

# Dr. Morrow, hospital district reach settlement

Less than a month after beginning work here, Dr. Joe Morrow resigned his practice Friday after a marathon executive session of the Castro County Hospital District board.

"It just didn't work out," Morrow said to the board after the board, its attorney, Morrow and his attorney met for more than 10 hours to work out arrangements.

The agreement, reached after a session that ran from 7 p.m. Thursday until almost 6 a.m. Friday, will cost CCHD about \$100,000, hospital officials said. The agreement

includes:

--Three months' pay, or about \$30,000.

--Accrued extended time off and sick leave.

--Emergency room call for January.

--One-third of his professional association dues,

--Malpractice premiums for 90 days or until he accepts another position.

--Reimbursement of forfeited escrow of \$5,000 on a house Morrow and his wife, Betty, were buying here. The CCHD board also agreed to

assume followup on Dr. Morrow's patients and to indemnify him against claims for abandoning any patients. Specific final figures were not expected to be released until today (Thursday) or Friday.

Morrow had been hired in December to be the medical director of Medical Center of Dimmitt. CCHD had bought the former High Plains Clinic from Dr. Bill Lee late last year to establish another rural health clinic in the city.

Morrow had been practicing in Amarillo. In a Jan. 6 feature story in

the *News*, Morrow told News Editor Anne Acker, "We'll take care of whoever comes in the door. We're hoping for a long stay in Dimmitt."

Morrow also said in the story he had been "contacted by recruiters and looked at probably 30 towns, but nothing fit what we wanted."

Morrow had begun work at the clinic on Jan. 4, and saw patients through Jan. 26. When word spread that Dr. Morrow might be leaving, the *News* called his clinic. Thursday, when the *News* asked to speak to Dr. Morrow, a woman answering the

telephone said, "Dr. Morrow is out of the office for the rest of the week." When asked if Dr. Morrow would be back, the woman said, "He will be back on Monday." She said he could not be reached.

PMH Administrator Steve Goode said Dr. Morrow's privileges were not suspended or revoked before he resigned the privileges Friday morning.

The *News* asked, "Had Dr. Morrow's privileges been suspended or revoked prior to the board meeting?"

"No," Goode said.

"So, if a person saw Dr. Morrow on Wednesday (Jan. 26) and he wanted to admit me to the hospital, that would have been done?" the *News* asked.

"Yes, he would have had the authority," Goode said. "If people would just accept the facts and not jump to conclusions, it would be better for everyone."

Goode was referring to an incident over the weekend of Jan. 22-23 when Dr. Morrow failed to respond to a

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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
Cheryle Pybus, introduced by George Sides.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**  
Katie Ivey.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



**CITIZEN THROUGH THE YEARS**  
Madge Robb (left), introduced by Clara Vick.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Pybus, Robb, Ivey win Chamber honors

A common thread of teaching and working with people wound through the three award winners Saturday at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Castro County Expo building.

Cheryle Pybus, owner-operator of Pybus Preschool; Madge Robb, a teacher many years ago; and Katie Ivey, a Dimmitt High School teacher, were honored before a crowd of over 300 at the banquet.

Decorations and costumes depicted the American Graffiti theme from the 50s and 60s. Emcees, Pybus and Don Nelson, recounted some of the top movies, stars and television shows of the period. Many in the audience were dressed in costumes ranging from Mamie Eisenhower to Elvis. Those two, Mark Bain and Betty Freeman, were declared winners in a costume contest.

A Hereford band, "Texas Country," entertained with some 50s songs during the banquet and with country music during the post-banquet reception for the winners.

Chamber President Reta Welch, looking like Elizabeth Taylor, honored chamber officers and directors and presented a plaque to retiring director Danny Rice. Recognized by Welch were Les Miller, vice president; Pybus, secretary; and directors Charles Axtell, Gary Thompson, Gail Bruegel, Layne Myatt, Jerry Lilley, Eddie Matthews, Acie Boyd, Ray Bain and Jim Wright. Also recognized, but not present, was retiring director Danny Newton.

Welch also introduced Executive Director Delores Heller and secretaries Paula Reynolds and Connie Morris.

Pybus was honored for her work in the community, from various projects to the Dimmitt school board to the American Field Service exchange student program.

Pybus entertained the crowds and the cast at the Harvest Days Follies, and has been an active member of the Chamber for several years. She served

two terms on the Dimmitt school board, and was the board's secretary. She is an active member of First Baptist Church, where she has worked with young people for many years.

"She has had many youngsters come to her, at all hours, to share their problems," said presenter George Sides.

Pybus also worked on the committee to establish the first Gallery of Gifts last fall, and was a model in the style show at the event.

She has also been active in the AFS program for many years, serving as an officer for the local chapter, working at fundraisers, and being "mom" to three students from overseas.

Pybus was also praised for "opening her home to host showers, especially those who might not get a shower," Sides said.

In the letter nominating her, the writer said, "She is a positive example of Christian ethics and morals. She is a person that young people seek for personal counseling and encouragement. She provides job

opportunities for youth. Through her business, she provides a service where parents feel comfortable leaving their children, knowing they will be nurtured physically, intellectually and spiritually. Each child is made to feel special."

One of her greatest coups was her work over the past six months to help keep the Texas Dept. of Health office open in Dimmitt. After TDH indicated it would close the office after it had been open only a few months, Pybus and school nurses Carol Lantz and Gracie Killough held a petition drive and worked with city, county and state authorities. Their efforts paid off, and TDH has a full-time clinic in Dimmitt for the first time ever.

Robb, who has lived in Dimmitt for over 60 years, is still very active in the Castro County Museum and the local Historical Commission. Clara Vick, in presenting the award, pointed out that Mrs. Robb spent her 83rd birthday painting the Castro County

Museum. She helped establish the museum several years ago.

She has worked as the bookkeeper for both volumes of the Castro County History Book, and spent many hours recording, writing and proofreading information for both books.

Mrs. Robb has spent countless hours in Rhoads Memorial Library, working on genealogies for herself and for friends.

A retired schoolteacher, Mrs. Robb spent many years as a substitute in the local schools after moving here when she married the late P.P. Robb in 1930. Madge has also been an active member of First United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher for several years.

Vick said Mrs. Robb has been an active participant in local benefit walks for Parkinson's Disease research, walking three miles last summer.

"She is a delightful person to be with, to work with, and a good friend and neighbor," Vick said.

Ivey has taught in the Dimmitt schools for nine years, and has been praised through her tenure as an innovative teacher who makes learning fun for students.

Dimmitt teacher Diane Axtell, in presenting the award, read a limerick about Ivey:

*There once was a teacher from Dimmitt  
Who taught all the kids to the limit.  
She gives spirits a lift  
With her teaching gift.  
She really is quite inimitable.*

"It's really hard to rhyme with Dimmitt," Axtell said, "so I thought maybe a little free verse might say it better."

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## Voters must register by Monday

If you haven't registered to vote, or if you have moved or changed your address, you have until Monday to notify the tax assessor/collector's office to be listed as one of the county's eligible voters in the March 8 primary election.

Contested county races include the judge, clerk, treasurer and district judge offices. Other highlighted races on the primary ballot are for 13th District US Representative, governor, and other statewide offices.

The county clerk's office is accepting requests for early voting ballots by mail and will continue to accept requests until March 1, according to County Clerk Joy Jones.

Early voting for the primary will begin Feb. 16 and will continue through March 4, in person at the clerk's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Anyone who wants a ballot to be mailed to them needs to get their request in now," said Jones.

## CCHD meeting answers questions

Last year, Dr. Gary R. Hardee proposed to the Castro County Hospital District board that the district lease his clinic and convert it to a "rural health clinic" under provisions of the federal Rural Health Clinic Act of 1976.

After conducting a feasibility study, the board accepted Dr. Hardee's proposal and established the Hardee Community Family Clinic, with a board-appointed business manager and with Dr. Hardee and all other staffers of the clinic as salaried employees of the hospital district.

Later in the year, the hospital district established a second rural health clinic — the Hawkins Memorial Medical Clinic in Hart — and set up Castro County Community Clinics to provide the business management for the two clinics. The hospital district loaned the new CCCC \$300,000 to finance the start-up of these projects. Cenci Hardee was hired as the CCCC administrator.

Last month, the hospital district purchased the private practice of

Dr. B. H. Lee and converted it to a third rural health clinic, the Medical Center of Dimmitt, and hired Dr. D. S. Patel and Dr. Joe Morrow as the clinic's salaried practitioners.

The hospital board and CCCC also hired a number of physician assistants to help the physicians, nurses and technicians provide health care through the three clinics.

These changes in the health-care system here were initiated without much fanfare, and the local news media did not report on the month-to-month activities of the hospital board or the CCCC, except for the opening of the new clinic at Hart.

Meanwhile, Plains Memorial Hospital itself was undergoing a major face-lift via a \$560,000 renovation project paid with "Disproportionate Share" funds — rebates to the hospital district from the federal Medicare program.

The shift in the local health-care system, coupled with the hospital renovation and a high hospital-district tax rate, sparked a lot of

questions by local taxpayers and health-care customers who wanted to know: What's going on here?

Officials of the hospital district and the Castro County Community Clinics have appeared at two recent meetings to answer questions. One was a recent meeting of the Dimmitt Lions Club; the other was last Wednesday night's meeting of the hospital board.

Those answering questions are: CENCI HARDEE, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics.

STEVE GOODE, administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital.

JAMES WELCH, chairman of the hospital board.

DR. GARY R. HARDEE, physician at Hardee Family Community Clinic.

DR. B. D. MURPHY, private practitioner and owner of Dimmitt Medical Clinic.

STANLEY SCHAEFFER, hospital board member.

MILDRED BRADFORD, hospital board member.

## Taxes and Administration

Four years ago, we were told that if we wanted to keep the hospital open, we had to vote for this tax increase. How much surplus does the hospital district have now?

STEVE GOODE: At this time, \$2.3 million.

We've got all this money, and we look up there and there's been all this renovation and concrete work, and we're wondering why.

GOODE AND CENCI HARDEE: We need to maintain what we have. . . . Some of the renovations were to conform to new Medicare guidelines; some to keep up with technology and make the hospital more serviceable to keep more patients here for the minor and non-life-threatening surgeries, etc.

WELCH: This construction was paid for primarily with Dispropor-

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## Who is your Valentine?

Attention grandparents! If you want to show off your favorite Valentines — your grandchildren — to your friends and neighbors, you can have their picture printed in next week's edition of the *News*.

In its Feb. 10 issue, we will feature the best Valentines of all, grandchildren.

Proud grandparents who want to brag about their grandchildren may have their valentine's picture printed in a decorative frame, identified by his or her name and the grandparents' names for a \$10 fee. (Parents get too much credit for your grandchildren anyway.)

If you're a grandparent and would like to show the rest of us your favorite Valentine(s), bring the picture to the *News* office by 12 noon Monday. A wallet-size picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is. And we'll return your picture to you, unharmed.



# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Fay Cline's granddaughter, Michelle Lavery of Tucson, Ariz., brought her son, Nicholas, for a visit. Michelle is the daughter of Fay's late son, Lewis Wilkinson, and his wife, Sara. Fay's son, Coyce Wilkinson, brought his family for dinner, and her other son, Everett Wilkinson, brought his granddaughter.

