fair, when compared to some countries. Yet in other instances, the available water does not come close—especially when compared to Iceland.

The purpose of The Water Poverty Index: International Comparisons, a document written by

Peter Lawrence, Jeremy Meigh and Caroline Sullivan of Keele University, and Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Wallingford, United Kingdom, was to link household welfare with water availability and indicate the degree to which water scarcity impacts human populations.

The main components of the study were water resources, access to water, water capacity, water use, and environment. The researchers obtained information from 147 different countries and compared each of the components. Researchers used the Falkenmark water stress index to determine water availability.

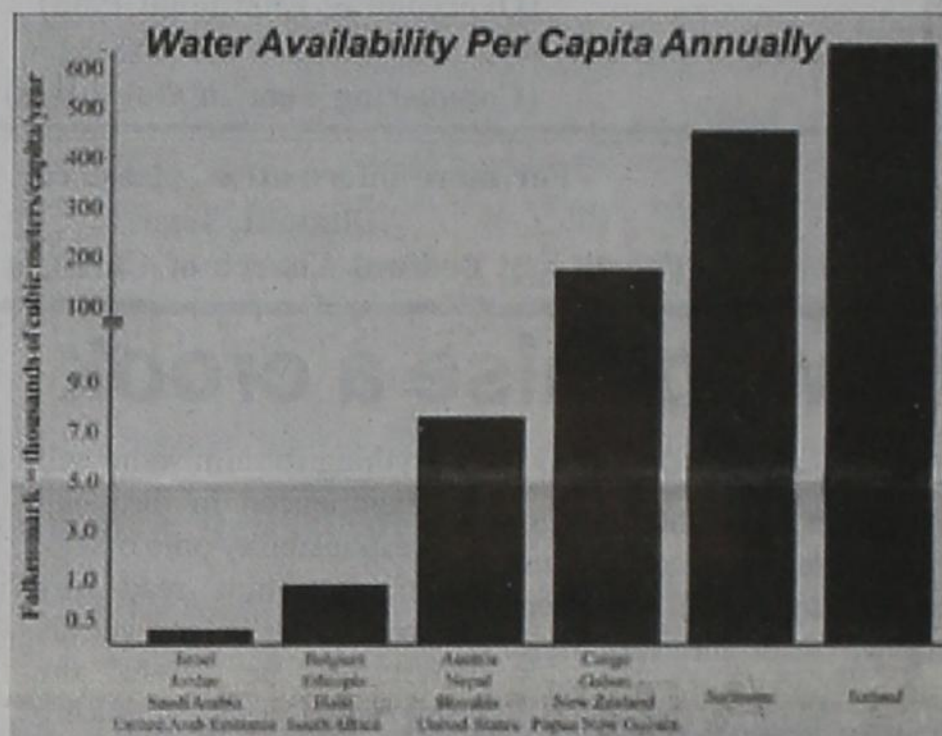
The index measures per capita water availability per

year in cubic meters. For example, the United States has 8,900 cubic meters per person available annually. Countries with per capita per year water availability below 500 cubic meters are beyond the "water barrier of manageable capability." Those with 500 to 1,000 cubic meters available per capita have scarce water, and those between 1,000 and 1,600 cubic meters have water stress.

Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates ranked the lowest on the Falkenmark index. All four countries only have 100 cubic meters of water available per capita annually.

On the other end of the spectrum, Iceland has 605,000 cubic meters of

water available per capita each year, followed by Suriname with 479,600 cubic meters of water per capita annually. Congo, Gabon, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea all have more than 100,000 cubic meters available annually. The graph above compares a few countries' water availability per capita per year. This study published extensive results from each of the research components. Go to [www.nerc-wallingford.ac.uk/research/WPI/](http://www.nerc-wallingford.ac.uk/research/WPI/) for more information.



## Drip irrigation made easy by knowing properties

Drip irrigation has made it easy for agricultural producers on the High Plains to apply water more efficiently. The technology does not allow evaporation, wind drift or tailwater waste. But, unless a drip system is taken care of properly, it can create major problems, plus cost time and money.

According to Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE), a drip system maintenance program includes cleaning filters, flushing the lines, adding chlorine, and injecting acids. These steps will help keep the emitters from plugging with suspended solids, magnesium and calcium precipitation, manganese-iron oxides and sulfides, algae, bacteria, and plant roots. Many of these precipitates form when fertilizer and other chemicals are added to the water. Even so, major repairs can often be avoided if the system is cared for properly.

