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County employees to get pay hike

Castro County Commissioners on Monday approved a budget for fiscal year 2007 which gives county employees a \$150 across-the-board raise - welcome news since it's been several years since they've gotten raises.

"Initially we approved a \$100 raise, but because we went with an insurance plan that costs less than in previous years, we added the \$50," said County Judge Bill Sava. This year the quote for employee insurance was more than \$8,000 per employee - it was

well over \$7,000 last year. Instead the commissioners approved a plan that costs \$6,951 per employee, which includes changes in the deductible and co-pay.

"We have worked hard on this budget," Sava said. "I'm truly proud of the commissioners. They made some hard decisions and made them in the best interest of Castro County.

"We talked about needing to keep our salaries competitive with the counties that surround us. We hope that realizing that they're

drawing a fair compensation and being competitive with other counties will help us hold on to the employees we have and be an encouragement to them to want to stay in the county."

In addition, this year's budget of 3,553,392 includes provisions for two new cars for the Sheriff's Department.

The budget calls for a rate of .6990 cents per \$100 valuation, up slightly from last year's rate of .68. Last year's budget was \$3,592,418.

"The adopted rate was based on

the effective tax rate, which allows a county to collect an equal amount in taxes, based on the previous year's evaluations," Sava said.

And although the shutdown of Cargill in 2005 has hurt every taxing agency, Sava said that looking ahead helped the court.

"When Cargill announced the shutdown, commissioners got together and trimmed most of the fat from the budgets for 2005 and 2006," Sava said. "We began curtailing our spending in a greater

amount than the loss we anticipated from the Cargill shutdown. It seems to have worked well for the county."

In other business, the county approved requests from the Sheriff's Department for increases in the constable and sheriff's fees that will be charged for civil services they perform - mainly citations, detainers, postings.

Also the court approved two new fees to be effective Jan. 1. A callout

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Students prepare for Homecoming



Dimmitt students have been preparing all week for Homecoming. At left, students work on building a bonfire for Wednesday night. The bonfire and pep rally start at 8:30 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. The Flame King and Queen will be named then.

On Thursday, it's Purple and White Day at Dimmitt High School.

On Friday, the Homecoming Pep Rally is at 3 p.m. in the High School gym. The Homecoming Queen will be announced at that time, rather than in pre-game activities on Friday.

Also, the cheerleaders are asking all ex-students to come to the pep rally, especially those who graduated in one of the classes that ends in "6".

The Bobcats will play Highland Park on Friday night with a start time of 7:30 p.m. At the half, the Homecoming Queen and her court will be introduced to the crowd.

Photo by
Connie Gilbreath

Dimmitt's Quiroz graduates from DPS Academy

AUSTIN - Narciso G. Quiroz of Dimmitt has graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 131st Training Academy.

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas and one of the longest in the nation. The cadets entered the Academy in January and completed 1,214 hours of instruction - more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.



Narciso Quiroz

Trooper Quiroz will be assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol in Muleshoe.

Panhandle Community Services receives grant

USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, has announced that Panhandle Community Services has been awarded a \$188,674 Housing Preservation Grant. USDA Rural Development Housing Programs are designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the growth and development of communities, the agency works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

These funds will be used to assist 30 very-low and low-income families who own and occupy homes that need repairs in 26 Panhandle counties. The repairs will correct health and safety hazards and improve living conditions of the homes of eligible applicants. The purpose of the HPG Program is to promote continued economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very-low income housing.

CCHD gets new, advanced CT scanner

Plains Memorial Hospital has added a state-of-the-art multi-slice Computed Tomography (CT) scanner to its facility.

"We're really proud of it," said Deana Beames, Radiology Director. "We can use the extensive image information we get from it to generate very detailed 3D images which can be used for diagnosis and also

shared very quickly with referring physicians and surgeons, where needed, for pre-surgical planning and for treatment evaluation and follow up."

The new Brilliance CT scanner features advanced technology that produces split-second high quality images, permitting doctors to see more anatomical detail in a fraction of the

time needed for other tests.

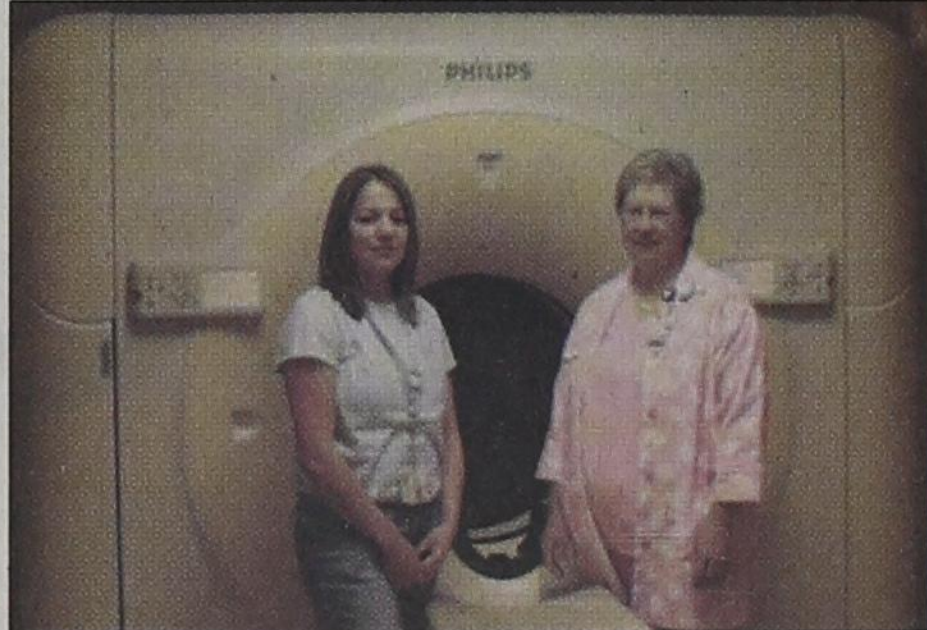
The speed and sub-millimeter detail of the new CT scanner will also contribute to more rapid assessment and decision making in trauma cases, where doctors may have to make life and death decisions within minutes.

Patients needing a CT scan will find that the new scanner offers a much more

pleasant experience. With much faster scan times, patients will usually be asked to carry out one brief breath hold during each scan.

"Older patients and those with breathing difficulties or some other distress will really appreciate the shorter exams," Beames said. "We'll have them in and out

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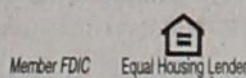
CCHD staff technologist Carlota Castillo and head of radiology Deana Beames stand beside the new CT scanner. Staff tech Michelle Miller, not pictured, also works with the new machine.

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Immunization Clinic is Oct. 5

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Forum

Public school must do better job of preparing students for college

BY DIGGER ELAM

A friend of mine told me the other day that he thought public schools had not prepared his kids for college. He told me both kids had to take remedial courses in English and math.

As I thought about this statement, I began to think what could public schools do to help students be better prepared for college? I came up with a few things for schools to consider:

- * Move the school district out of K-12 to K-16.
- * Investigate and teach knowledge and skills needed for college
- * Align curriculums closer to college courses
- * Engage parents and community members to help with college readiness
- * Have more than one college night or students and parents
- * Have Universities to come to your school to do recruiting
- * Make sure to involve students in the freshman year to plan for college

These are some ideas that might help schools with college readiness. Public Schools must do a better job like private schools in preparing students for college. That is one area that private schools are head and shoulders above public schools. Private schools prepare their students for college.