Fay's grandson, Kent Fulfer of Dangerfield, was in Amarillo for a rodeo, and was able to spend a night here. Everyone had a nice visit.

Fay and Dub had just returned from a Christmas visit to her daughter, Peggy Fulfer, with her son Everett. While there, Fay was in a car accident with her granddaughter, Dee Dee, and broke four ribs.

The Golden Acres Senior Citizens Club met Jan. 25 to honor those who had birthdays during the month. Ray Ethridge, Lillian Hollister and Cecil Parmlee were honored.

The club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Apartments on NW Fifth to honor each month's birthday people. The newly-elected officers of the club are Virgie Moulton, president; Cleo Parks, vice president; and Lorene Beach, secretary-treasurer.

Dues are \$1 per month, which is used to purchase supplies and the meat for each dinner. Each member brings a covered dish for pot luck, and no not underestimate the abilities of these good cooks. This month, it was barbecued brisket with all of the trimmings.

The special guest for January was Dewayne Haney, chief of police.

Attending were Ida May Moore, Cleo Parks, Una Ward, Johnny Pittman, Mary Cox, Allene Lilly, Ioma Stokes, Inez Lee, Ella May Tuter, Nola Ivy, Patsy Hudman, Susie Reeves, Virgie Moulton, Helen Wilmoth, Rhea Killion, Bill Shaw, Wreatha Green, Johnnie Davis, Neva Hickey, Nell Davis, Lois Hollingsworth, Cecil Plumlee and Ray Hollums.

A 50th wedding anniversary party was given honoring Vaden and Aline Kirby by their children: Anthony and Kathy Kirby, Dean and Belinda Kirby, Mary and Anthony Mays and Vada and Rick Wilcox. Eight of their 11 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters were there. Out-of-town guests were Vaden's sister, Twila and Jess Parker from Olton, cousins Robert and Pat Young of Amarillo, and niece Keri and Galen Jack and daughter Holly from Friona.

While Geneva Dennis was in Midland visiting her daughter, Decimae, they attended a community theater play, *Smoke on the Mountain*, a comedy by local people.

They also attended a birthday party for a friend, Jarvis Salmon.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Betty Greathouse McKinney from Las Vegas, Nev., and Nettie Greathouse Campbell of Amarillo. Cheryle Pybus told me they are twins.

The museum board held its monthly meeting Thursday evening with Dale Winders presiding and Clara Vick reading the minutes. Rose Acker brought sandwiches and Mary Edna Hendrix served cookies and coffee.



'YES, I AM'—Cheryle Pybus reveals the true identity of her co-entee, mild-mannered newspaperman Don Nelson, during the 45th annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday evening at the Expo Building. The banquet, attended by 327, carried the theme, "American Graffiti," with more than 30 persons impersonating famous characters of the 1950s and '60s. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Members present were Winders, Vick, Madge Robb, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Ralph Lambright, Robert Duke, Hendrix, and guests Acker and Florene Leinen. Rose always keeps us laughing when she comes to our meetings.

The Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met on Thursday morning with Rose Acker presiding over the meeting. Reports were given by Margaret Womack and Marilyn Neal. Rose brought her pasta machine and she made several different kinds of pasta for everyone. She also served sandwiches, chips and decorated heart-shaped cupcakes. Betty Freeman served a carrot cake that was made in the shape of Texas. Members enjoying all the fun were Oneida Hutto, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mary Edna Hendrix, Vernice Green, Acker, Neal, Womack and Freeman.

Gaylene Cox and her daughter, Chance Nate, have attended several of the plays in Amarillo including *The Nutcracker* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Johnny Pittman is Gaylene's mother and she visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stanford, at Gun Barrel City recently. This is a unique city and it is a fun place. They went out to Cedar Creek Lake near Dallas where they enjoyed boating and fishing. There is a causeway out to the lake that has 43,000 acre-feet of water.

Louise Mears was the hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They brought their brown bag lunch and she served a delicious Mexican fruit cake. Virginia Crider won high score and Edith Graef won second high score. Others playing were Neva Hickey, Dugan Butler, Dude McLauren,

Johnnie Vannoy, Emily Clinging-smith, Elizabeth Huckabay, Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates, Loranel Hamilton, Ferne Dickey, Bernice Hill, Helen Braafladt and Cleo Forson. Women playing Skip-Bo were Ocie Bolton, Inez Lee, Nell Davis and Lily Kunetka.

I was honored to be the KDHN Good Neighbor of the Day last Friday. Thanks to the Pizza Hut for the good pizza and the person who nominated me, and the people who called to tell me I had been selected.

What fun everyone had at the 45th annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday evening. Don Nelson and Cheryle Pybus make a wonderful team. The setting for the banquet was the 50s and 60s and the theme was "Dimmitt - A Record Place to Live." There were records on the backdrop behind the speaker's table. All the tables were decorated in large black and white tablecloths with a huge ice cream soda as the centerpiece.

There were several girls wearing poodle skirts, bobby socks and penny loafers. Layne Myatt gave the invocation and led the pledge to the American flag. Les Miller introduced the special guests and Reta Welch recognized the Chamber directors.

Entertainment was by "Texas Country," with members Billy Lytal, Eddie Gallagher, Weldon Stephan, Kristi Lytal, Natalie Sims, Jo Jo Lytal

and Paul Guerrero. The girls were wearing poodle skirts and singing songs from the 50s. They said they were not very comfortable in their clothes and certainly did not know those songs very well, so they were glad to change clothes and sing more familiar songs.

Diane Axtell introduced the Teacher of the Year, Katie Ivey; George Sides introduced the Citizen of the Year, Cheryle Pybus; and Clara Vick introduced the Citizen Through the Years, Madge Robb. Prizes were given for Best Dressed to Mike Bain and Betty Freeman. Bill Clark won the Southwest Airlines tickets for two.

Some of the celebrities I saw were The Fonz, Elvis, Ike and Mamie Eisenhower, Jackie Gleason, Dolly Parton, Minnie Mouse, Priscilla Presley, Groucho and Harpo Marx and others who were dressed in clothes from the 50s. I couldn't get into my 50s clothes.

A Reception was held for the honorees with music by "Texas Country" following the banquet.

The delicious filet mignon meal was catered by the Dimmitt Methodist Men, and servers were the high school cheerleaders.


June and Orin Brock and Irene Blanton went to Amarillo on Saturday to help Ruby Webb celebrate her 95th birthday. They took her out to eat. Her son and his wife, Kevin Lee and Cathy Webb, had a birthday cake for her.

**-- RE-ELECT --**

## JUDGE

### Jack R. Miller

64th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
Castro, Hale & Swisher Counties of Texas  
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**Tuesday, March 8, 1994**



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We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 24th day of January, 1994, and have found the same to be correct and in due order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$1,159,346.77.

**FIRST STATE BANK—GENERAL FUND:**

Certificate of Deposits	0
Rhoads Memorial Library General Fund:	
Certificate of Deposits	\$79,508.36
Precinct #1:	154,300.00
Precinct #2:	3,500.00
Precinct #3:	119,100.00
Precinct #4:	169,000.00

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 24th day of January, A.D. 1994.

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- Newlon Roland  
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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

STATE 035 (3/92)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		STATE BANK NO.		
The First State Bank of Dimmitt		48-2330		
CITY Dimmitt COUNTY Castro STATE Texas ZIP CODE 79027		FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO.		
		CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE 12/31/93		

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands					
	Bill	Mill	Thou			
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:						
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin			7	274	1.a.	
b. Interest-bearing balances			-	0	1.b.	
2. Securities			57	794	2.	
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:						
a. Federal funds sold			8	300	3.a.	
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell			-	0	3.b.	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:						
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income			53	436	4.a.	
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses			1	470	4.b.	
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve			-	0	4.c.	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a. minus 4.b. and 4.c.)			51	966	4.d.	
5. Assets held in trading accounts			-	0	5.	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			1	214	6.	
7. Other real estate owned				222	7.	
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies				-	8.	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding				-	9.	
10. Intangible assets				48	10.	
11. Other assets				2	756	11.
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				129	574	12.a.
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)						12.b.
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a. and 12.b.)						12.c.
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
13. Deposits:						
a. In domestic offices:						
(1) Noninterest-bearing			31	694	13.a.(1)	
(2) Interest-bearing			80	554	13.a.(2)	
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:						
(1) Noninterest-bearing					13.b.(1)	
(2) Interest-bearing					13.b.(2)	
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:						
a. Federal funds purchased					14.a.	
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase					14.b.	
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury					15.	
16. Other borrowed money					16.	
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases					17.	
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding					18.	
19. Subordinated notes and debentures					19.	
20. Other liabilities				34	1	
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)				118	580	21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus						22.
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>						
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)						23.
24. Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized b. Outstanding)			150,000	150,000		24.
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock):						
a. Undivided profits and capital reserves				6	185	25.a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities					-	25.b.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments						27.
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				10	985	28.a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)						28.b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 28.a. & 28.b.)				129	574	28.c.
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28.c.)						29.

MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:

1. a. Standby letters of credit. Total

  b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Tony Gorman, Vice President and Cashier

DATE SIGNED: 1/19/94

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Tony Gorman, Vice President and Cashier

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

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signatures]

COUNTY OF CASTRO, TEXAS, January 19 19 94

[Signature] Notary Public

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**BEST COSTUMES** — Finalists in the "Best Dressed" contest at the 45th annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday evening were (from left) Shanee and Gary Thompson as Harpo and Groucho Marx, Mike and Cindy Bain as Elvis and Priscilla Presley, and Ed and Betty Freeman as Ike and Mamie Eisenhower. The two winners—Bain as the Best Dressed Man and Mrs.

Freeman as the Best Dressed Woman — each received \$20 worth of Dimmitt Dollars. On bandstand in background is co-emcee Cheryl Pybus, who was named Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year for 1993. The banquet crowd featured more than 30 "famous personalities" from the 1950s-'60s era, in keeping with the theme, "American Graffiti."

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Sylvia Hoelting of Plainview was honored on her 75th birthday at a dinner at the Golden Corral with her family, Roger and Edna Schilling, Tom and Raelene Hoelting, Bill and Bernita Hoelting, Cince Schulte, Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld and Greg and Tinie Hoelting.

Our sympathy to the families of Florence "F.H." Heiman, 86, of Amarillo, who died Friday. Services were held Tuesday in Blessed Sacrament Church with Rev. Phil Lindley, pastor, and Rev. Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark., officiating. Survivors include his wife, Hilda; two brothers, Rev. Harold Heiman and Bill Heiman of Alta Loma, Calif.; and two sisters, Oleda Schumacher of Dimmitt and Eleanor Hoelting of Nazareth.

A junior high basketball tournament was held this weekend at the Nazareth gym. Teams from Happy, Clovis, Dimmitt, Plainview and Nazareth competed. Nazareth boys won first place with Plainview finishing second. Happy girls won first with Clovis finishing second.

May Hochstein was a grandmother twice last week. Her son, George and Mimi Hochstein of Bellingham, Wash., are the parents of a baby girl, Signe Dakota, who was born Jan. 24. She has a sister, Bayli and a brother, Jeremy.