The first step in caring for the drip irrigation

system is to know what chemical properties are in the water. Test the water coming out of every well, as water quality can vary, even within a quarter-section of land. Emitters have a severe potential of being plugged when pH levels are above 8.0, iron above 1.5 parts per million, and sulfides above two parts per million. Bicarbonates above 100 parts per million carry moderate potential of plugging.

The TCE publication, Maintaining Subsurface Drip Irrigation Systems said filters are the most important aspect to a drip system's success. A common practice is to install a combination of filters to remove suspended solids in the water.

However, very fine particles can still pass through filters and clog emitters. Flushing the lines can help prevent emitters from plugging.

A low concentration of chlorine kills bacteria and oxidizes iron. Iron and manganese concentrations above certain levels can

promote bacterial growth, which will clog the emitters. Iron bacteria will have a reddish color, while manganese growth will look black. Research is ongoing to address the manganese bacteria problem.

Acids will treat plugging caused by lime and magnesium precipitation. Sulfuric, phosphoric, urea-sulfuric or citric acids may be used. TCE recommends injecting the acid after the filter so that it does not corrode it.

Plant roots are another common problem. They can penetrate the drip tape, and at that point, the tape will have to be replaced. Chemicals are available to help control root intrusion.

Remember, every drip system is different, as are the properties of the water.

For more information, see TCE's publication, "Maintaining Subsurface Drip Irrigation Systems" online at <http://tcebookstore.org/index.cfm>

## 2002 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program sign-up nearing end

Sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and the USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers that intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting close.

The deadline for owners or their appointed representative to make initial base and yield option selections for the DCP program is April 1. The

deadline for program participants to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 DCP program is June 2, 2003.

Both the initial base and yield option selection and the decisions to participate in the 2002 and 2003 DCP program can be completed at the same time.

2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter-cyclical

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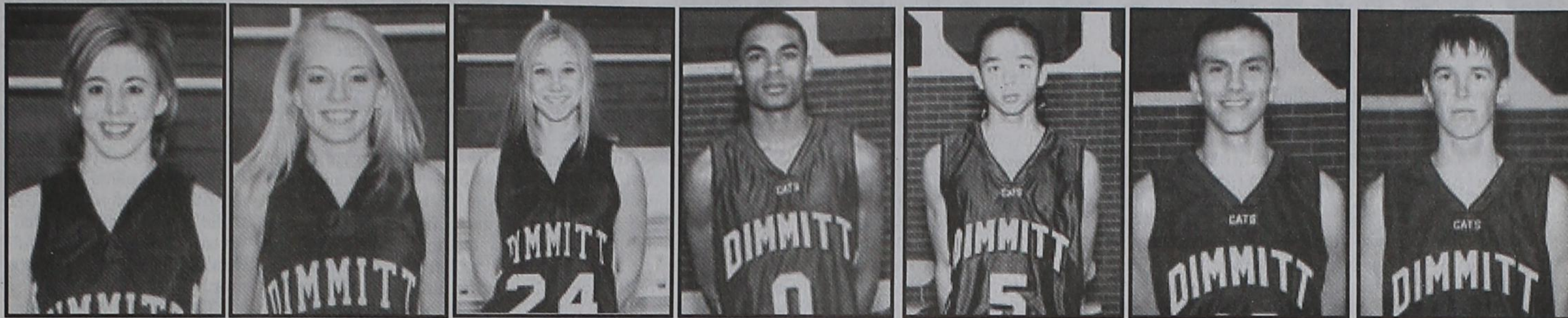
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# Bobcats and Bobbies recognized for All-District honors



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## Dimmitt ISD Calendar

- Thursday, March 6**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - High School Student Council Meeting-12:00 noon
  - 7th & 8th grade Track Meet @ Friona
  - Baseball: JV @ Muleshoe Tournament
- Friday, March 7**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - 4th Grade Program with Verna Saddler
  - Baseball: JV @ Muleshoe Tournament
- Saturday, March 8**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - Baseball: JV @ Muleshoe Tournament, Varsity @ Hale Center-1:00
- Monday, March 10**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - RES Book Fair
  - Baseball: JV @ Fritch-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - RES Book Fair
  - Golf-Girls @ Olton
- Wednesday, March 12**
- Houston Livestock Show
  - 4th-6th Grade Spelling Bee in Nazareth
  - DMS-Student Casual Pictures
  - RES Book Fair
  - High School Art Club Meeting-12:00

### Richardson Elementary:

KCAT-TV is broadcast each morning at 8:25  
An extended day program is being offered from 4:00-5:00, Mondays-Thursdays for students at-risk of failing

### Dimmitt Middle School:

Same as above

### Dimmitt High School:

Hot Topics-TV is broadcast each morning at 8:10

## All-District honors chosen

The District 2-3A coaches announced their basketball All-District selections this week.