A distinguished professor from Baylor University told an audience of freshman parents that the number one cause of failing college was not attending class. Also, poor study habits caused students to fail; therefore, a student can increase this or her chances to graduate by simply attending class 90 per cent of the time.

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- 1 TX Big Bopper's "Chantilly ____"
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 - 6 once a Harlingen FM station
 - 7 honorary TX Ranger: ____ Stanley Gardner
 - 8 Dallas Cowboys label (2 wds.)
 - 17 TXism: "ram ____" (boss)
 - 18 newspaper: Wichita Falls Times
 - 21 he carried TX in '72 presidential election (Init.)
 - 22 computer type style
 - 23 "you can't take TX out of ____"
 - 24 TX 7-11 was bought by Japan's Ito ____ Co. in '91
 - 29 TXism: "green as ____ money"
 - 30 "One ____ one Ranger"
 - 31 TXism: "right from the get-__"
 - 32 newspaper: Big Sandy ____ Journal
 - 34 TX media giant: A.H. ____ Corp.
 - 35 TXism: "no flies on ____" (attractive)
 - 36 TXism: "cute ____-faced calf"
 - 37 "woe is me"
 - 38 TXism: "steppin' like a ____ foot boy in a cactus patch"
 - 39 Fort Worth Zoo's "buggy" exhibit

- 41 TX network news-woman Catherine
- 42 SMU Heismann winner Walker
- 43 TXism: "the brand is still smoking" (____ meat)
- 44 Callahan Co. seat
- 45 Cotton Bowl "Irish" team in '93 (abbr.)
- 46 this Dallasite Brown won Heismann at 45-across
- 47 pre-game ____ toss
- 48 Dallas Stars penalty
- 50 father of TX captive Cynthia Ann Parker
- 51 TXism: "in the ____ of luxury"
- 52 Dec. 24 or 31
- 53 ____ Rio, TX

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- 11 "____ your age"
- 12 TXism: "____ tight he squeaks when he walks"
- 13 horse paths
- 14 former Cowboy ____ "____ Tall" Jones
- 15 TX Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
- 16 TX Trevino: "Merry ____"
- 19 what the TXn did at Lone Star Park
- 20 log sawer?
- 22 Houston Museum of ____
- 24 TXism: "dance with who brung ____"
- 25 TXism: "sticks like tar ____ road"
- 26 once an Alice AM
- 27 TXism: "lend ____"
- 28 Lamesa is seat of this county
- 29 glove for Ranger Barajas
- 30 paper quantity
- 33 TXism: "he'll ____ you into a funeral home" (mean horse)
- 34 TX state flower: ____ bonnet
- 35 TXism: "____ trigger temper"
- 37 sent by express
- 38 TXism: "____ home the bacon"
- 40 train tracks
- 41 TXism: "raise a little ____"
- 44 ____ d'arc tree
- 47 wedding ____
- 49 TXism: "____ labor" (little pay)

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	78	46		
Wednesday	84	50	.04	
Thursday	78	50		
Friday	84	49		
Saturday	70	47		
Sunday	68	40		
Monday	75	40		

September Rainfall

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Como estan amigos? How are you friends? I can't believe that no one has anything to share with me for the Hispanic Voice. I open up my email everyday hoping to find something and day after day I find nothing. Now, I know it's Homecoming week and it's always a busy week at school, so I expect to hear about it afterwards.

Well, things with little Jozavy are going great. He hit 5 pounds yesterday!!! That's a huge accomplishment for him. He's growing so fast it's a little scary. The only thing he has to work on is his bottle feeding. He tends to get lazy when Mommy holds him and doesn't seem too interested in his bottle. I don't remember if I mentioned it before, but he has to be able to drink 8 bottles a day and right now he is only up to one. He'll get there. We just ask that everyone continue to keep him and all the other babies in your prayers. A huge thank you to everyone who continues to send us gifts for our little guy, we really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Raul Jackson who will be celebrating his big day on Oct 2. Hope you have a wonderful day.

The big DHS Class of '96 Reunion is scheduled for this weekend and people are starting to get excited about it. If I get a chance to attend, I'll make sure to fill everyone in on who attended and what went on.

Hello to our sweet neighbor Santos Perez. We had a chance to visit with her for a few minutes the other day. It was so nice to see her. We also had a chance to visit with her grandson Shawn Escamilla, who is really excited about an upcoming birthday.

Like I said before, I'm not getting much info for the Hispanic Voice. I really hope that changes soon. As always info can be sent to angie79027@hotmail.com or 346-3882. Don't leave me hangin'.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Monty and Kristin Moore of Nazareth on the birth of a daughter, Emerson Marie, on Sept. 5, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. She has one big brother, Aidan.

Grandparents are Don and Paralyn Moore of Canyon and Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth.

Great-grandparents are J.R. and Catherine Hochstein of Nazareth.

Jim and Sandee Hoelting drove to Hinton, Okla., on Friday evening and spent the night with Billy Seurer, a nephew of the late Kate Hankins.

In the morning, Billy drove with the Hoeltings to Wichita, Kan., to visit Wayne and Jean Mason. Wayne is a Hospice cancer patient and good friend.

Tony and Jill Legrow and their month-old son, John, of Lindale, visited with Jill's parents, J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier, in Nazareth this weekend.

It's the first chance for relatives and friends to see the new baby.

The annual Gerber tournament was recently enjoyed.

On Thursday, they golfed in Keller and spent the night at the home of Gene and Susie Gerber.

On Friday they all drove to Little Elm, where they golfed Friday and Saturday and enjoyed two nights at the home of Bryan Charanza.

Those golfing were Gene, Harold, Kevin and Dan Gerber, Jerry Rose, Cory Hoelting, Bryan Charanza, Darrin Hieman and Marvin Schmucker.

Please pray for our Nazareth Seminarian, Nicholas Gerber, and for all of our sick people and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

Dickie Hoelting is doing fine; Mary Braddock is out of the Lubbock Heart Hospital and is staying in Lubbock a couple of weeks with her daughter, Chris Altman. Her address is: 6810 91st St., Lubbock, TX. 79424. Dianne Wilhelm is a surgery patient in a Dallas hospital and needs our prayers.

What's the Law?

There are ways to stop a debt collector

Q. I owe a company money from about ten years ago. I have not heard anything for about five years, but now a debt collector is calling me day and night. He also is calling my sister. I tell him I don't have the money and can't afford to pay, but he will not stop harassing me. What can I do?

A. First, if the debt is that old, there may not be any legal action the debt collector can take. After four years, most debts are barred by what is called the "statute of limitations." This means if a lawsuit is filed, you could have it dismissed.

There is no law, however, that prevents a debt collector from asking you to pay a debt, even if legal collection of the debt is barred. You can stop the debt collector from continuing to harass you in several ways.

First, under federal law, if you send the debt collector written notice demanding he stop all further communication with you, he must stop. He still has the right to sue, but in your case, that alternative is barred by the statute of limitations.

Another way to stop a debt collector is to make it clear that you do not intend to pay, and that his calls are just a waste of time. For example, if you get very upset every time a debt collector calls, the debt collector begins to think that you will pay, to avoid being harassed. Your conduct almost encourages more bad conduct by the debt collector. On the other hand, if you are polite and calm, and slowly and carefully explain that you recognize that you owe the debt, but cannot afford to pay and believe that it is barred by limitations, the debt collector will soon realize calling is waste of time. Debt collectors make money by collecting money. A debt collector cannot afford to spend a lot of time on the phone with someone they know is no going to pay.