Another son, Bob and Suzanne Hochstein of Luling are the parents of a son, Lucas James, who was born Jan. 27. He has a big sister, Sephra.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm recently visited their son, Kevin, in California. A few hours after they arrived, the earthquake hit. They were about 30 miles from the epicenter. There was a horrific roar before the actual quake, then things started falling. Walks were creaking, beds were shaking, the toilet lid was banging against the tank. It supposedly lasted 40 seconds, but they said it seemed to last for an eternity. During the next couple of hours a number of aftershocks occurred, making everything shake again.

While there they visited with Bill and Veronica Heiman, Maurine Hoelting and Carol and Frank Barran, Alfred and Ledvina Pohlmeier and Andy and Mary Albracht, who live only five miles from where the epicenter of the earthquake was. Their homes had a lot of damage. They saw all the severe damage in Northridge.

From Los Angeles they went on to Paso Robler, where Kevin Wilhelm lives. They spent some time in San Francisco. They saw a lot of grape vineyards and field after field of a large variety of vegetables which were being harvested. They saw a lot of flowers in full bloom, as well as miles and miles of orange groves with trees full of ripe oranges.

It was quite an experience and was one that makes you glad to live where we do. The Wilhelms are happy to be back on solid ground.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a steak supper Saturday evening at the Community Hall. Proceeds went to help defray medi-

cal expenses for Thornton Monroe, who is a chemotherapy patient at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Many relatives and friends attended and enjoyed the evening. Anyone wishing to send a card may do so at this address: Alvina Monroe, c/o Kris Gagnon, 4230 Marquette, Houston, TX 77005.

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## Animals are due at Expo Wednesday

Youngsters raising lambs, barrows and steers for exhibition in this year's county junior livestock show must have their stock at the Expo Building in Dimmitt by 12 noon Wednesday.

The annual county show, directed by the Dimmitt Young Farmers, opens Wednesday with weigh-in and classification and culminates Saturday, Feb. 12, with the sale, which is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Animals will be weighed and classed beginning at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The show begins Friday morning, Feb. 11, with lambs at 8 a.m., steers at 11 a.m. and barrows at 1 p.m.

Judges will be Billy Rash, steers; Carl Kent, barrows; and Storm Gerhart, lambs.

Entries were due Friday, and any incomplete, late or unsigned entry will be fined \$25.

Nazareth will hold its private show Wednesday at the Expo beginning at 7 p.m., according to David Bownds, ag teacher. The steers will show first, followed by lambs and barrows. Judging the lambs and steers will be Larry Gray, ag teacher at Springlake-Earth; and Jim McManigal of Happy will judge barrows.

Hart's show will be held next Thursday at the Expo Building. The show will begin with sheep at 7 p.m., followed by barrows. Curtis Preston, Bailey County Extension Agent, will judge the Hart show.

## Students place at competition

Several Dimmitt High School students participated in an invitational math and science meet on Jan. 22 at Levelland.

Participating were Stacy McDaniel, Ty Annen, Art Ortega, Zachary Bell, Danny George, Joe Juarez, Amy Fuller, Joel Townsend, Justin Damron and Beth Teaschner. The students are coached by Becky Book, Joe Haase and Francis Purcell.

- Computer science**  
10th grade: 1. Joel Townsend; 2. Justin Damron; 3. Amy Fuller.  
12th grade: 9. Stacy McDaniel.
- Number sense**  
10th grade: 6. Joel Townsend.  
11th grade: 9. Danny George.
- Mathematics**  
10th grade: 10. Joel Townsend.  
12th grade: 6. Stacy McDaniel.

## Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden.

A trace of snow was received Thursday or Friday night with no accumulation. New snow began falling Sunday morning with a high north wind. Temperatures hovered around 30 degrees with the wind staying high. By night there was a good ground cover, perhaps one inch or so. Monday morning it was eight degrees, and was just over 20 degrees at noon. The snow seemed to be pretty wet.

Sharon Sadler and Norma Conard left Monday for Arkansas. They spent Monday and Tuesday nights in Danville, Ark., with C.B. and Jean Lunsford. They attended funeral services in Rogers, Ark., for Sharon's cousin, Donna Conard, who died unexpectedly of cancer. She was the daughter of Roy and Ruth Conard, who lived in the community while he worked at El Paso Natural Gas for several years. She and her daughter lived with them at times.

Teeny Bowden attended the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Castro County Expo Building on Saturday to see Madge Robb receive the Citizen Through the Years award. Clara Vick gave an introduction and then presented her to the crowd. Most, if not all, of Madge's family was present. "Texas Country" provided music before the program started, and played during the reception for Madge, Katie Ivey, the Teacher of the Year, and Cheryl Pybus, Citizen of the Year. The meal was catered by the Dimmitt Methodist Men.

Billie and Emma Jean King attended the Springlake-Earth Livestock Show on Friday to watch their grandsons, Lance and Lincoln King, show their pigs. It was a first time for them.

Debbie Freeman was dismissed from the hospital soon after her surgery since she was doing so well, but complications developed and she had to go back in for a while. She is home again and doing fine.

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## 'Is Social Security going broke?'

By PHILIP C. CLARKE

To most politicians, the Social Security system is an untouchable public entitlement. But to the Baby Boom generation, the system may turn out to be a bust.

For just about every working American, the bloom is off the rose of Social Security.

Recent surveys indicate that more than half of the workforce believes that the federal government's retirement program is not a particularly good deal. In fact, 7 in 10 workers believe that they will get less than half of what they've paid into the system when they retire. In addition, the system is even in sicker financial shape than this diagnosis. The trustees report that the program will start losing money much earlier—in the year 2016 by pessimistic estimates. In other words, when today's 43-year-olds are ready to retire.

The real story may be even worse. For example, a report of the trustees of the Social Security system predicts that the program will go bankrupt by the year 2036, or just when most of today's 25-year-olds are ready to retire.

With this impending bankruptcy, the conventional wisdom says that politicians are faced with two choices—either cut benefits or raise taxes. Consider what probably would happen if Congress announced it was cutting benefits. When Republicans talked about reforming Social Security in 1982 and 1983, the Democrats clobbered them in the media, charging that the GOP wanted to throw old people out into the streets. In the next two congressional election years, Republicans lost seats in both the House and the Senate, and by 1986 the Republican-controlled Senate switched back to Democratic control just as in the House. Most Republican lawmakers who lost said the Social Security issue had hurt them badly.

And what about the other option of raising taxes? Politicians have only to remember back in 1990 and the budget deal between President Bush and Congress which raised taxes. President Clinton enjoys his current position in part because of that tax increase, especially since his predecessor had pledged not to raise them. When you consider how much Social Security taxes would have to be raised to keep the system viable, this option is a political non-starter.

According to the Social Security trustees, keeping the system solvent through the year 2070 would require tax hikes up to 52% of payroll! In simpler terms, just over half of anyone's paycheck would go to pay for Social Security.

However, due to the support the program enjoys among the elderly, few politicians are willing to talk

about "reform," which leaves the task to academics and think tank policy analysts.

Fortunately, a few such thinkers have offered a solution that is a winner in both economic and political terms—namely privatize the system. In economic terms it's very easy to see how the private sector would outperform the government.

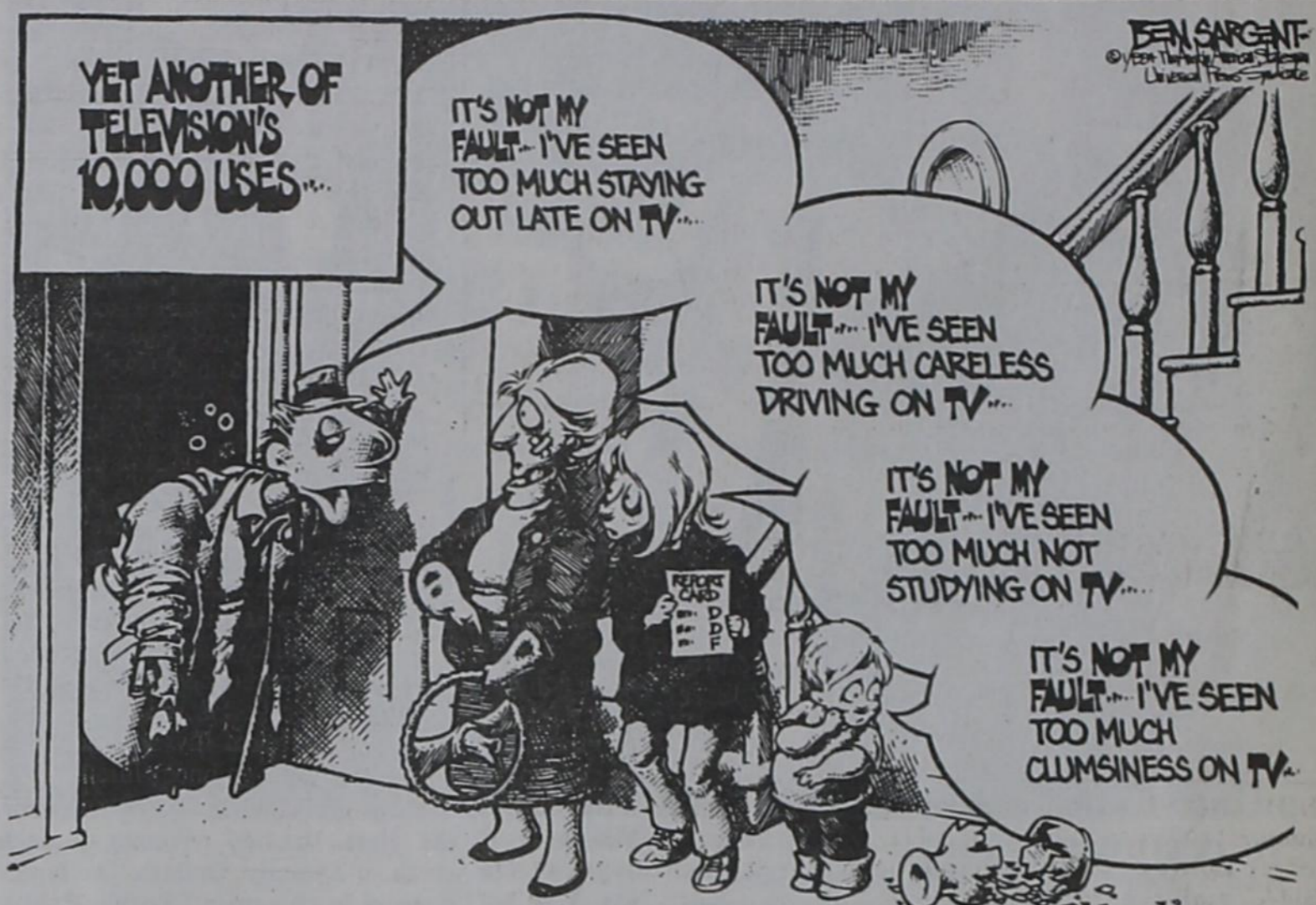
Consider, for example, the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Between 1980 and today, the Dow Jones average more than quadrupled. That means if you invested \$1,000 in 1980 in the stocks making up the index, your investment would total \$3,260 today. Or take another yardstick, the Standard and Poors average. In 1943, the S&P average stood at 10. Today it's 468, representing a price increase almost five times the rate of inflation.

By contrast, consider the rates of return on the Social Security program. According to an analysis by Peter Ferrara for the National Chamber Foundation, a think tank of the US Chamber of Commerce, most Americans who began to work in 1985 will lose as much as 3% on their Social Security "investments." Translated, this means that if a typical worker contributed a total of \$100,000 over the course of his or her lifetime, Social Security would pay on average only \$97,000. On the other hand, if the stock market maintained its historical growth trends, that same \$100,000 if invested privately, would return close to \$4 million.