Dimmitt Bobbies, Jill Merritt, Jenna Steinle and Ashley Irons were named to the first team and honorable mention went to Caitlin Buckley.

Four Dimmitt Bobcat team members were named to the team. The coaches chose Nicky Gauna as Co-MVP, alongside Darby Brown of Lubbock Cooper. Eric Ward was named Newcomer of the Year. Patrick Hunter and Kenneth Worsham were also named to the team.

## "Dream Team" recognized

The 1993 Dimmitt Bobbies "Dream Team" basketball team was recognized at the Girl's State Basketball tournament in Austin, Saturday, March 1st on their 10th anniversary.

Team members, spouses, family and friends gathered at Pappisitos in Austin on Friday evening. Team members present were Wendi Ethridge, Floresville; Katrina (Acker) Armes, Lubbock; Halley (Bradley) Steinhilber, Arlington; Kim Thomas, Lorenzo; Rose (Cruz) Akins, Borger; Tara Grand, Dimmitt; Amy McEwen, Amarillo; Nadine (Schulte) Latham, Beaumont; and Tiffany Wilcox, Dalhart. Coaches in attendance were Richard Wood, Lorenzo; Bobby Feaster, Ralls; and Neila Malcolm, Tulia.

Others in attendance were Kathy and Johnny Ethridge; Cierra and Brennan Armes, Jennifer Acker, Grant Feaster, Lori Schulte, Sally Stahl, Kim Sanders, Shawn Akins, Bryant, Hunter and Briley Steinhilber, Debbie Wood, Randa Wood Hooten, Vada and Rick Wilcox, Ryan and Whitney Wilcox, Francis

Hamby, Matthew Bryan, Kara, Hailey and Braden Bock, T.J. McEwen, Joyce Bills, Cheryl Ross, Galin Latham, Coach Malcolm's daughter, Jackie and granddaughter, Kenli, Francis and Bea Acker, A'llan and Ray Bradley, Nancy Greer, Linda and Gary Grand, Joyce and Roy Thomas, Darlene Walters, Dudley Wooten and Beth and Gerald Harder.

Saturday morning, Dolores (Dimas) Zertuche joined the team at court-side. She and her husband had their six week old baby boy with them. Dolores and her family live in Abilene.

## Immunization clinic set

An immunization clinic will be held March 10, 2003 in Nazareth at the school from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Immunizations are important in protecting children against early childhood diseases.

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# Swifts romp to State

If you noticed a glow in the southern sky this past weekend, it was the Nazareth Swifts lighting up Silverton and Valera-Panther Creek at the regional tournament in Levelland.

## Nazareth 58 Silverton 36

Naz drew the Silverton Owls in the opening game of the two game tournament. The Owls managed to stay close in the first quarter and even at halftime. At the end of the first period, the Swifts were out in front 18-12 and at half they held a 26-21 lead.

Eric Schilling was his dominating self in the first quarter, scoring seven of his 19 points. Adam Acker sank a three, Trey Robb added four and Jordy Rowland threw in another four.

The second quarter saw the Swifts cool off, scoring

only eight points. The Swifts shot 39% from the field in the first half and hit only two of 9 attempts from beyond the arc. They hit two of three free throws. Silverton shot 31% from the field in the first half.

As the teams left the floor at the end of the half, Swift coach Mike Scarbrough appeared to have something on his mind. Evidently he shared it with his team because they came out and buried the Owls in the third quarter. The Swifts went on a 16-2 third quarter run that put the game out of reach early as Naz lead 45-25 after three.

The Owls were only able to muster four points in the third period.

The Swifts coasted through the fourth quarter, winning it 13-11 and the game 58-36.

Eric Schilling owned the third quarter, scoring eight,

followed closely by Jordy Rowland with seven points. Both of these Swifts outscored the entire Silverton team in the third quarter. Adam Acker threw in an additional four points to round out the Swifts third quarter scoring.

In the fourth quarter, Rowland sank two threes, Trey Robb added a three and Schilling threw in another four points.

An indicator of the Swifts dominance in the second half is the paltry 21% field goal percentage shot by the Owls and the almost unbelievable 0 for 13 three point attempts. It is hard to shoot with a hand in your face on every shot.

Top scorer for the Swifts was Jordy Rowland with 20. Schilling had 19, Robb turned in 12 and Acker tossed in seven.