Finally, I should point out that under the law, a debt collector never has the right to harass, threaten, or otherwise abuse you. If that happens, let the debt collector know you know your legal rights and you expect he will stop. If he does not, consider speaking with an attorney or a filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Q. The other day, a friend came to see me at work. After he left, my employer asked how I knew him. I

said he was an old friend. The next day I was fired. My employer told me he had "problems" in the past with my friend, and did not want me working in the store. Is this legal?

A. As far as the law is concerned, your employer doesn't even need a reason to fire you. Unless you have an employment contract for a set period of time, Texas law treats you as an employee at will. This basically means you may be fired, or quit, at any time, for any or no reason.

Q. If a guardian is appointed for an incapacitated person, what is the authority of a second person holding a durable power of attorney. Is the power of attorney automatically revoked? If not, can the new guardian revoke the power of attorney?

A. The appointment of a guardian automatically terminates any grant of authority given under a power of attorney.

Q. We are being sued. We just want to be prepared for the worst. If we lose and the person suing gets a judgment against us, what assets can he take? After appropriate papers are filed can the sheriff come in and load up everything? Can he take things like our furniture, clothing, or car?

A. If you are sued and lose, the creditor may obtain what is called a "writ of execution," which allows the constable to take only "non-exempt" property to satisfy the judgment. In Texas, a person's home and wages are "exempt." Personal property, such as home furnishing, wearing apparel, and your car are all "exempt" if their combined value is under \$30,000 for an individual, or \$60,000 for a family. This means the creditor may take your furniture, clothing or car only if the value exceeds the statutory limits.

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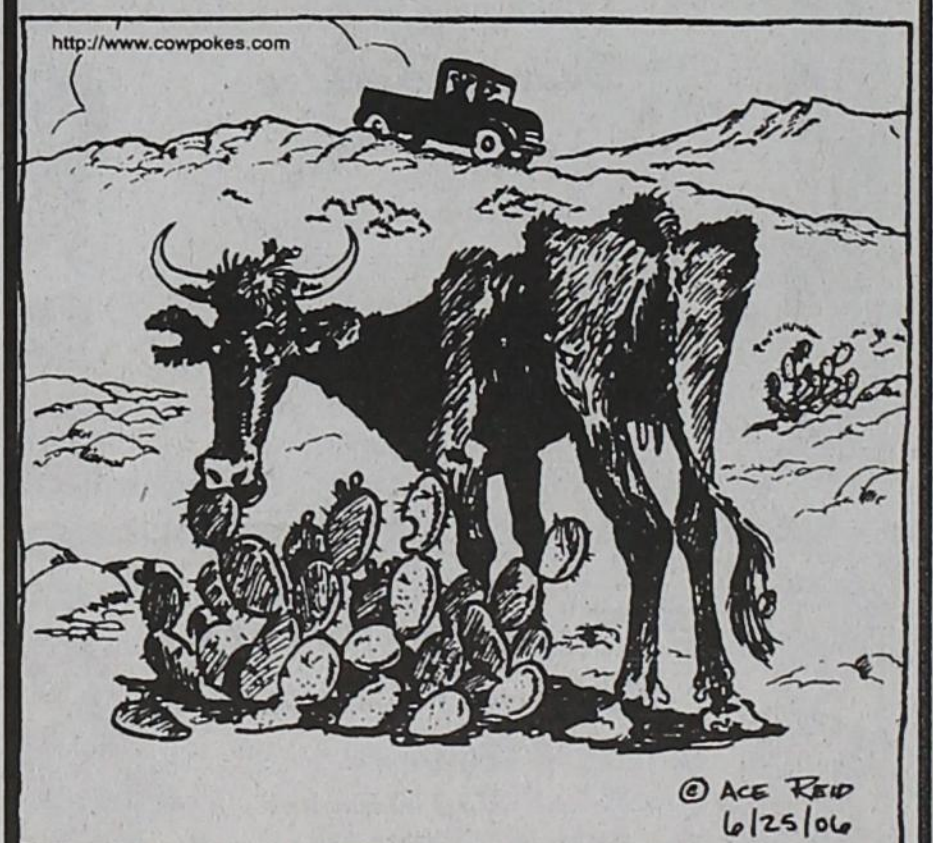
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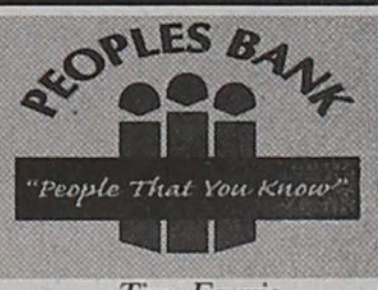
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DHS Class of 1961 has reunion in Finland

The Dimmitt High School class of 1961 celebrated their 45th class reunion this summer by flying to Helsinki Finland. The beautiful country of Finland exhibits outstanding Scandinavian beauty and American plumbing.

It is also the home of Dimmitt's first foreign exchange student, Pia Nasman. Pia, a member of the class of '61 spent a year with the G.I. Clingingsmith family. Pia was such an outstanding exchange student that the AFS program continues to thrive in Dimmitt.

Pia has returned to

Dimmitt several times over the years, and her older daughter, Nina Moberg, spent a year at Dimmitt High School living with the Dickie Holcomb family.

Fourteen class members and four spouses enjoyed five days in Helsinki.

On the first night of the trip, the group dined on the traditional Finnish dishes prepared by gracious hosts, Pia and Frank Moberg. Class members and spouses spent the next few days shopping and sight-seeing.

The beautiful city of Helsinki houses wonderful

restaurants, parks, sidewalk cafes, and shopping.

One of the highlights of the trip included a stop at the American Embassy. Ambassador Marilyn Wear treated the group to tea.

On Monday, they went by hydrofoil across the Gulf of Finland to Tallinn, Estonia for a shopping trip. For the finale, they spent two days in St. Petersburg, Russia. While in St. Petersburg, the group toured Catherine Palace, Peterhof, the Heritage, and attended the ballet *Romeo and Juliet* performed at the Minski Theatre. It was a trip of a lifetime.

critical anatomical information we get from a CT scan, we always want to limit the X-ray dose to the patient to the absolute minimum possible, especially for children," Beames said. "Our new Brilliance scanner features unique technology that ensures we get exceptional images with significantly lower doses to the patient. And, it has specific built-in pediatric protocols that further minimize the dose to children."

Another advantage the hospital anticipates is the ability to provide more large patients with a CT scan option. The new Brilliance scanner has a table weight capacity of up to 440 pounds."

"In the past, being able to handle some larger patients was sometimes a challenge because most equipment simply can't accommodate them," Beames said. "With the new Brilliance CT, we can handle the additional body weight, and those patients will be able to benefit from this technology."

A CT scan produces a cross-sectional image of the human anatomy which helps the clinician to rule out or confirm the presence of certain diseases, and in some cases to evaluate the extent of injuries to a trauma patient, such as someone involved in an automobile accident.

Community Calendar

Beef Days set for Sept. 30

Beef Days, sponsored by the Dimmitt Lions Club will be from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, on the Courthouse lawn. For \$7, you can get a beef plate with potato salad, cole slaw, beans, pickles and a beverage. The proceeds will go to the Boys Ranch and Girls Town Christmas fund and the Lions Club general fund for non-profit organizations.