Politicians should take note. Privatizing Social Security could be a real political winner. Above all, future generations would not be faced with crippling payroll taxes or shrinking benefits.

There's another compelling reason for reforms. As explained by Dorcas Hardy, former US Commissioner of Social Security, the billions of dollars in payroll taxes now going into the system's Trust Fund are by law invested in special issue government bonds. And because the government is in deficit, these bonds are used to finance current government operations. Thus the Social Security Trust Funds, or reserves, are in effect "merely a growing stack of IOUs that will need to be redeemed in the future in order to meet program obligations."

"The sums of money involved are astronomical," said Hardy, writing in an issue analysis of the United Seniors Association. "Unless the Trust Fund IOUs are redeemed by much higher taxes, the program will be forced to decrease or even default on the promised benefits. Many observers fear this will happen."



## CAPITOL COMMENT

### 'Let's cut federal spending'

By KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

When Congress passed (without my vote) a \$250 billion tax increase last August, the President promised that a plan for major spending cuts would follow shortly.

The taxes are in effect. "Shortly" is here, but the spending cuts are not.

Earlier last month Republican Leader Bob Dole and I announced a serious plan to reduce government overhead and streamline the federal bureaucracy. The plan puts forward 50 common-sense ideas that would slash government spending by \$50 billion over five years. The proposal requires that all \$50 billion saved would go towards reducing the deficit—not for new spending in other areas.

Our plan is simply basic good government ideas to save taxpayers' money. It starts with cutting Congressional and White House budgets by 7.5%. I know this can be done. My Senate staff serves the third most populous state in the country on a budget 20% below its allocation.

The proposal also includes my federal government reduction plan, which cuts \$3 billion per year in administrative overhead costs. These include travel, moving expenses, consultants, rent and office supplies. Virtually every business and household in Texas has cut 3 to 5% of discretionary spending when income failed to meet budget. That is exactly what \$3 billion per year would be—3 to 5% of government administrative costs.

Other cuts include \$1 billion from unexpended foreign aid (after four years), \$450 million from a one-year moratorium on new office or housing construction, and \$292 million from a funding freeze for the Appalachian Regional Commission and reduction of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Once these and other cuts are made, our job is to keep the federal deficit trending down. Under our bill, the President will have "line item veto" authority to cut wasteful spending. Instead of going on forever, all new programs will be terminated after five years unless Congress votes to continue them. Finally, the government would be forced to live with off-the-shelf supplies instead of custom-ordering everything. We cannot afford to subsidize custom-made pillows or oil pans any longer.

I supported the bipartisan effort in the US House this fall to cut spending. In fact, several of the 50 ideas Sen. Dole and I proposed were part of the Penny-Kasich bill narrowly defeated by House Democrats

last month. We've also adopted ideas from the administration's National Performance Review.

President Clinton promised to support serious budget cuts while persuading Senators and Representatives to vote for his tax increases last August. But the Administration spent two weeks in November fighting to keep the House from cutting spending. Our bill would give the President another opportunity to deliver on his promises.

When a Senator stands up for budget cuts, adversaries frequently reply that anybody for spending cuts cannot ever vote for any spending. I'm sure we'll hear that same tune again. In anticipation, I want to make clear that responsible budgeting means prioritizing spending—cutting in areas that will reduce the deficit, while preserving a strong military and promoting investment that will create new technologies, new industries and a growing job market.

There is plenty of fat to cut in nonessential spending. The deficit can be eradicated with responsible budget cuts. That is the policy underlying the Dole-Hutchison plan. But with a \$250 billion deficit, we need deeds in Congress, and not words.

## Speak out!

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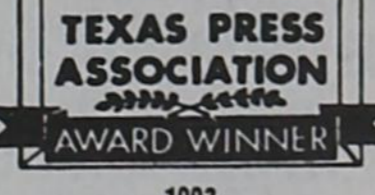
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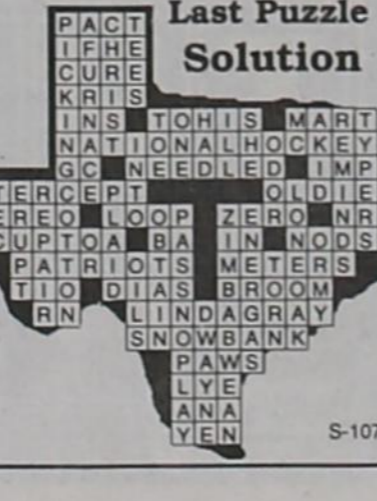


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# Cotton marketers keep an eye on supplies

It's time for the US to review its cotton policies and reconsider the influence of foreign stocks-to-use levels when setting the domestic acreage reduction program (ARP), according to an economist at Texas A&M University.

"The target for ARP needs to consider the expected foreign supply and demand," said Dr. Carl Anderson, cotton marketing specialist with A&M's Texas Agricultural Extension Service, who spoke at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Diego recently.

Foreign stocks-to-use levels have a significant impact on US and world prices, income from cotton and government costs, said Anderson.

"A better understanding of the price impact of US and foreign stocks-to-use levels can be used by the cotton industry to better manage price risk," said Anderson.

Currently, the cotton program targets the US stocks-to-use at 30%, regardless of the foreign

stocks-to-use ratio, in determining cotton acreage set-aside.

"When the foreign percentage increases above 35 to 40%, the US can benefit by increasing the ARP to reduce production, stabilize the domestic farm price, enhance farm income and reduce farm program costs."

"On the other side, when foreign stocks are relatively low, we can

reduce the ARP, increase production in anticipation of a substantial increase in the export market, increase farm price and income and possibly eliminate government payments," he said.

This week the US Dept. of Agriculture set the 1994 ARP for cotton at 11%. That means that a farmer must leave 11% of his cotton land

idle to be eligible for federal agricultural programs. The 1993 ARP for cotton was 7.5%.

"We think most people are going to go into the program (in 1994), therefore acreage will be reduced slightly," said Anderson. "Where Texas planted some 5.7 million acres of cotton last season, about 5.2 to 5.4 million acres will be planted in the state this year."



**SNOW BOWL**—Tossing around a football Sunday afternoon in Dimmitt is Melissa Lowrey, 16, of Hart, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowrey III. The snow brought varying amounts of much-needed moisture to different parts of the county. US Weather Observer KDHN Radio reported .04 inches of moisture for Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Social Security in Castro County

By Terry C. Richardson

So you're "thirtysomething" and you've worked for 10 years or more. You've been paying into Social Security all that time. And now you're thinking about the years that lie ahead until you're "sixtysomething" and can start receiving Social Security retirement benefits.

The good news is that you may have already worked long enough to become eligible for benefits when you reach retirement. The bad news is you need to keep working.

In addition to working for the money you need for the necessities and luxuries in your life, you'll need to work to increase the amount of your Social Security retirement benefit. If you were able to retire at "thirtysomething" after acquiring the maximum credits needed to qualify for Social Security (40 credits—equivalent to 10 years—of work) your benefit amount would be far below the amount you would receive after working 30 or more years at higher wages. In general, a Social Security benefit is based on your earnings adjusted for inflation and averaged over your highest 35 years.

But there's more to Social Security than just the monthly checks you'll receive when you retire. All through those years you are working and paying into Social Security, you and your family are protected by the disability and survivors' programs.

This means that if you become disabled and are unable to do any kind of work for which you are suited for at least 12 months, you could receive monthly Social Security disability checks. To get those checks, you must have worked and paid Social Security taxes for up to five years just prior to becoming disabled, and earned enough credits to be fully insured—no more than 40 credits.

The chances of becoming disabled are not as remote as you may think. Studies show that one out of four young workers will become disabled some time during his or her lifetime. If that happens to you, not only would you receive Social Security benefits, but your spouse and young children may qualify as well.

If you died before reaching retirement age, members of your family may be eligible for benefits on your Social Security record. They include a widow or widower age 60 or older or age 50 or older and disabled; a widow or widower any age who is caring for your child who is under age 16 or disabled; your unmarried children under age 18 or under age 19 who are still in high school; a child age 18 or older who is severely disabled; and your parents, if they were dependent on you for at least half of their support.

No one likes to think that they will be disabled or die before enjoying a long life. But it should be comforting to know that if the unthinkable happens, you and your family will have a safety net.

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## Bowling, Robb wed

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowling of Bangs. Parents of the groom are Jean Robb and Tedd Robb of Dimmitt.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Terri Kay Oats of Vernon, friend of the bride. Serving as best man was John David King of Dimmitt, friend of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony. The couple has established their new home in Amarillo. The bride is a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and she holds a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. She is employed with St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo as a physical therapist.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Texas Tech University and he holds a bachelor of science degree in animal business. He is employed with Lextron Animal Health in Dimmitt.

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School board members in Dimmitt and across the state are being recognized this month during School Board Recognition Month in Texas.

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Members of the Dimmitt school board are John Nino, president; Steve Buckley, vice president; Debbie Annen, secretary; and members Gracie Abrego, Earl Behrends, Paul Garcia and Frank Welch.

The goal of the recognition program is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board plays in communities and schools. Gov. Ann Richards has called upon all Texans to recognize the important contributions of board members and focus attention on the vital role the board members play in the education of Texas children.

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## Flynt receives academic honor

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Cadet Flynt is a college freshman at New Mexico Military Institute.

To be eligible for the superintendent's list at NMMI, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and an A in department. Cadet Flynt posted a grade point average of 3.75. He is attending NMMI on a Falcon Foundation Scholarship from the US Air Force Academy.

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## Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

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The couple's children and their families are Ginger and Donald Scarborough of Dimmitt, Linda and Tommy Gross of Ransom Canyon. Their grandchildren are Troy and Paula Gross of Amarillo, Greg Gross of Lubbock and Jason Gross of Ransom Canyon.

## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Feb. 3 to 11.

### DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Pepperoni pizza, fried okra, vegetable salad, grapes and milk.  
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 TUESDAY: Burritos, corn on the cob, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Barbecued wieners,

creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple cobbler and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Fried chicken with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, butter, honey and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school!

### HART

THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, flour tortillas, rice krispie bars, fruit and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Chili dogs, grated cheese, pickle spears, fresh fruit and milk.  
 MONDAY: Beef ravioli, salad, green peas, sliced bread, pudding and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Steak fingers or chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, oven-fried French fries, fresh fruit and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans, carrot sticks and broccoli, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school!

THURSDAY: Chili, peanut butter, crackers, carrots, celery, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Ham, fried okra, cauliflower, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.  
 MONDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, pineapple, hot rolls and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, peaches and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Sloppy Joes, beans, pears and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, fruit cocktail and milk.  
 FRIDAY: No school!

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chili, peanut butter, crackers, carrots, celery, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Ham, fried okra, cauliflower, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.  
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## Class of '74 needing help

Addresses and telephone numbers are needed for several members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1974. Plans are being made for the 20th reunion. Information on persons listed below may be given to Liz Murphy, 309 NW Fourth in Dimmitt, 647-2047; or Flo Touchstone, 6124 Nashville, Lubbock 79413, 792-3323.