The Swifts finished the game with a 45% field goal

percentage while Silverton could manage only 26% for the game. The Owls recorded a 9% success rate from beyond the arc while Naz turned in a three point percentage of 38%.

Naz hit eight of 9 free throw attempts and Silverton hit on eight of 11.

Trey Robb lead in assists with five, followed by Tyson Schulte with three.

Leading rebounder was Schilling with nine, followed by Adam Acker with seven and Rowland with six. Schilling also had three steals. Rowland and Robb had two steals each. Chase Schulte and Acker had one steal each.

Silverton out rebounded Nazareth, 35-31.

Valera-Panther Creek defeated Blackwell 47-45 in the late game Friday night to set up the Nazareth vs Valera-Panther Creek game.

Panther Creek meet Eric Schilling and company.

Panther Creek started the game with a 5-0 run that led to a lot of false optimism on the far side of the gym. Naz came back with a vengeance led my Schilling with 11 of his game high 34 points in the first quarter.

Panther Creek collapsed on Schilling on the inside with double and sometimes triple teams. This caused Schilling to drift outside and start hitting from long distance.

After the 5-0 run by Panther-Creek to start the game, the Swifts went on a 16-2 run.

The first quarter ended at 13-7, Swifts. Jordy Rowland added two points to round out the scoring for the Swifts.

Naz did not cool off much in the second quarter, with Schilling adding another seven, Rowland two, Tyson Schulte with a three, Trey Robb adding two and Adam Acker hitting two free throws. Naz outscored Panther-Creek 14-6 in the second quarter to go into the half out in front 27-13.

Panther-Creek tried to get back in the game in the third period, but a 6-0 run by Naz with 4:00 left squashed the

attempt. Naz finished the quarter in front by a score of 42-30. Schilling added another six, Trey Robb scored five and Evan Huseman scored two more.

Schilling came to life in the final period scoring 10, while Tyson Schulte added seven. Robb, Acker and Rowland each added two more.

The Swifts were again red-hot from the field, hitting 51% to Panther-Creek's 31%. Panther-Creek hit 21% of their threes and Naz hit on 27% of their's.

Tyson Schulte recorded five assists and two steals and Chase Schulte added three assists.

Schilling turned in 14 rebounds and Robb and snagged six. Rowland and Tyson Schulte grabbed four rebounds each.

Schilling was the game's high scorer with 34 points. Robb had eleven, Tyson Schulte had 10 and Rowland and Acker each scored four.

Naz won the rebounding war 40-30.

Nazareth plays Oakwood at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6 in the Drum.

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# What's the law?

**Q.** I hired a band to play two sets. They requested to be paid in cash because of previous problems with checks. After the first set, the band left. I asked for half of my money back because they didn't keep the agreement but they refused. I don't have a contract. Can I still go to small claims court?

**A.** First, you do have a contract. You seem to think the only enforceable "contract" is a formal agreement on a piece of paper. In fact, any agreement, oral or written, may be a contract. As far as the law is concerned, your oral agreement that you would pay the band and they would

play two sets is a contract. If they breached that contract by leaving early, you are entitled to damages. In my opinion, the return of half of your money sounds like a fair measure of damages.

I suggest you send them a certified letter asking for your money back. If they do not respond, consider small claims court.

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**Q.** I just noticed that my will is not notarized. Is it still valid?

**A.** In Texas, a will does not have to be notarized to be valid. A will that is notarized, however, will be easier and less costly to probate. The form that the notary signs is called a "self-proving affidavit."

I suggest you consider having a new will prepared with a self-proving affidavit. It should not be too expensive to prepare a simple will, and it will save your loved ones a lot of time and money in the future.

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## What is legal fatherhood?

Under Texas law, a child born to parents who are not married has no legal father. There is a difference between a biological father and a legal father. You and the father can complete an Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) to establish legal fatherhood and guarantee the rights of the child. A representative of the Office of the Attorney General can explain the process and your rights and responsibilities. If you are on public assistance or Medicaid, your case will be automatically referred to our office by the Texas Department of Human Resources.

### Child Support

Your baby needs and deserves emotional and financial support from both parents. You may think you can get by on your own and live without any help from your baby's father, but you might change your mind in the future.

Parents can establish paternity by signing an AOP which establishes a legal finding of paternity. The AOP can be signed at the hospital when the baby is born or later at the local birth registrar or child support office.

### Benefits

Your baby might be entitled to Social Security or veteran's benefits, including health care or money through these programs. Establishing the paternity ensures that your child will be eligible for these benefits.