Photo exhibit set for Oct. 1

On Sunday, October 1, a public reception will be held to open a new photo exhibition by local writer Jim Steiert, at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth from 4-5:30 p.m.

The title of Steiert's exhibit "Water is Life: From Nazareth to Nairobi" emphasizes the inspiration of the artwork featured in the exhibit. "The drouthy spring and summer of 2006 in the Texas Panhandle and a trip to Kenya back in May renewed for me the learning of a lesson," Steiert notes.

"Whether in the farming and ranching play country of the Panhandle, the teaming capital city of Nairobi, Kenya, in its adjoining Ngong Hills and forest, the mountains and forests of the Aberdare Park, or amidst the powdery volcanic sands of a remote village in the Great Rift Valley, I find

that things are not all that different—human spirit, grasses, fords, crops and wildlife flourish where the rain clouds are kind, while life and spirit hang by the roots of grim parched lands.

Long-known truths are confirmed for me through the camera lens: From the Texas Plains to the African Savannah, land is land, people are people—and water is life."

Though Jim Steiert resides in Hereford, he grew up in the Hart-Nazareth area of Castro County. After a stint in newspaper writing at the *Castro County News* in Dimmitt, Texas, and *The Hereford Brand* at Hereford, Texas, he served as associate

editor of *The Texas Farmer-Stockman* magazine for 10 years. He has freelanced as an agriculture and outdoor writer for nearly 30 years, and has contributed articles to numerous outdoor magazines including *Texas Parks & Wildlife*.

The October 1st reception will feature a presentation by Jim Steiert, as well as light desserts.

The Home Mercantile is a nonprofit incubator for community education, service, and creative arts, located at the corner of Second and Leo Streets in Nazareth. For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529

SCANNER

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much faster, and their doctors will be able to access detailed, definitive results within minutes."

And although all CT scanners use X-rays, the

new one at Plains uses a significantly lower amount of X-ray energy than many of the other CT systems on the market.

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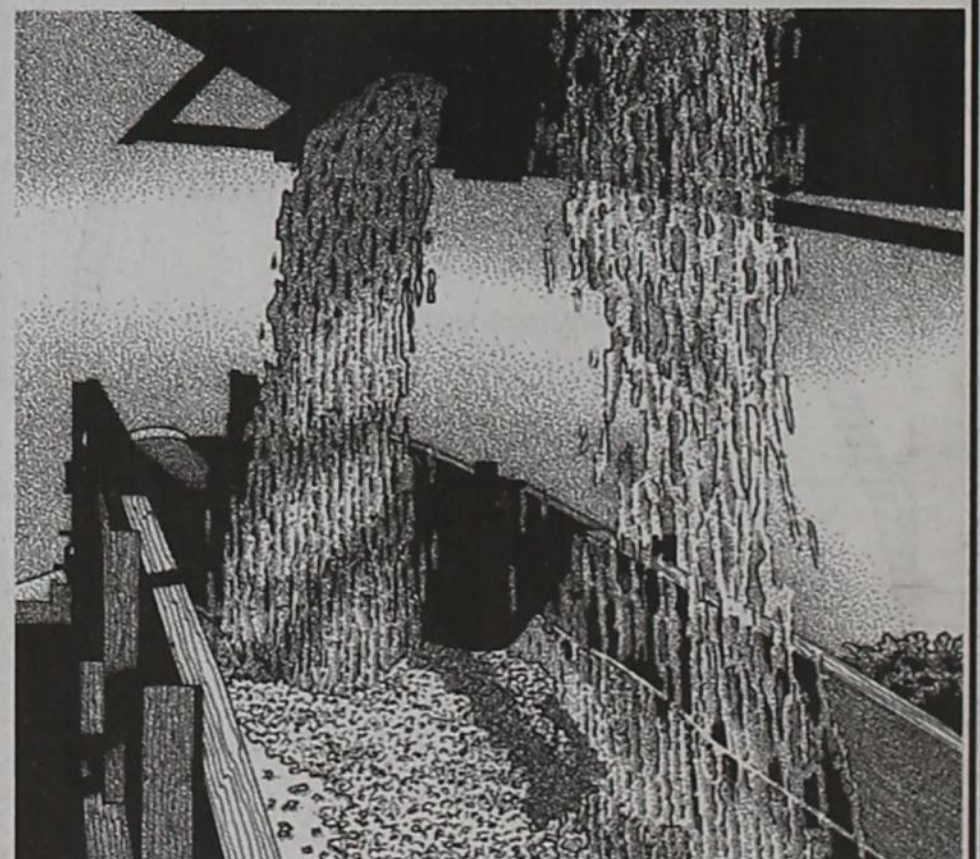
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Trent Tanaro is the Youth Minister at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.



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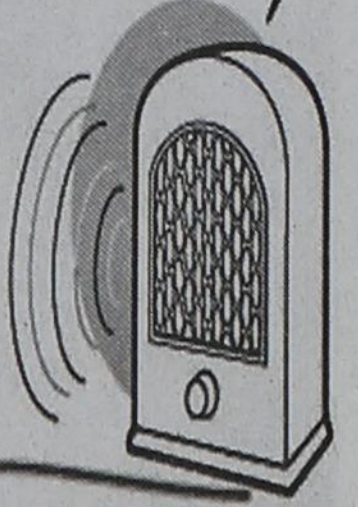
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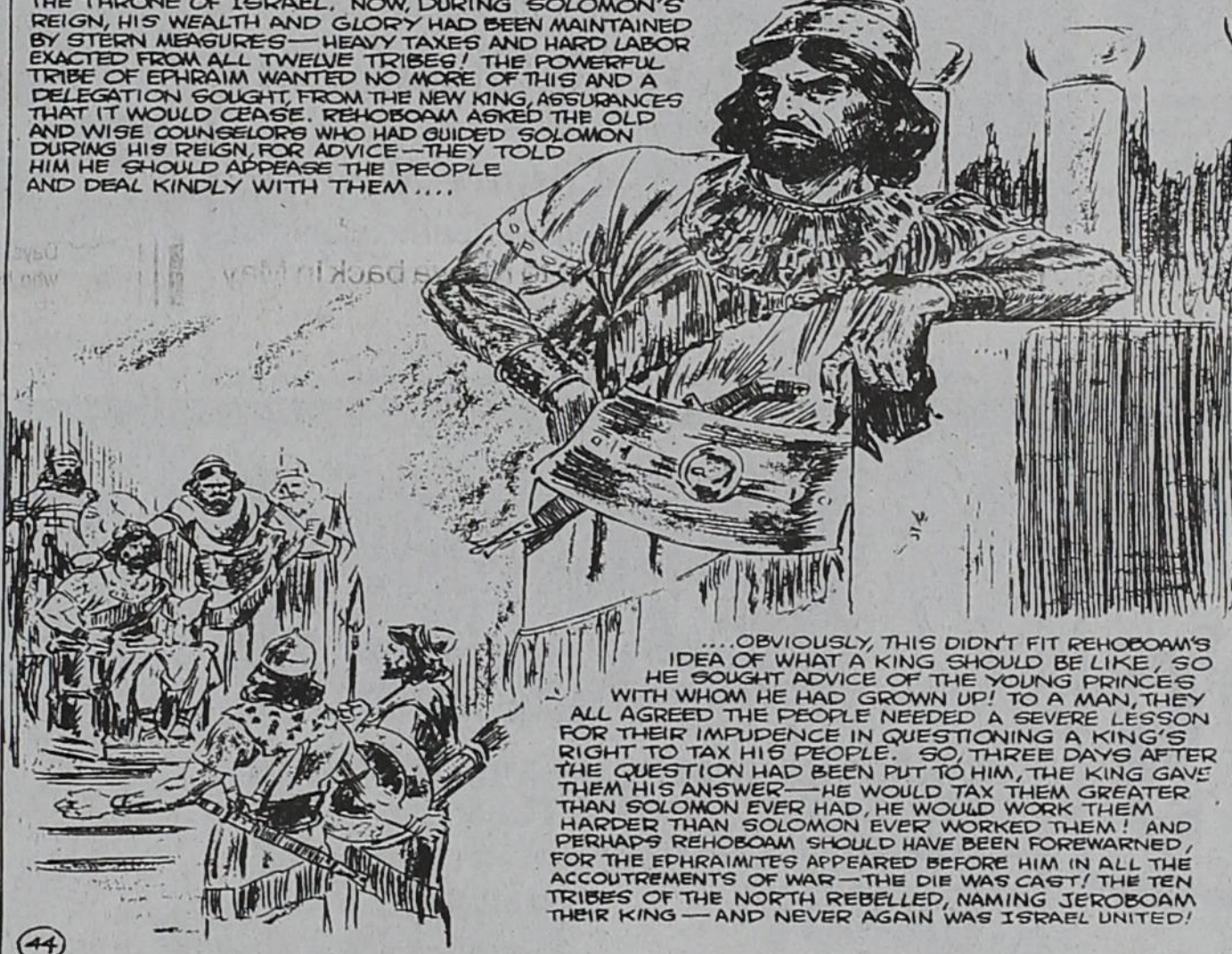