Addresses and phone numbers are needed for Florence Acevedo, Minerva Acevedo, Darla Bostick, Benita Barba, Wesley Batterman, Billy Carver, Sandra Casas, Helen Crespin, Jose Ramon Constanca, Gilbert Espinoza and Leonor Guardiola;

## Texas Tech students are honored

Four Castro County students have been named to fall semester honor lists at Texas Tech University.

Amy Brooke Byers of Dimmitt, a freshman majoring in agricultural communications, was named to the president's list.

Earning mention to the dean's list were Holly Diane Axtell of Dimmitt, a sophomore nursing major; Paul Charles Axtell of Dimmitt, a junior pre-veterinary major; and Nicole Jean Kleman of Nazareth, a freshman majoring in multidisciplinary studies.

## Two earn degrees

Two Dimmitt students have graduated from Texas Tech University with bachelor's degrees.

Kevin Dan Petty earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics.

Brian Wade Stewart was awarded a bachelor of music degree.

Degrees were bestowed upon more than 2,000 students during fall commencement exercises on Dec. 18.

Also, Cody Harkins, Ronnie Heathington, Steve King, Paul Langford, Rick Oldfield, Andrea Hernandez, Carlos Ortiz, Santos Gonzales, Cecilia Presas, Richard Presas, Ofelia Quinonez and Steven Reed;

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### Presbyterian Happenings

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# Sports

## Naz's hot shooters down Happy, 60-42

A full-court press, near-perfect free throw shooting and sharp shooting from the rest of the court propelled the Nazareth Swiftettes to a 60-42 District 7-A victory over Happy Friday night in Nazareth.

The teams were ranked second (Naz) and third (Happy) by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches coming into Friday night's game. The win moved the Swiftettes into sole possession of first place in District 7-A.

Naz and Happy have played each other so many times, including several rematches in the Region 1-A championship game, that Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet said "we're very familiar with each other. By and large I think we know each other's play book and usually it's a matter of who has a better night. Tonight we played better."

The Swiftettes pressed Happy up and down the floor all night and forced the Cowgirls into giving up the ball 14 times. The Swiftettes kept the nets and free throw line hot, too, hitting 20-of-22 charity attempts and nailing eight three pointers. The Cowgirls managed just one trey and 7-of-12 from the three-point line.

The Swiftettes had hit 19 in a row from the line before Melinda

Schmucker missed the back end of a one-and-one with 38 seconds left in the game.

"That's the kind of free throw shooting we've been looking for all year long. If I could just bottle it up we'd have it made."

Tarbet said he felt like the Swiftettes' press flustered the Cowgirls, "and when they have to work that hard coming up the floor it takes a little bit away from the offense. I felt like we were in a physical condition to press the whole way and we like to do that whenever we can."

He was pleased with the team's overall offensive performance, too, with eight girls earning marks in the scorebook. Schmucker finished with 23 points while Carie Wethington added nine and Courtney Hoelting scored eight. All are sophomores.

"For the past month, Kristin Brockman and Schmucker have been carrying most of the scoring load and we've been on other kids to take their shots. They have been a little reluctant to pull the trigger, but in the last two or three games they've really come around and played well. Because of our injuries (starters Lena Durbin and Kelley Boyd have been recovering from

stress fractures) we're starting three sophomores, and now they've become comfortable with playing in pressure situations."

Happy got on the scoreboard first when Lori Moudy, who finished with 11 points, scored with 6:32 left in the quarter. That was to be the Cowgirls' biggest and only lead of the game.

After Moudy's basket Nazareth answered with 10 straight points, including three-pointers by Schmucker and Kandal Derrick.

Wethington scored with 3:38 left to put the Swiftettes up 10-2, then Happy's defense dug in and didn't allow the Swiftettes another basket in the stanza.

Leah Lair gave Happy fans something to cheer about at the end of the first quarter, scoring off of an offensive carom with 1:20 left, then adding another field goal with 35 seconds left to cut Nazareth's lead to 10-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Nazareth upped its lead to 10 points early in the second quarter when Hoelting and Schmucker sank a pair of free throws apiece.

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**OFFENSIVE CAROM** — Nazareth's Carie Wethington (with ball) grabs an offensive rebound, then fights her way out of the lane, which is crowded with Happy defenders, during action Friday night in Nazareth. The Swiftettes and Cowgirls, ranked No. 2 and 3 in the state, squared

off in the first of two District 7-A matchups with Naz coming out on top, 60-42. Wethington finished with 9 points while Melinda Schmucker (behind Wethington) scored a game-high 23. The win moved Nazareth into first place in District 7-A.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Hart going back to 2A in shakeup

### Dimmitt picks up new district foe Shallowater; Mustangs will appeal

Attention basketball fans: the gyms in District 2-3A just got a whole lot better.

Tulia's out and Shallowater's in for the conference for the next two years after the biennial alignment Tuesday by the University Interscholastic League.

Shallowater, though, plans to appeal its new placement in Class 3A. Shallowater High School's enrollment was 297 in one report and 293 in another. The cutoff at the low end of Class 3A was 295.

"They have until Feb. 22 to appeal," said Dimmitt Supt. Les Miller. "If the UIL upholds their appeal, they could leave us in a five-team district. We don't really want that, because that would leave us with open dates late in the year in all sports."

Hart made the other big switch, going back to Class 2A after a successful two-year stint in Class A. The Longhorns will move back into District 3-2A with Abernathy, Springlake-Earth, Hale Center,

Lockney, Morton, New Deal and Olton.

For Nazareth, it will be like old times in basketball with the Swifts and Swiftettes in the same basketball district with Happy and Sudan beginning next year.

"We elected to go up to big school for more competition. The kicker was, we didn't plan for Sudan to come into our district," said Nazareth Supt. Dean Johnson.

In football, Naz will be in District 2-A with Claude, Bovina, Farwell, Happy and Vega.

For District 2-3A, it's the first time in 10 years there's been a change in the district's makeup. Tulia will move north to District 1-3A, joining Dalhart, Childress, River Road, Perryton and Sanford-Fritch. The Hornets will replace Canyon, which moved to District 1-4A.

Shallowater is tentatively set to move up after enjoying several years as one of the biggest schools in Class 2A. The Mustangs have had one of the strongest football programs on the South Plains under Keith Kitchens, a Hereford native and former Texas Tech basketball star who also serves as the Shallowater athletic director. Dimmitt and Shallowater have scrimmaged in football for the past four years.

The Mustangs' basketball programs have been strong, too; the Fillies best playoff run came in 1990 with all-American Johnna Pointer. The boys program has been strong for many years, too.

The best part about the Shallowater program may be its gym. It has hosted several playoff games, including some Dimmitt area round contests.

## Bobbies cling to early lead for win

Dimmitt jumped to an 11-3 margin in the first quarter, then clung to the lead like Crazy Glue on a newspaper as the Bobbies took a 31-29 win over Floydada, Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

"Our girls may not be the best team around, but they've got more heart than anybody else in the state," said Dimmitt coach Richard Wood. "Tonight is just one more example of how strong the hearts are of these girls."

The Bobbies played again without Kim Thomas. Thomas, who had been playing on a bum ankle for a month, severely sprained her ankle a week ago and couldn't go against Muleshoe. Friday, she suited up but stayed on the bench.

The Bobbies seemed to have iced the game early, with a big run in the last part of the first period for the eight-point margin at the end of the quarter.

In the second period, it was Dimmitt's turn to go cold as the Bobbies had just a basket by Tiffany Wilcox and a free throw from Leslie Nelson. Floydada scored nine points in the quarter to make the score 14-12 at the half.

Floydada's Lu Ann Martinez, who picked up three fouls in the first three minutes of the game, canned two three-pointers in the third period, but Wilcox matched Martinez with a basket and four-of-five free throws as Dimmitt extended its lead to 26-20 after three.

Dimmitt had just five points--a basket and free throw by Nelson and a basket by Randa Wood--in the fourth quarter, but that was too much for Floydada to overcome.

The win was crucial for the Bobbies chances in District 2-3A. The win put the Dimmitt girls in a tie for fourth with Littlefield at 3-3, but they're just a game back of Tulia, Muleshoe and Friona. Tulia drilled the Lady Mules Friday to force the three-way tie at 4-2.

The boys game was a laugher for the Bobcats, who shot 53% from the floor, making 32 of 60 shots to ease to an 81-57 win.

Many of the shots came from a stifling press as the Bobcats earned 77 credits for steals, forced mistakes and other good deeds on defense.

The offense stayed in high gear, too, with welcome big games from Tait Crow and Chad Ellis. Ellis led Dimmitt with 15 points, while Crow came off the bench for nine points in the first quarter and 14 for the game.

"Chad has come on strong during the past month or so, and we hope he just keeps working hard and improving," Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle said. "Tait's had some good games for us during the season, and it's nice to see him come off the bench and produce like this."

Crow's explosion in the first quarter iced the game for the Bobcats, who led 21-11 at the end of the period. The Bobcats relaxed a little in the second quarter, but extended the Whirlwinds late in the half for a 41-25 halftime lead.

Fernando Ontiveros scored six of his seven points in the third quarter to help the Bobcats spread the lead to 60-39 at the end of three, and the Bobcats cruised to the 24-point win.

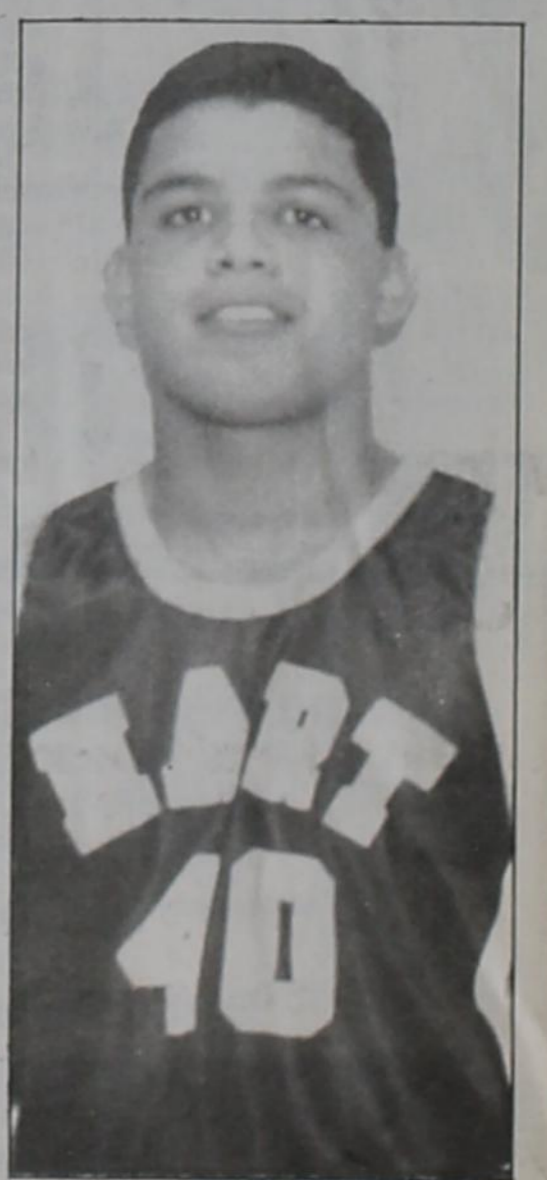
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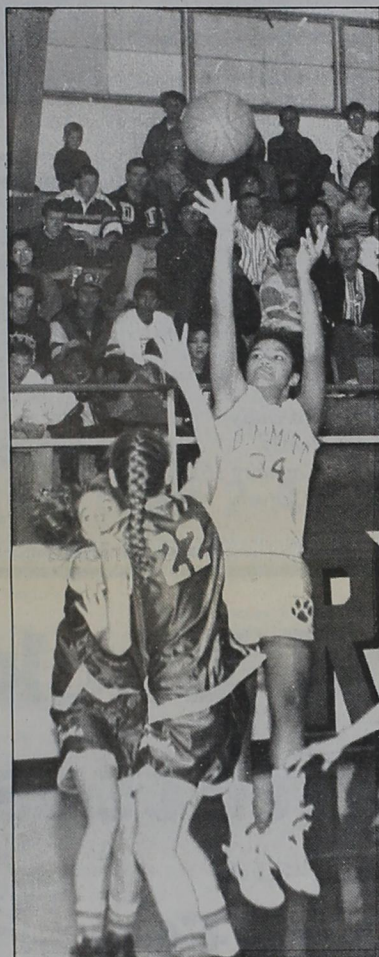
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# Good Luck, Bobbies and Bobcats