### Healthcare Coverage

Your baby's father could be required to provide health insurance for your child. He also can be held responsible for

helping you pay medical bills for the baby's delivery and other health care costs. **Inheritance** If paternity has been established, your child has a legal father and the possible right of inheritance from both parents. **Family Medical History** Knowing the family's full history of diseases, illnesses and birth defects will help your child's doctor diagnose, treat and prevent illness for your child. It is important for the doctor to know the father's identity and his family medical history. **Peace of Mind** It's tough growing up today. Your baby will have an easier time just by knowing the identity of his or her father.

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### If the father is present at the hospital after the baby is born...

After the baby is born, you and the father can sign an AOP at the hospital. This document will make him the legal father. As the legal father, he will be responsible for paying child support and be given the right to visit his child through a court order.

### If the father is not at the hospital when the baby is born...

The AOP can still be signed. If the father does not acknowledge that the child is his, our office can help you prove the identity of the father. The Office of the Attorney General will need your help with key information such as the father's last known address, his appearance, employer, Social Security number and birth date. This information

will help us find the father. Once we find him, we'll need to prove that he is your baby's father. It will also help if you can provide letters in which he claims he is your baby's father, pictures of him with your baby, diaries, calendars, Mother's Day or birthday cards or proof of any money he has given you or your baby. If you have these items, please bring them to our office.

### For More Information

For more information about child support services, please call the Child Support Division of the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8014, or call the Paternity Opportunity Program at (512) 460-6317.

## What's the law?

**Q.** My father recently passed away. He didn't own very much but he did have a car. How do I transfer title to my name? Do I have to hire an attorney and go through probate?

**A.** You should be able to do this yourself. Changing the title to an automobile after death should not be a complicated process. First, check the title to see if there is a co-owner with a right of survivorship. If there is, the survivor automatically owns the car.

If there was not a co-owner, you can use what is called an affidavit of heirship to a motor vehicle. This form allows you to transfer title to the person who is the deceased heir. For a free copy of an affidavit of heirship, check out the "Death and Dying" section on my web site.

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6:30 PM	Borger	VS	Trinity Christian
9:00 PM	Plainview	VS	River Road

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## IRS lists 'dirty dozen' tax schemes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is urging taxpayers not to be taken in this tax season by a "dirty dozen" of common scams.

"With the tax season in full swing, we're seeing the traditional upswing in tax trickery," IRS Acting Commissioner Bob Wenzel said. "Year after year, con artists across the nation try pulling a fast one on honest taxpayers with different types of miracle tax solutions. Don't be fooled by the 'dirty dozen' and other misleading scams. There is no secret way to get out of paying taxes."

Anyone suspecting tax fraud may call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS this week is announcing the 12 most common schemes:

- Offshore transactions. Some people use offshore transactions to avoid paying U.S. income tax. Use of an offshore credit card, trust or other arrangement to hide or underreport income or to claim false deductions on a federal tax return is illegal. Through April 15, the IRS is offering limited amnesty to people involved in such arrangements.
- People interested in participating in the program, called the Offshore Voluntary Compliance Initiative, may contact the IRS by calling 215-516-3537.
- Identity theft. In one scam, tax preparers allegedly used information, such as Social Security numbers and financial information, from their clients' tax returns to commit identity theft. In another, scammers sent bank customers fictitious correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing personal information.
- Phony tax payment checks. Con artists sell phony checks to pay a tax liability, mortgage or other debts. The false checks, called sight drafts, are worthless and have no financial value. Their use is illegal.
- Slavery reparations. Thousands of black Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to slavery reparations. There is no provision in the tax law for slavery reparations. Taxpayers could face a \$500 penalty for filing such claims if they are not withdrawn.
- Taxes not withheld from wages. Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax law and have been refuted in court.
- Improper home-based businesses. Promoters claim that taxpayers can deduct most, or all, of their personal expenses as business expenses by setting up a bogus home-based business. But the tax code firmly establishes that a clear business purpose and profit motive must exist to claim allowable business expenses.
- Pay the tax and get a prize. The caller says you've won a prize, and all you have to do to get it is to pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. If a legitimate prize is received, the winner may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS, not the caller.
- Frustrating arguments. Beware of promotions that claim all taxes can be avoided or that urge you to "untax yourself for \$49.95." Such schemes now are on the Internet and are false.
- Social Security tax scheme. A scam offers refunds of all Social Security taxes paid over a lifetime — which isn't legal. The scam works by getting the victim to pay a "paperwork fee" of \$100, plus a percentage of any refund received.
- Promises of a big refund for a fee. Victims are asked to lend their Social Security numbers or a W-2 form with promises that they will get a portion of an unusually large return.
- Share or borrow dependents. Tax preparers share a client's qualifying children with another client to allow both to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, one client may have four children but only needs to list two to get the maximum credit. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and the other two on another client's tax return. The preparer and the client "selling" the dependents split a fee. The IRS prosecutes the preparers of such fraudulent claims, and participating taxpayers could be subject to civil penalties.
- IRS impersonators making house calls to collect taxes. IRS special agents, field auditors and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally contact someone before a visit. If an impostor is suspected, lock the door and call police. To report IRS impostors, call the Treasury inspector general's hot line at 1-800-366-4484.