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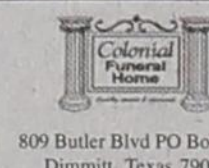
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DIMMITT'S LANDON PORSCH looks downfield before he throws the ball against Vega.



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DIMMITT'S LIZ HILL slams the ball against Plains Saturday while Daniela Neri, Molly Bradford, and Brandy Smith are set for defense.

Bobbies slam Friona

The Dimmitt Bobbies played Friona on Tuesday and won 3-1; 25-15; 25-17; 15-25; and 25-10.

In the game, Brandy Smith had two aces, 31 assists and 5 digs, while Brandy Smith had 7 digs; Liz Hill had 3 kills and 1 block; Chelsea Buckley had 6 kills, 9 aces and 4 digs; Lana Reinart had 1 ace and 3 digs; Molly Bradford had 4 kills, 2 aces, 5 blocks, 28 assists and 4 digs; and Dani Neri had 6 kills, 5 aces and 5 digs.

On the junior varsity side, Dimmitt fell to Frion, 25-13 and 25-12. The freshmen also lost, 25-7 and 26-24.

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High School Cross-Country results

The Dimmitt High School Bobbies and Bobcat Cross Country Teams participated this past weekend in the Friona Trails CC Meet at Friona, Texas.

The results are as follows: The Bobbies team finished 11th and the team consisted of Viviana Quiroz, 19th; Tracy Silva, 51st; Vanessa Gonzales, 59th, Kirsti Edwards, 69th; and Selina Saenz, 73rd.

The Bobcat team did a good job as well. Their team consisted of David Gil, 49th; Isidro Rodriguez, 50th; Sam Hazel, 68th; and Michael Rasor, 76th.

Both teams will compete Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Lubbock Invitational.

Junior High Cross-Country results

These are the results from this weekend for the Friona Trails Cross-Country Meet, Jr. High Division.

The Bobbies finished 12th out of 33 teams. 161 girls finished the race. Dimmitt was led by Keely Burris who placed 19th with a time of 15:29. Also placing for the Bobbies was Phylissa Kinser, Haley Bonilla, Kelsey Schilling, Carsyn Steffens, and Brittney Giles. A special thank you goes to Anahi Mendoza and Brennan Lytle who traveled with the team.

The Bobcats finished 3rd out of 20 teams. 56 runners finished the race. Dimmitt was led by Eric Gil who placed 6th with a time of 13:37. Also placing for the bobcats was Oscar Chavez, Gus Ruiz, Anthony Cisneros, Eric Sanchez, Gary Gil and Daniel Ramos.

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Bobcats fall to Vega, 14-7

Will meet Highland Park Friday in Homecoming game

Although Dimmitt drew first blood on Friday night against Vega, the Bobcats lose a close one, 14-7.

Dimmitt's Houston Sutton scored on a 48-yard pass from quarterback Landon Porsch early in the second quarter, but Vega answered with two scores.

After that, the Bobcats kept Vega out of the end zone, but didn't manage to get in themselves.

"We just told the kids after the game that we've got to find a way to punch the ball in," said Coach Joe Cabezuela.

"We were in the red zone for or five times - once we missed scoring by 4 inches. We didn't lose because of lack of effort; we just have to find a way to get it over the goal line."

Dimmitt dominated on stats, rolling up a combined 323 yards, including 70 in the air and 253 on the ground, compared to 221 for Vega.

Dimmitt had 13 first downs; Vega had 11 and the Bobcats managed to get two Vega fumbles.

"I told the guys I liked the way they concentrated on getting a first down when they came into the huddle on a fourth-down time out," Cabezuela said. "They came into the huddle with the feeling that 'we're going to do it, we're going to get it in.'"

"It's a big step for us and our defense played well. We came in at the first of the season and wanted to establish the work ethic and it's paying off for us now."

"We talked to the players about investing in something. Our losses are hard, but we're in every game and it's due to the investment the players have made and how they

feel about themselves."

On Friday, the Bobcats host Highland Park for their first district game and Homecoming.

"We feel like we match up with them size-wise," Cabezuela said.

"I told the coaches that I can't wait for the kids to get back on the game field. We have a lot of confidence in our team."

"As a staff, we feel good about how the kids are doing; how they're reacting in certain situations. As a whole, we're playing together as a team."



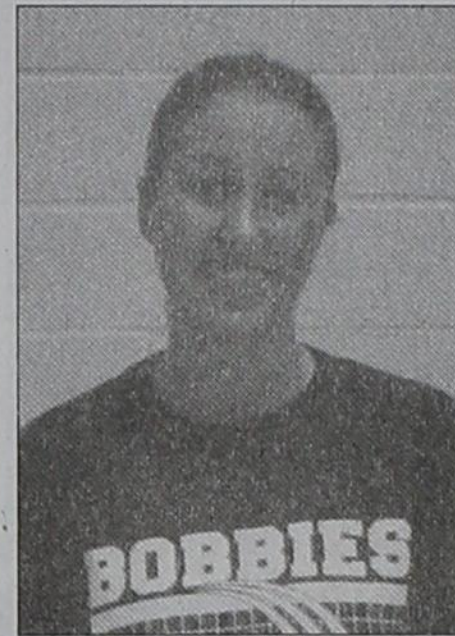
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DIMMITT'S ALEX CHAVIRA hauls in a pass in last week's game against Vega.