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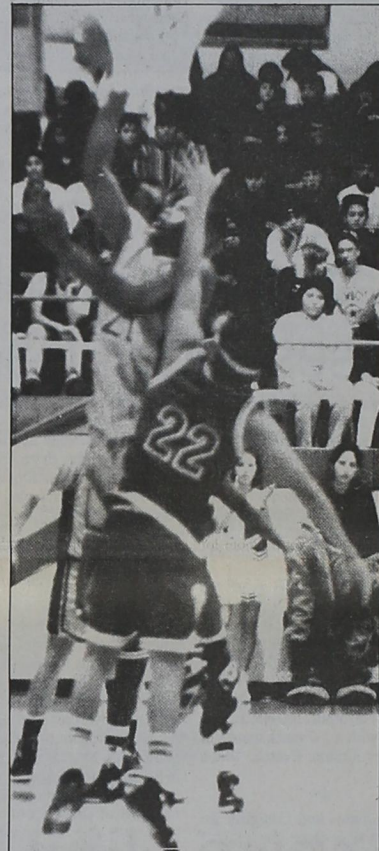


**DOLORES DIMAS (34)** scores for the Bobbies in their game against Floydada here Friday night. The Bobbies won the game in a squeaker, 31-29. *Photo by Art Ortega*



**Schedules and scores:**

- Bobcats 85, River Road 78 (OT)
- Bobbies 47, River Road 33
- Bobbies 38, Levelland 51
- Bobcats 42, Levelland 61
- Bobbies 28, Borger 60
- Bobcats 55, Borger 77
- Queens Classic:
  - Bobbies 51, Amarillo High 84
  - Bobbies 62, Plainview 61
  - Bobbies 36, Levelland 56 (Sixth Place)
- Bobcats 62, Randall 68
- Bobbies 47, Petersburg 33
- Bobcats 73, Petersburg 44
- Levelland Tournament:
  - Bobbies 33, Denver City 48
  - Bobbies 49, EP Montwood 46
  - Bobbies 44, Abernathy 38 (Bobbies win consolation)
- Pioneer Classic:
  - Bobcats 71, Andrews 32
  - Bobcats 48, Plainview 77
  - Bobcats 61, Estacado 73 (Bobcats place fourth)
- Bobbies 43, Monterey 69
- Bobcats 51, Hereford 48
- Bobbies 78, Estacado 28
- Bobcats 56, Slaton 55
- Bobbies 55, Petersburg 37
- Bobcats 65, Petersburg 56
- Brownfield Tournament
  - Bobcats 34, Snyder 46
  - Bobcats 57, Slaton 61
- Bobbies 49, Ralls 45
- Bobcats 46, Sudan 54
- Caprock Tournament
  - Bobbies 47, Lubbock Christian 51
  - Bobbies 70, Midland Lee 63
  - Bobbies 58, Coronado 59
  - Bobcats 73, Lamesa 61
  - Bobcats 53, Lubbock High 65
  - Bobcats 64, Caprock 66
- Bobbies 40, Clovis 33
- Bobcats 55, Caprock 57
- Bobbies 49, Brownfield 39
- Bobcats 61, Brownfield 59
- \*Bobbies 57, Floydada 56
- \*Bobcats 55, Floydada 49
- \*Bobbies 56, Littlefield 48
- \*Bobcats 52, Littlefield 58
- \*Bobbies 43, Friona 65
- \*Bobcats 79, Friona 52
- \*Bobbies 49, Tulia 54
- \*Bobcats 63, Tulia 48
- \*Bobbies 45, Muleshoe 57
- \*Bobcats 72, Muleshoe 29
- \*Bobbies 31, Floydada 29
- \*Bobcats 81, Floydada 57
- \*Bobbies 40, Littlefield 46
- \*Bobcats 65, Littlefield 66
- \*Feb. 4 . . . . . Friona . . . . . Here
- \*Feb. 8 . . . . . Tulia . . . . . Here
- \*Feb. 11 . . . . . Muleshoe . . . . . There
- \*District 2-3A games



**DERRICK THOMAS (21)** drives in for a layup to hike the Bobcats' lead over the Floydada Whirlwinds in their district game here Friday night. The Bobcats won, 81-57. *Photo by Art Ortega*

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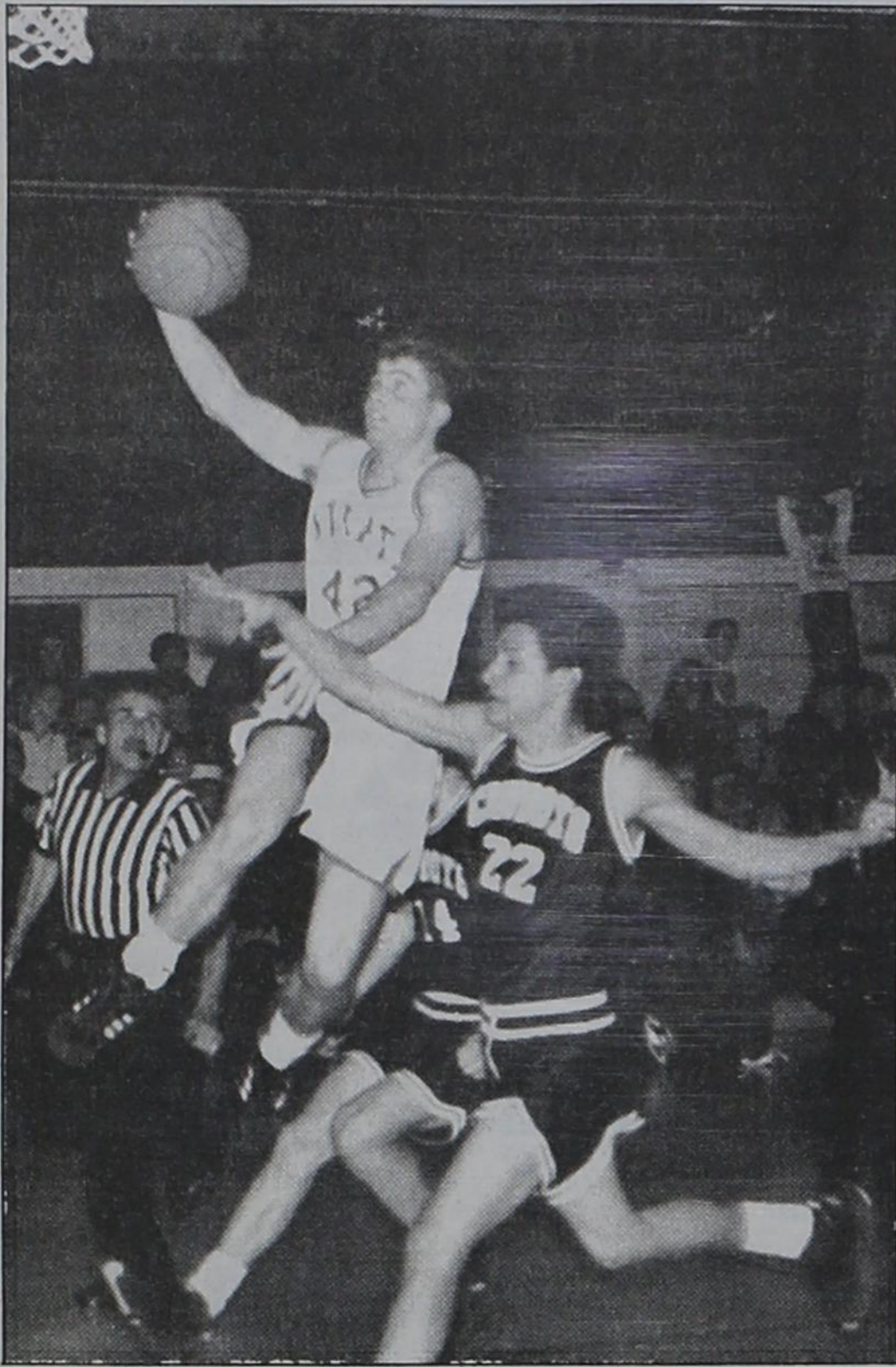
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COAST-TO-COAST FOR 2!—Nazareth's Justin Wethington (42) sails between two Happy defenders and scores on a fast-break layup during District 7-A action Friday in Nazareth. The Swifts won the game, 80-46, and Wethington finished with 14 points.

Photo by Anne Acker

## More about Nazareth . . .

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Lair added another basket on an offensive put-back with 5:43 left in the quarter, but Nazareth turned its offense up a notch after that.

Schmucker canned a pair of free throws, and Wethington and Derrick both hit treys to give the Swiftettes a commanding 24-8 lead before Happy Coach Clay Stout called time out with 3:38 left.

Happy scored the first seven points after the game resumed, with Moudy narrowing the margin to 24-15 with a basket at the one minute mark.

But a three-pointer by Wethington and a pair of free throws by Schmucker gave the Swiftettes their 29-15 halftime lead.

In the second half, Rachel King, who led Happy with 13 points, came to life and scored five field goals and two free throws in a perfect shooting performance during the third quarter.

But while King was firing away, the rest of the Cowgirls were cold. She scored all but two of Happy's 14 third-quarter points.

Nazareth kept pace with King and scored 14 of their own. Schmucker matched King's perfect shooting performance, hitting a three-pointer, two field goals and two free throws, while Hoelting canned a trey and Lynette Kleman popped a short jumper.

Happy found itself down 43-29 at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Moudy made it 45-33 with 4:20 left in the game, but Hoelting nailed a three-pointer 10 seconds later to put the Swiftettes up by 15.

Moudy scored, then Heather Stewart sank Happy's only three-pointer to cut the Nazareth lead to 10 points at the 2:47 mark and Stout called a time out.

The Swiftettes operated in a stalling four-corners offense for the last half of the stanza and it paid off at the charity line.

In the last 2:06, Nazareth hit 10 free throws, including nine in a row, and added a basket by Allyn Garza with 20 seconds left to seal the win.

off. Lazbuddie's got a scrappy bunch. They play hard. And I expect them (Lazbuddie) to be fired up when we play there Friday."

The Swiftettes will open the second half of district play Friday in Lazbuddie, then will travel to Happy Tuesday for another rematch. Nazareth will round out its district play by hosting Cotton Center on Feb. 11.