## Woman jailed for feeding deer

YREKA, Calif. (AP) — A woman is in jail for feeding black-tailed deer in her backyard.

Thana Minion, also known as "The Deer Lady of Copco Lake," was sentenced to 30 days for feeding a large herd of deer a mix of oats, barley and other grains.

Minion, 52, violated her probation from a 1997 conviction of driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest during an altercation with Fish and Game officers, who wanted her to stop feeding deer.

As part of her probation, she must obey all laws and stop feeding the deer, but she has apparently refused. "I'll go to jail as many times as I have to," Minion said. "It's not going to stop me."

Siskiyou County District Attorney Pete Knoll said he doesn't want to see Minion behind bars and he's no fan of the deer-feeding ban. But he said her flouting of the law gives authorities no choice.

The state Legislature in 1996 enacted the law specifically for cases in which feeding causes perceived harm to the animals by attracting disease, predators or hunters or by over-taming them to a point where they rely on the illegal feed.

Minion, who served 45 days in jail for a similar violation in 2000, said as an American Indian she has the right to feed deer as part of her connection to nature.

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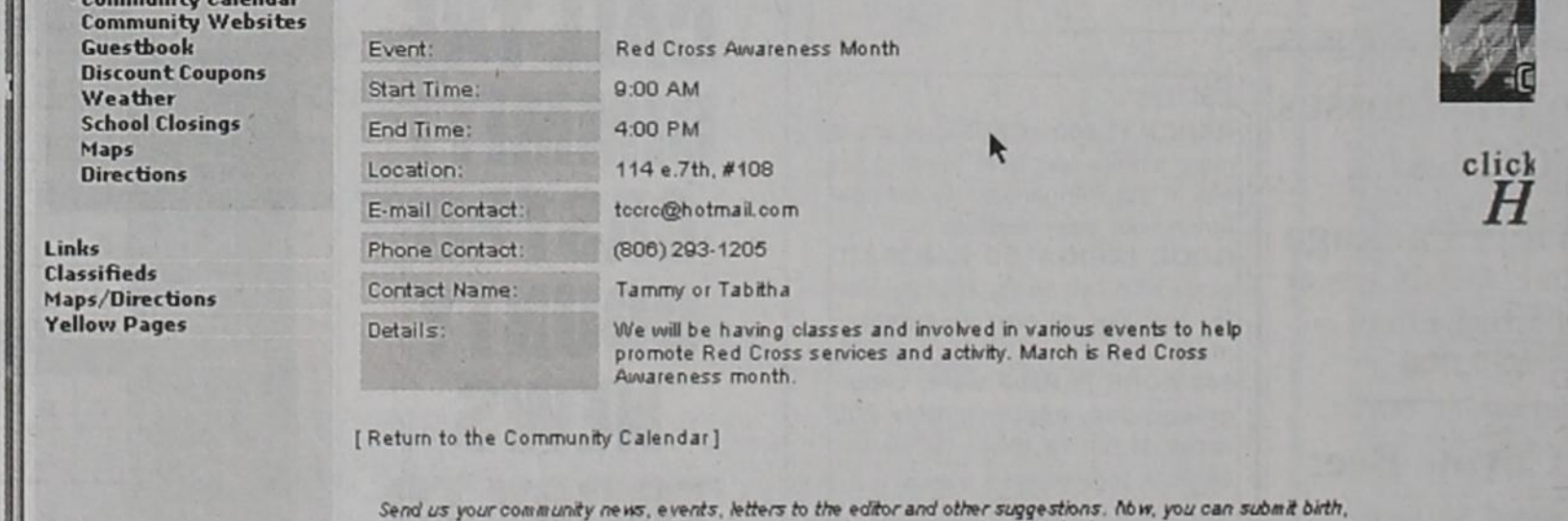
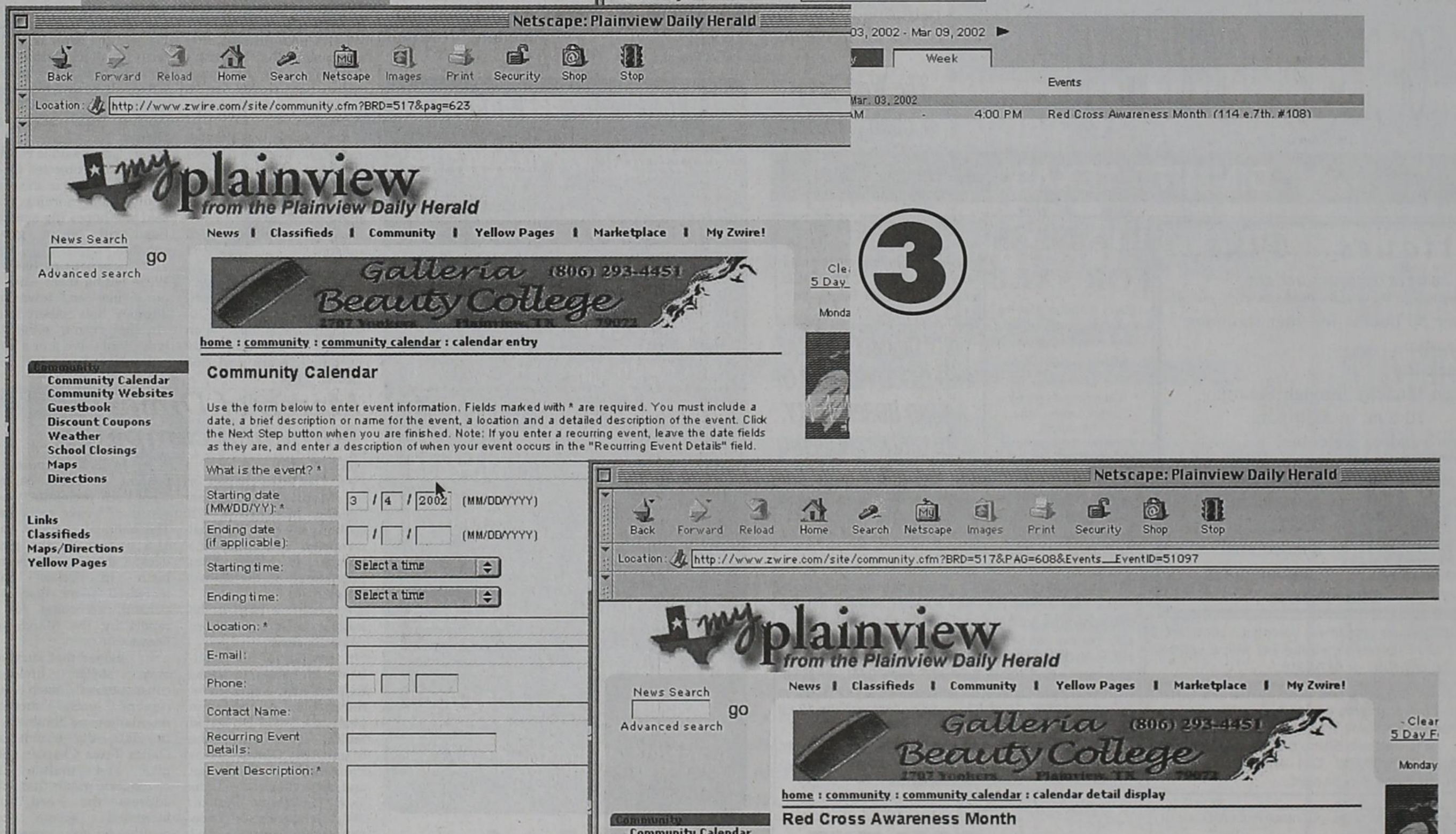
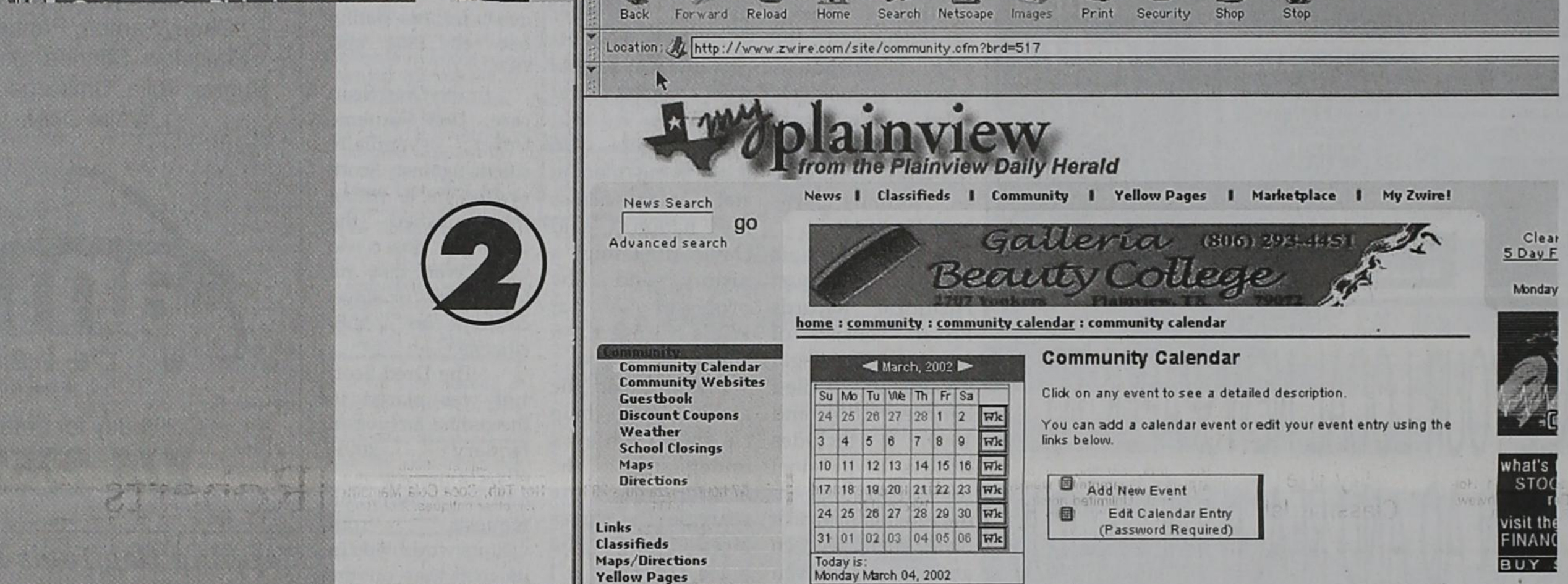
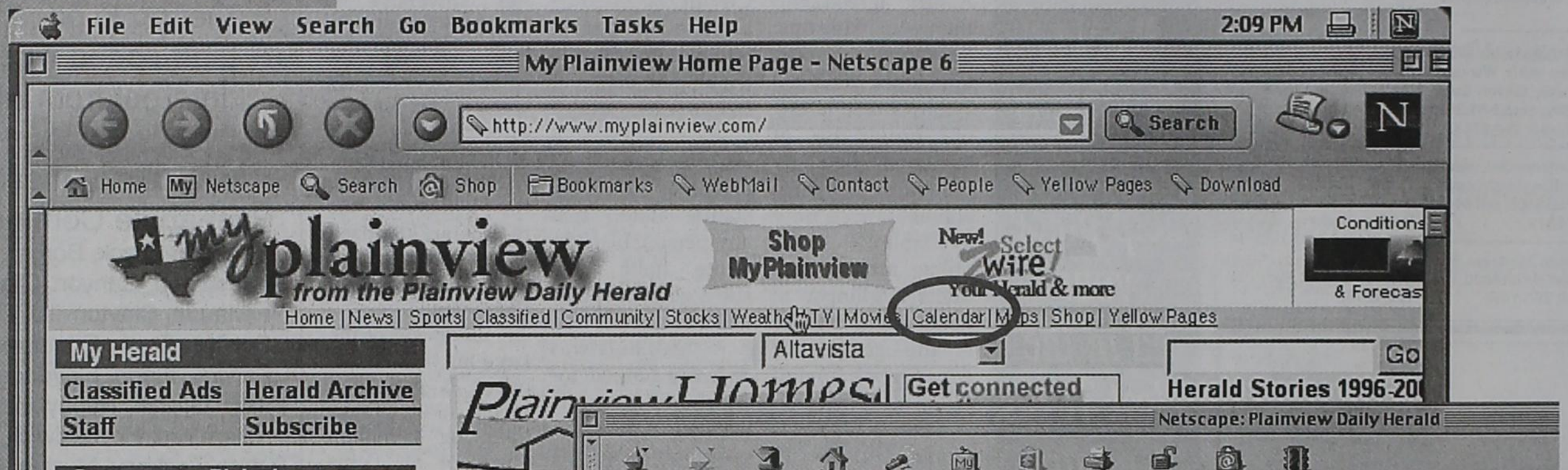




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