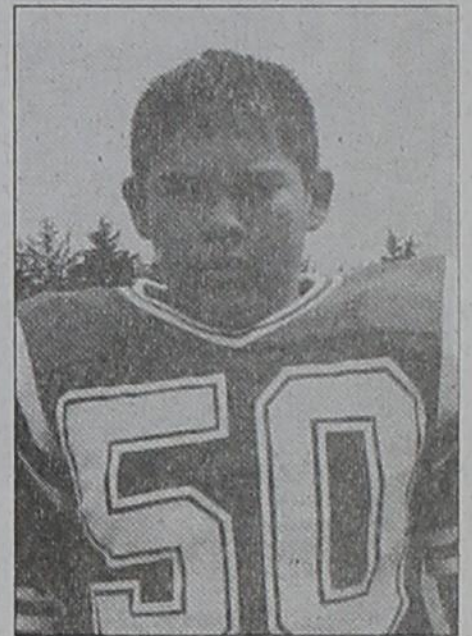


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DIMMITT'S HOUSTON SUTTON carries the ball in Friday's game.



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Swifts roll over Memphis

It was billed as a meeting of unbeaten teams, but by the time the Nazareth Swifts walked off the field Friday night, there was no doubt which team was the best, as Memphis fell, 51-14, leaving the Swifts at 4-0 in the season.

"We played awfully well," Coach Randy Peacock said. "We came out defensively and played outstanding ball. Then we got a couple of turnovers early and converted them into quick scores.

We got them into a position where they had to throw the ball, since they were in the hole and we knew that wasn't their strong point. It kind of snowballed from there.

The Swifts had well over 300 yards in offense while

holding Memphis to 159 yards.

"We were able to take their strong point - running - away from them by building up an early lead.

The Swifts scored three times in the first period. Tucker Waggoner took the ball in twice on runs of 4 and 6 yards. Then Troy Ramaekers pulled in a 3-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dustin Schulte, to give the Swifts a 21-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Waggoner again scored on a 3-yard run.

At the half, the Swifts were clearly in the driver's seat with a 28-0 advantage.

Opening up the third period, Chase Black caught a 34-yard pass from Schulte to score. Black scored

again on a fumble recovery and then Schulte also kicked a 40-yard field goal. Memphis answered with a score of their own, but still the Swifts led, 44-7.

The Swifts weren't through scoring however, as Nicky Rowland ran in from 10 yards out to finish the Swifts' scoring. Memphis scored once in the final period, but it was too little too late. On PATs, Schulte went 5 for 5, while Chris Acker was 1 of 2. On defense, Black led the team with 13 tackles and a quarterback sack, followed by Josh Braddock with eight tackles; Cluck with six; Rowland, Acker, Waggoner and Tyler Cornett with five each; and Jacob Braddock and Troy Ramaekers had four tackles each. Cluck and Black both had fumble recoveries.

"We were able to control the line of scrimmage which is crucial when you're playing games like that," Peacock said. "Knowing that we were both 3-0, we felt like it



ABOVE, NO. 12, Cameron Cluck leads the defense as they swarm a Memphis play; at left, starting at the top: Tucker Waggoner, No. 28, goes in for a score; No. 52 Tyler Cornett, stops a Memphis player; and at bottom, No. 75, Chris Acker attempts a PAT late in the game.

would be a close game. We thought we could score some points, and our intention was to keep them from scoring."

Which the Swifts did. "We had a couple of nice drives," Peacock said. "Our running game was strong again. We threw the ball effectively. We didn't throw many times, but when we did we were effective. In the second quarter they had the ball on

three offensive plays. We had a drive that went about nine minutes and ended up scoring."

This week the Swifts take on Anton.

"They're kind of a young team this year - they're scrappy and competitive," Peacock said.

"They'll get after you and play hard. It'll be another good game for us. We've got to keep improving, getting better at the little things and staying healthy - that's always a concern for us. A couple of kids got banged up, but nothing serious."



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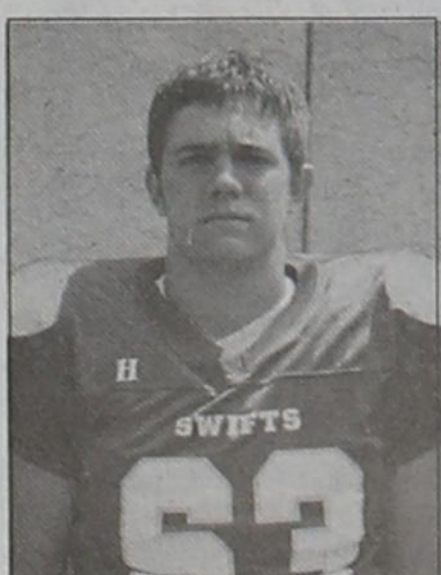
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Vega **	H	9/15	7:30
Memphis	A	9/22	7:30
Anton	A	9/29	7:30
OPEN		10/6	
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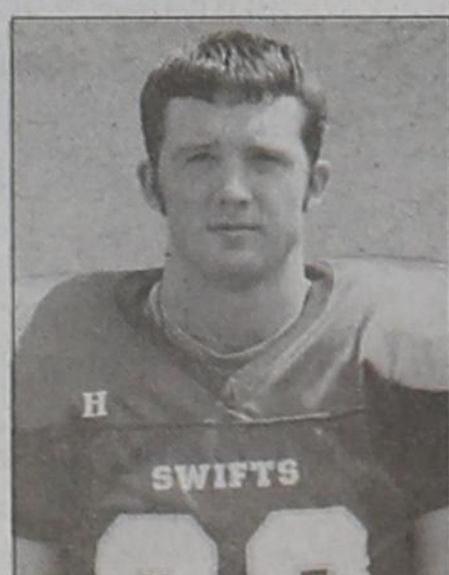
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Longhorns roll over Holy Cross

By COACH JASON BOTOS

The Longhorns improved to 4-0 this week after traveling to Amarillo and defeating Holy Cross 57-12.

The Longhorns knew they had some obstacles to overcome if they were to be successful this week.

Two things a coach doesn't like to prepare his teams for are another team's homecoming and playing out of routine, which this game proved to be both of those for the Longhorns. One more obstacle was added late when Aaron Rodriguez and Jose Macias, both who are interchangeable as our QB and Ruben Robledo who is our 2nd leading tackler, and who play key roles on our football team as well as our cross country team, were delayed getting to the game (Junior Hernandez does both as well, but played in our JV game on Thursday and was ineligible to play Saturday).

I was impressed with the unselfish play by our players, stepping up to fill in for their teammates. This next week will be a test to see where we stand as a 6-man team, Arbor Academy is currently ranked 6th in the state for Private Schools and has some good athletes. Things we need to concentrate on are taking care of the ball, we cannot afford to have as many fumbles or interceptions as we did against Holy

Cross, and tackling.

The game is Friday night at 7:30 at Arbor Academy (formerly Trinity). Directions are in the High School Office, 5000 Hollywood past Canyon Randall High School. Fans are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The following are some highlights of the game.