The Swiftettes had a slow first half against Lazbuddie in the teams' first meeting, but Tarbet said he expects his team to be ready for anything this time.

"Last time they played a triangle-and-two (defense) and manned up on Melinda Schmucker and Kristin Brockman, then ran the other three in a zone defense against the rest of us. We were a little slow in recognizing it at first, but once we did, we were able to adjust," Tarbet said. "I expect them to try it again, and we'll be ready. Defensively, we'll have to get back and not give up layups and short jumpers like we did the first time. We've got to stop their transition game."

## In District 7-A

# Naz teams in sole possession of lead

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes have a one-game lead over Lazbuddie and two-game advantages over Happy in District 7-A play after Tuesday night.

The Swiftettes finished 3-0 in the first half of the round robin with a 60-42 victory over Happy, 63-46 win over Lazbuddie and 92-23 win over Cotton Center.

Nazareth's boys also hold the lead in district play with a 3-0 mark. The Swifts beat Happy, 80-46 on Friday; then demolished Cotton Center Tuesday night, 88-36. Lazbuddie is in second place with a 2-1 district mark, with its only loss coming to Nazareth, 100-45. Happy is in third with a 1-2 mark thanks to a win over Cotton Center, which stands 0-3.

The Swiftettes and Cowgirls are the favorites to claim the playoff berths from District 7-A, but Lazbuddie threw a wrench into the predictions Tuesday by beating No. 4-ranked Happy in Happy, 45-42.

"We can take care of business. If we win Friday night, we'll win district," said Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet. "Even if we lose to Happy Tuesday, we'll still be in first place because we'll just have one loss and they'll have two. But if we lose at Lazbuddie Friday, then Happy beats us, we could be looking at a three-way tie. We're in control of our own destiny now."

Tarbet said he was a little surprised that Lazbuddie pulled off the win over Happy.

"I thought it would be close, but that Happy would be able to pull it

## Dimmitt varsity baseball schedule

Feb. 14	Plainview JV (scrimmage)	There	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	River Road (scrimmage)	Here	4 p.m.
Feb. 21	Lubbock Roosevelt	There	5 p.m.
Feb. 25	Levelland JV	Here	6 p.m.
March 1	Boys Ranch	Here	5 p.m.
March 3-5	Levelland Tournament	To be announced	
March 8	River Road	There	5:30 p.m.
March 10-12	Plainview JV Tournament	To be announced	
March 18	Morton (2)	Here	3 p.m.
March 22	Hale Center	There	5 p.m.
March 25	Boys Ranch	There	5 p.m.
March 28	Lubbock Christian	Here	6 p.m.
April 5	Lubbock Christian	There	6 p.m.
April 9	Littlefield	There	1 p.m.
April 12	Friona	Here	5 p.m.
April 16	Muleshoe	There	1 p.m.
April 19	Floydada	Here	5 p.m.
April 23	Tulia	There	1 p.m.
April 26	Littlefield	Here	5 p.m.
April 30	Friona	There	1 p.m.
May 3	Muleshoe	Here	5 p.m.
May 7	Floydada	There	1 p.m.
May 10	Tulia	Here	5 p.m.

## Dimmitt JV baseball schedule

Feb. 14	Plainview JV (scrimmage)	There	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	River Road (scrimmage)	Here	4 p.m.
Feb. 21	Levelland Red	Here	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	Lockney JV	There	5:30 p.m.
March 3	Friona JV	There	5:30 p.m.
March 4	Hale Center JV	Here	5 p.m.
March 7	Levelland Red	There	6 p.m.
March 22	Bovina varsity	There	5 p.m.
March 25	Hereford JV	Here	4:30 p.m.
March 31	Hereford JV	There	5 p.m.
April 5	Bovina varsity	Here	5 p.m.
April 14	Friona JV	Here	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Plainview freshmen	Here	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Tulia JV	There	4 p.m.
April 25	Friona JV	There	5:30 p.m.
April 29	Plainview freshmen	There	5 p.m.
May 2	Lockney JV	Here	5:30 p.m.
May 9	Friona JV	Here	5:30 p.m.

## Practice begins for '94 baseball

The first appreciable snow of the year fell Sunday.

That was the day before baseball workouts officially began for Dimmitt High School.

Coach Bobby Feaster has high hopes for the Bobcats, who were competitive last year in the second season for the DHS program.

"We'll have 38 players when basketball season is over, and that's a good-sized bunch," Feaster said Monday. "We have 14 who are playing basketball, and we have six who won't be eligible until the end of the six weeks."

The Bobcats will hold workouts through Feb. 14, when they go to Plainview to scrimmage the Bulldog JV. Another scrimmage is planned here Feb. 18 against River Road.

Dimmitt's varsity will open the regular season on the road Feb. 21 at Lubbock Roosevelt. The JV will host Levelland Red on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the big field at George Howell Park.

The varsity Bobcats will play in tournaments at Levelland and Plainview in the non-district schedule. Dimmitt will open the District 2-3A schedule at Littlefield on April 9.

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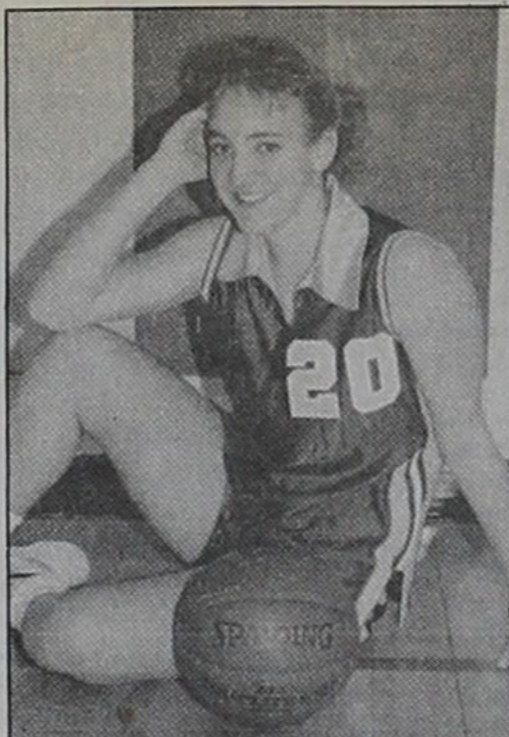
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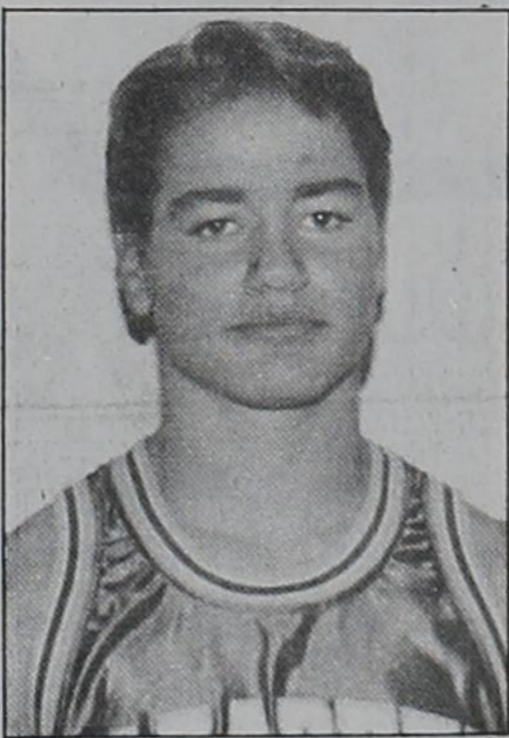
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# Bobcats, Bobbies lose close games

Littlefield came back from an early nine-point deficit, then rallied again in the second half for a 66-65 win Tuesday over the Dimmitt Bobcats.

The win virtually assured the Wildcats the District 2-3A championship, as they now stand 7-0. Dimmitt is 5-2 and is tied with Tulia for second place in the conference.

The Bobcats sprinted to an 18-9 lead in the first period Tuesday as Chad Ellis scored six quick points and Justin Newman came off the bench for five points to boost the Bobcats early. Littlefield came back to within 18-14 at the end of the period.

The Wildcats came back to tie the score at 28 late in the second period, but Dimmitt re-established a four-point lead, 32-28, at halftime.

Littlefield could have led, perhaps handily, at halftime but made just 10 of 20 free throws in the first half. Dimmitt, meanwhile, was three-of-six from the line in the first half.

In the third quarter, Littlefield's Jermaine Davis hit four big baskets in the lane as Littlefield took the lead in the quarter. Derrick Thomas almost matched him, with seven points, but the Wildcats led at the end of three, 48-47.

Dimmitt came back to take the lead three times in the fourth period, but couldn't overcome a seven-of-nine performance from the line for Littlefield. The Bobcats came back from a four-point deficit in the last minute to within one point, first at 62-61. Littlefield made two free throws, but Dimmitt came back with a basket, the Bobcats fouled again, and Littlefield again made the free throws to go up 66-63. Dimmitt made a basket to make it a one-point game with eight seconds left, then fouled Allen Blair with six seconds to play.

Blair missed the front end of the one-and-one, but the Bobcats fumbled the rebound out of bounds to end their chances.

Thomas led all scorers with 30 points for Dimmitt.

The girls game was a nightmare for the Bobbies, who played with just four players with 3:39 to play, and only three for the last 70 seconds.

Littlefield led throughout the first half, up 12-11 at the end of the first quarter and 27-17 at halftime. Dimmitt went from the end of the first quarter until 3:10 was left in the second period without scoring. Kim Thomas scored the only basket, and had two free throws with 46 seconds left in the half. Kara Josselet hit the front end of a one-and-one at the end of the half for the Bobbies.

Dimmitt quickly sliced the Lady Cats lead to five in the third quarter to 32-27, but Littlefield's Holly Short hit three treys and a two-point basket to give the Lady Cats a 38-28 lead at the end of three.

Dimmitt came back with a full-court press for the first time in the fourth quarter, flustering the Lady Cats and slicing the Littlefield lead to two points, 38-36. That's when the Bobbies started running into big-time foul trouble: Tiffany Wilcox fouled out with 5:58 to play, leaving Dimmitt with six players; Amy Ethridge was disqualified with 4:30 to play, giving Dimmitt just five players. When Josselet left with 3:39 to go, Dimmitt had only Katrina Acker, Delores Dimas, Randa Wood and Thomas on the court.

The Bobbies kept pace with Littlefield until Thomas fouled out with 1:10 to play. Littlefield hit a basket and two free throws in the last minute, and Dimmitt managed just two points as the Lady Cats took the six-point win.

The loss left Dimmitt at 3-4 in the district, but the Bobbies were not eliminated from post-season play. The Dimmitt girls play Friona here Friday, Tulia here Tuesday and Muleshoe there Feb. 11; a sweep of those games could put the Bobbies in the playoffs.

## Scoreboard

**Friday**

**Lady Horns 76, Farwell 45**  
Farwell 8 22 7 8 -- 45  
Hart 21 16 17 22 -- 76  
Hart: Shea Bennett 40, Trinetta Finch 10.

**JV Lady Horns 46, Farwell 10**  
**Farwell 80, Longhorns 68**  
Farwell 17 23 17 23 -- 80  
Hart 23 12 12 21 -- 68  
Hart: J.R. Lee 21, Eddy Chavers 15, Jason Aven 14, John Weips 11.