4 different players scored 2 touchdowns each for the Longhorns this week, Brennen Rodriguez had 2 TD catches, 30 yards from Michael Gonzalez and 11 yards from Ruben Robledo. Jose Macias had a 38-yard TD pass from Nathan Green and also had our first kick-off return for TD of 55 yards. Fabian Morales had 2 TD runs, 20 yards and 9 yards; Michael Gonzalez had 2 rushing TD's, 65 yards and 22 yards; Nathan Green, Fabian Morales and Brennen Rodriguez added extra point conversions from Jose Macias; David Guerrero added 4 points on PAT. David Guerrero, Demetrio Gamez, Ruben Robledo and Nathan Green added 50 yards to the rushing total. Damian Morales caught his first pass of the year on a great scramble throw by David Guerrero to save the Longhorns about 10 yards. Defensively, the Longhorns were led by Nathan Green (12 tackles, 2 sacks, and a safety with Michael Gonzalez); Drew Higgins (8 tackles and a fumble recovery);

Demetrio Gamez (5 tackles, 1 fumble recovery); Fabian Morales and Ruben Robledo (5 tackles each and both had a pass deflection); David Guerrero and Esteban Montemayor both had 5 tackles, 1 for a loss. Michael Gonzalez (3

tackles and an amazing interception that saved a TD); Aaron Rodriguez had an interception which raised his season total to 3.

Brennen Rodriguez added 3 solo tackles and played a huge role on containment of their sweeps.

Longhorns Football Schedule

Sept. 29	Arbor Academy	Amarillo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 (Sat)	Garden City JV	Garden City	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 13		OPEN	
Oct. 19 (Thurs)	Valley JV	Valley	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 (Sat)	Garden City JV***	Hart	4:00 p.m.
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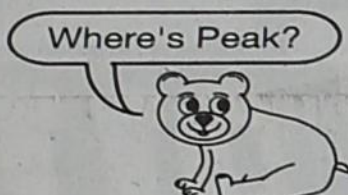
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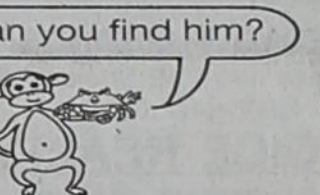
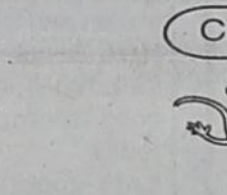
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Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled lower Thursday on speculative selling as the market continued to digest losses from earlier in the week. Turnover was subdued, and the overall disinterest in trading kept the price range confined.

"The market is trading sideways looking for a bit of direction as everyone is waiting for news about quotas from the Chinese," said one trader. "The newest export sales report didn't hold any surprises despite the fact that China wasn't in the top two buyers for the week."

USDA reported net sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Sept. 14 totaled 220,300 bales, four percent less than the previous week but 66 percent more than the four-week average. Turkey was the primary buyer at 51,500 bales while El Salvador was second with purchases totaling 32,800 bales. Colombia came in third with acquisitions of 29,000 bales but was

followed closely by China with 24,100 bales.

Export shipments of 75,500 bales were 18 percent more than the week earlier but 25 percent less than the four-week average. Major destinations included Mexico, China, Indonesia, and Colombia.

"This was a widely spread out sales effort that seems to infer that if China doesn't want to buy raw cotton then other destinations will; only to spin and then sell the yarn to China," one trader said. "The shipment total of 77,600 bales seemed to be missing a digit in front of it, but I double-checked, and last week really was a bad one for cotton shipments."

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended September 21 totaled 2,459 bales compared to the previous week when 4,793 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week

ranged from 44.00 to 48.00 cents per pound compared to 44.97 to 48.63 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, many Delta farmers have been pleased with yields from non-irrigated fields. Although it is early in the harvest season, averages between 600 pounds and 900 pounds per acre have been reported from non-irrigated fields. However, production from fields that received minimal rainfall during the growing season has only ranged from 250 pounds to 400 pounds per acre. Producers there have just begun picking irrigated land, and yields of between 1,000 pounds and 1,400 pounds per acre have been reported.

According to USDA's Sept. 14 classing report, more than half of the cotton samples from Louisiana and Mississippi were classed as

Middling White leaf 3 and better. Average staple length, however, was slightly shorter than desired at 33.7 for each state. Quality likely will be adversely affected from rains in the area earlier this week, and a prolonged period of warm, sunny weather is needed to bleach any discolored fiber in open bolls.

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- 1 J.D. 645 6 Row 40 Low Profile Cornhead w/Sammann Savers
- 1 J.D. 24 Hume Pickup Reel
- 1 Shopmade 24 Sunflower Attachment
- 1 Shopmade 30 T.A. Header Trailer
- 2 20 Shopmade Header Trailers
- 1 Sammann 6 Row Set Corn Savers
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- 2 A-Frame Combine Trailers
- 3 Big 12 400 Bushel Grain Carts

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GRAIN TRUCK, PICK-UPS

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- 1 1985 Ford Explorer F350 Crew Cab Pick-up, 6.9 Dsl. Engine, A/T, A/C, (50,000 Miles On Engine & Trans. O/H)
- 1 1973 Chev. 1/2 Ton 4 x 4 Pick-up, 400 Engine, A/T, Motor Rebuilt

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- 1 International 480 D.T. 21 Tandem Disc
- 1 International Cyclo 500, 3 Pt. 8 Row 40 Air Planter
- 1 International Cyclo 500 3 Pt. 4 Row 40 Air Planter (Not Complete)
- 1 J.D. 707 14 D.T. Shredder
- 1 Hassean 6 D.T. Aerator
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- 1 Roll-A-Cone 8 Row 3 Pt. Lister w/Markers
- 1 J.D. 400 8 Row 3 Pt. Rotary Hoe
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- 1 Clark 500 Gallon D.T. Spray Rig
- 1 300 Gallon F/G D.T. Spray (Not Complete)
- 1 Hamby 8 Row Front Mount Ropewick
- 1 J.D. DRA 16-10 Grain Drill
- 1 3 Pt. Ditch Filler
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The Idle American: Potpourri from the papers

By DR. DON NEWBURY

This is a feeble attempt to dissect miscellaneous news items from near and far. But it's as good a way as any to headline "potpourri," a favorite word rarely seen and almost never heard. Most of us can't give it the French pronunciation to properly romanticize it. This week's stew will be from several mini-pots of news bubbling with topics for comment. Let's rush right in--where wise men fear to go.....

Politics aside, the former Governor Ann Richards' memorial service was arguably the most unorthodox ever for anyone--dignitary or otherwise. It was unstuffy and even funny. But wasn't she? No doubt speakers on the lookout for fresh material were scribbling notes feverishly on funeral programs throughout the auditorium. The televised event was a fitting tribute offered in high humor--the very way she'd have liked.....

Big 12 schools aren't faring well in football games against top 25 teams. At this writing, they are 0-9. In fact, one critic calls it the "Brag 12." Texas A&M fans, eyebrows raised that playing Army was a bar-lowering maneuver, sweated bullets in the final seconds. The Aggies' goal-line stand in the final seconds protected a four-point win. Had A&M lost, Coach Dennis Franchione may have been strung up, and I don't mean in effigy. A loss to Army, though, would not have stung as much as a College Station loss in 1922 to Howard Payne, 13-7.....

Football coaches are always looking for disparaging comments from enemy camps to enrage their troops. They call it "bulletin board material." Well, the University of Texas coaches may want to photograph a billboard at Dallas Love Field. An Oklahoma State University ad there touts a "brighter shade of orange." Now that can be taken several ways. Are we talking about brighter school colors or brighter athletes? UT hosts OSU November 4 in Austin.....

Look for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Cockroaches to scurry out of hidey holes upon hearing the news. Six Flags Over Texas amusement park has a new Halloween promotion: Patrons willing to chow down on insects--specifically Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches--will be ushered to the front of lines for favorite rides Sept.29-Oct. 1 during opening weekend of Fright Fest. For some 'twill make the turnstiles hum; to me, it's a brighter shade of dumb.....

Youngsters joining the chorus of "yucks" at the mention of spinach have new ammunition. Child Protective Agency switchboards may light up with calls from children claiming that their parents are trying to kill them with tainted spinach. This could be the first time the E.coli outbreaks are slowed down by restraining orders.....

Spinach in the news brings to mind the late Jerry Clower's okra story. The mention of his name warrants smiles as his down-home comedy is recalled. With a barrage of fodder from growing-up years in Mississippi, he said that his mother cooked up tubs of stewed okra multiple times each week during growing season, and canned the rest. "I ate so much stewed okra as a kid that I was a full-grown man before I could get my socks to stay up," Clower claimed.....

What's the most bizarre promise ever? High on the list would be Wayne Terwilliger's vow to his wife. He promised that if his Fort Worth Cats took top baseball honors last season, he'd get an ear pierced. They did, and the 58-year veteran of playing/managing/coaching made good. He figured that his wife's rules outranked the players; for them, pierced ears are forbidden. The 81-year-old added the earring this summer, and it's taken some getting used to. Players correct him regularly that jewelry is called "bling," not "blink." Wonder if the

employee who performed the piercing checked policy to see if the store offers laugh leave?...

Paid obituaries in newspapers across the land often include the weirdest stuff. One recent metropolitan publication ran one that referenced the deceased man's passions in life--"his children and hauling cows." Methinks society has moved from straight-laced to unlaced. And we used to think it laughable when obits included 50-year-old high school graduation pictures.....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments and inquiries. Call him at 817-447-3872 or send email: newbury@speakerdoc.com His website is: www.speakerdoc.com



Notice of Public Meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will hold an informational public meeting to discuss the new rates. The meeting date is October 3, 2006 in the banquet room of the Hereford Community Center at 6:30 P.M. All members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Application of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed Substation and 115 kV Transmission Line in Castro and Parmer Counties, Texas

PUC DOCKET NO. 33000

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative (DSEC) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), seeking approval to build a 115-kV transmission line extending approximately 18.3 miles. The new transmission line will begin at the existing Castro County Interchange in Castro County (owned by Southwestern Public Service Company [SPS]). From the Castro County Interchange the line will go north approximately 1.0 mile, paralleling the east side of an existing SPS transmission line to the south side of State Highway (SH) 86, just south of existing Substation 21. The proposed transmission line will then continue west approximately 17.2 miles along the south side of SH 86 to the east side of SH 214. The new transmission line will then parallel the east side of SH 214 continuing north to existing Substation 18 (approximately 0.1 mile). Along the route of the proposed transmission line DSEC plans to construct a new substation, Substation 22. The majority of the new transmission line as well as the proposed Substation 22 will be located in Parmer County, Texas. Approximately one-third of the line will be located in Castro County, Texas.

Persons with questions about PUC Docket No. 33000 should contact Mike Veazey at (806) 364-1166. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
Attn: Filing Clerk
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The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is October 20, 2006, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has developed a brochure titled "Land-owners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC." Copies of the brochure are available from Mike Veazey, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., at (806) 364-1166 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. To obtain additional information about this case, contact the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has selected two alternative transmission line routes to be considered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, described as follows:

Preferred Route (Route 1) consisting of line segments A, B, and D. The preferred transmission line route, will start one mile west and one mile south of the intersection of State Highway (SH) 86 and FM 1055, in Castro County at an electrical interchange facility owned by Southwestern Public Service Company, (Castro County Interchange). From the Castro County Interchange the transmission line will proceed north approximately one mile to the south side of SH 86; then the line turns west and continues along the south side of the SH 86 right of way for approximately 17.2 miles, crossing over County Road (CR) 505, FM 1524, an SPS 69kV transmission line, the Castro-Parmer county line, and continues west along the south side of SH 86 past CR 28, FM 1172, CR 25, CR 24, CR 23, CR 22, CR 21 and CR 20 to the intersection of SH 86 and SH 214; then the line turns north and continues along the east side of SH 214 right of way approximately 1/8 mile, crossing SH 86 and terminating at an existing electrical substation, (Existing Substation 18), owned by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Alternate Route (Route 2) consisting of line segments A, F, and D. The alternate transmission line route (Route 2) will start one mile west and one mile south of the intersection of State Highway (SH) 86 and FM 1055, in Castro County at an electrical interchange facility owned by Southwestern Public Service Company (Castro County Interchange). From the Castro County Interchange the transmission line will proceed north approximately one mile to the north side of the SH 86; then the line turns west and continues along the north side of the SH 86 right of way for approximately 17.2 miles crossing over County Road (CR) 505, FM 1057, a DSEC 69kV transmission line, the Castro-Parmer county line and continues west along the north side of SH 86 past CR 23, FM 1172, CR 23, CR 21 and CR 20 to the intersection of SH 86 and SH 214; then the line turns north and continues along the east side of SH 214 approximately 1/8 mile and terminates at an existing electrical substation (Existing Substation 18) owned by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

A new electrical substation (Proposed Substation 22) is proposed to be located adjoining SH 86 along the route of the transmission line approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The estimated cost of these transmission facilities is approximately \$5,820,000, of which \$3,815,000 is for transmission facilities and \$2,005,000 is for substation facilities.

A map showing the routes may be reviewed at the Cooperative's office located at 1501 East First Street, Hereford, Texas. Additional information, including a copy of the map, may be obtained by contacting Mike Veazey, Staff Assistant, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, at (806) 364-1166.

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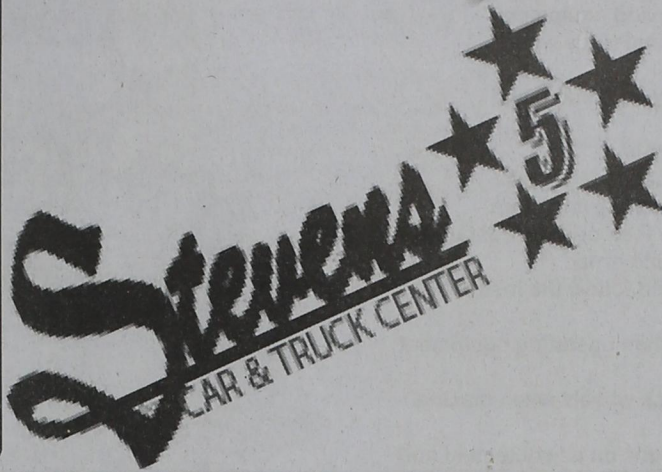
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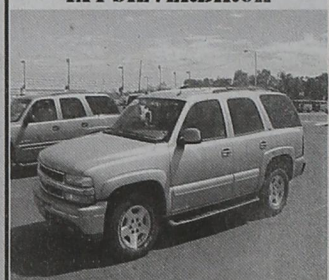
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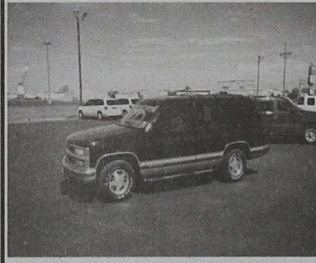
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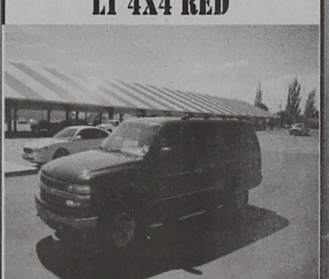
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