**Farwell 64, JV Longhorns 39**  
**Bobbles 31, Floydada 29**  
Floydada 3 9 8 9 -- 29  
Dimmitt 11 3 12 5 -- 31  
Dimmitt: Tiffany Wilcox 10.

**JV Bobbles 49, Floydada 29**  
**JV Bobcats 62, Floydada 42**  
**Bobcats 81, Floydada 57**  
Floydada 11 14 14 18 -- 57  
Dimmitt 21 20 19 17 -- 81  
Dimmitt: Chad Ellis 15, Derrick Thomas 14, Tait Crow 14.

**Swiftettes 60, Happy 42**  
Happy 6 9 14 13 -- 42  
Nazareth 10 19 14 17 -- 60  
Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 23.

**Swifts 80, Happy 46**  
Happy 7 14 9 16 -- 46  
Nazareth 22 20 14 24 -- 80  
Nazareth: Nick Johnson 19, Gaylon Schilling 14, Colby Pohmeier 14, Justin Wethington 14, Scott Brockman 11.

**Tuesday**

**Swiftettes 92, Cotton Center 23**  
Nazareth 27 20 15 30 -- 92  
Cotton Cntr 4 8 8 3 -- 23  
Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 25, Kristin Brockman 15, Denia Durbin 11, Lena Durbin 10.

**Swifts 88, Cotton Center 36**  
Nazareth 12 17 23 36 -- 88  
Cotton Cntr 3 7 12 14 -- 36  
Nazareth: Justin Wethington 24, Scott Brockman 18, Nick Johnson 12, Brad Keel 10.

**Vega 44, Lady Horns 40**  
Hart 8 11 8 13 -- 40  
Vega 14 12 10 8 -- 44  
Hart: Shea Bennett 24, Jodi Card 7.

**JV Lady Horns 37, Vega 35**  
**Vega 97, Longhorns 47**  
Hart 4 13 18 12 -- 47  
Vega 33 26 16 22 -- 97  
Hart: J.R. Lee 26, Jason Aven 8.

**JV Horns 37, Vega 31**  
**JV Bobcats 51, Littlefield 49**  
**Littlefield 66, Bobcats 65**  
Dimmitt 18 14 15 18 -- 65  
Littlefield 14 15 19 18 -- 66  
Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 31, Fernando Ontiveros 10.

**Littlefield 68, JV Bobbies 33**  
**Littlefield 46, Bobbies 40**  
Dimmitt 11 6 11 12 -- 40  
Littlefield 12 15 11 10 -- 46  
Dimmitt: Kim Thomas 18, Tiffany Wilcox 11.



AMY LETS ONE RIP—Amy Ethridge (31) of the Dimmitt Bobbies lets a three-point attempt fly in the second half of the game against Floydada, Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The Bobbies got off to a quick start, then held on for a 31-29 win over the Lady Winds. Photo by Art Ortega

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# Hart girls drop 2-A game to Vega

"They scored and we didn't." That's how Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox summed up Tuesday night's District 2-A loss to Vega.

"We were ice cold as far as shooting. We were 16-of-50 from the field and we were 32% from the free throw line. And you don't win shooting like that," Wilcox said.

Vega, who had lost to Hart in the teams' first meeting this season, was ahead 14-8 after the first quarter and held on to that lead throughout the game, pulling off a 44-40 win at home.

That dropped Hart to 23-3 overall and 5-2 in district play while Vega improved to 19-6, 4-3.

Vega continued to control the tempo of the game from beginning to end and was ahead 26-19 at halftime and 36-27 at the end of three periods.

Hart was paced by Shea Bennett, who finished with 24 points, and Jodi Card, who tossed in seven. Vega's leading scorers were Lori McDonald with 13 and Stephanie Jackson with 11.

"We're still in second place,"

Wilcox said. "If Vega beats Sudan and wins the rest of its games; and if we beat everybody but Sudan, we're in a tie for second with Vega. We could have guaranteed second place last night, but we didn't."

Wilcox said her team missed some critical free throws in the second half. Hart missed four front ends of one-and-one situations in the third quarter and missed some key charity tosses in the fourth, so free throws played a factor in the outcome.

"But the game never should have come down to free throws," Wilcox said. "We just didn't play well. There was nothing wrong except we couldn't shoot the ball."

Hart will travel to Sudan Tuesday and Wilcox hopes to pull off an upset of the No. 1-ranked Lady Hornets.

"We've got to be able to score. We can't let Sudan pull us out of our offense like they did first time. That's the only reason they beat us at home—they cut down our field goal attempts."

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## Chamber...

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### It's not my job

We had been standing in line for several minutes. The restaurant was busy and the order line was moving slowly. As we finally made it to the front of the line, we observed an interesting little scene.

The young person who was taking orders and running the cash register also had the responsibility to prepare each customer's drink. He needed to refill the ice container before he could complete our order.

This youngster turned to another employee who was watching and asked politely if the watcher would take the next customer's order while he went to replenish the ice supply. The watcher snapped, "That's not my job. I'm busy filling the trays."

The young man who was running the register apologized to us for making us wait for our drinks. Then he told the next family in line that he would return to take

their order in a moment. He dashed after a bucket of ice, returned, and again apologized as he served our drinks. While all of this transpired, the watcher simply watched.

As we walked back to a table with our food, my wife smiled at me and said, "That was interesting." My daughter said, "Dad, there has to be a column in there somewhere." I reached for my pen and a clean napkin and made a few notes.

### A column indeed

The more I thought about that incident, the more I grew certain that I should write about it. I believe there is an epidemic of "it's-not-my-job-itis" sweeping our country. From our leaders in Washington through the young minimum-wage workers in business, this insidious disease is spreading.

It is easier to deny responsibility and just stand back and watch than to accept responsibility and get the job done. We

need people in business, government and education who can produce positive results. It doesn't matter whether we're serving our country or serving our customers, we must take responsibility for doing what needs to be done.

### Three little lessons

I've learned three lessons over the last few years. These lessons relate perfectly to the "It's not-my-job-itis" disease.

The first lesson is that folks who develop the habit of saying "I wasn't hired to do that" "that's not my job," often find themselves without a job. An employee who tries to dictate to an employer what they will or won't do is asking for early retirement.

That is particularly true if customers are involved. Specialization is not a luxury many small businesses can afford. Therefore, every employee must learn to do whatever it takes to keep customers happy. Even if it's not in our job description. Don't forget that satisfied

customers are our only long-term job security.

I learned the second lesson early in my own career. I discovered that if we look for work to do, we can always find it. When I earned my living on the farm, I found there were always fences to mend, equipment to repair and chores to complete. In business there are always customers to serve, floors to clean, windows to wash and tasks to finish. The work is there if we look for it.

The third lesson is the most important one. It is this: If we want to get ahead in life, we often must put others' wishes ahead of our own. We need to do what needs to be done, whether or not it's our job. Look for ways to make another's job easier. When you're dealing with customers, help them get exactly what they want, when they want it. We may find that it is not only our job, but is also fun and rewarding.

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## Cotton Talks



The 1994 Caprock Cotton Conference, which was held Jan. 25 and 26 in Crosbyton, attracted cotton people from across the High Plains and attendees were provided with a wealth of information ranging from legislative and regulatory updates to reports on new production and management strategies.

Speakers for the event included US Dept. of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger, Texas Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and Commissioner Peggy Garner of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Also addressing the meeting were High Plains Extension Cotton Specialist Kater Hake, Texas Extension Cotton Specialist James Supak and other researchers from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock.

On the production side of the two-day program, producers heard results of cotton variety and management system tests conducted across the High Plains region. They also learned about some of the newest irrigation and insect management strategies being developed and refined to increase their production potential.

PCG officials say producers were able to "get a feel" for the issues that face them in 1995 and beyond, especially during discussions on topics such as the reorganization of the USDA, development of a 1995 Farm Bill and how environmental mandates will affect future production practices.

"The information provided to producers during the Caprock Cotton Conference was outstanding," noted Donald Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton

Growers. "One of the best ways to avoid the potential pitfalls associated with issues like the reorganization of USDA and the 1995 Farm Bill is to inform producers and get them involved in the effort to avert potential threats to their business."

Johnson encourages producers to do what they can, either through an organization such as PCG or on their own because the key is "getting involved."

The yearly process of selecting members to serve on the Plains Cotton Growers board of directors is underway, according to PCG officials.

High Plains cotton producers will elect members to the PCG board at county meetings during February and March.

The 50-person board is made up of two elected representatives from each of PCG's 25 counties, one a producer and one representing agribusiness. The representatives are elected on alternate years for two-year terms.

In 1994, PCG members from the 25-county High Plains area will elect business directors to the board, with the exception of members in Hale and Swisher Counties, where producer directors will be elected.

Under PCG bylaws, only current dues-paying members are eligible to vote in the elections or be elected directors to the organization. Information about county meetings can be obtained by contacting the PCG office in Lubbock at 806-792-4904.

### GED classes offered here

Adult education classes for persons wishing to prepare for the GED tests are being offered at Dimmitt High School.

Classes meet every Monday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will meet in Room 18, and enrollment is open every Monday night.

Persons wishing to learn to read, write and speak English may attend classes on Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

## EPA drops proposal on monitoring devices

The Environmental Protection Agency has dropped proposed monitoring requirements which could have cost irrigation farmers a lot of money.

The proposal would have forced irrigators to install "enhanced monitoring" devices on natural gas-powered irrigation wells as part of the federal Clean Air Act. It would have mandated installation of electronic sensors and instruments to record exhaust emissions from each well.

Actions by US Rep. Bill Sarpalius, Texas Corn Growers Association, Texas Corn Producers Board and others spurred the EPA's action, according to Carl King, TCGA president and executive director of TCPB.

Costs of installing the monitoring devices would have averaged as much as \$25,000 or more per well. Many Panhandle and South Plains farmers have numerous irrigation wells on several sections of land, and costs could have easily surpassed several hundred thousand dollars, according to King.

King said that after receiving a detailed letter from Sarpalius, which outlined the many unnecessary cost regulations, EPA dropped the monitoring requirements.

"We are grateful for Sarpalius' efforts to keep these regulations from becoming law," said King. "His intense actions to educate the EPA on how irrigation wells do not pose threats to air quality, as well as how they are the livelihood of thousands of farms helped get this proposal killed."

When TCGA and TCPB learned of the proposal in early January, King, TCPB directors and other staffers began working to offset the problem. They offered assistance to Sarpalius and other Texas congressmen and made direct contact with officials in Washington.

"This proposal would have been disastrous," said King. "At a cost of \$25,000-plus for monitoring equipment for each engine and four to six wells per section, growers could easily have been forced out of business. It was apparently written without even considering the con-

sequences to corn producers and other irrigators who rely on natural gas as an irrigation fuel."

After receiving several letters and telephone calls from Sarpalius, TCGA and TCPB officials, natural gas suppliers and others, EPA dropped the proposal.

"We have researched the issue you have raised and have determined that natural gas-fired irrigation engines are not currently sub-

ject to any federally enforceable Clean Air Act requirements," said John S. Seitz, director of the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, in a letter to Sarpalius.

King said TCGA and TCPB will "continue to monitor this situation and argue against any other proposals which may unnecessarily impose economic hardships on the state's corn farmers. We've fought EPA and we won this battle."

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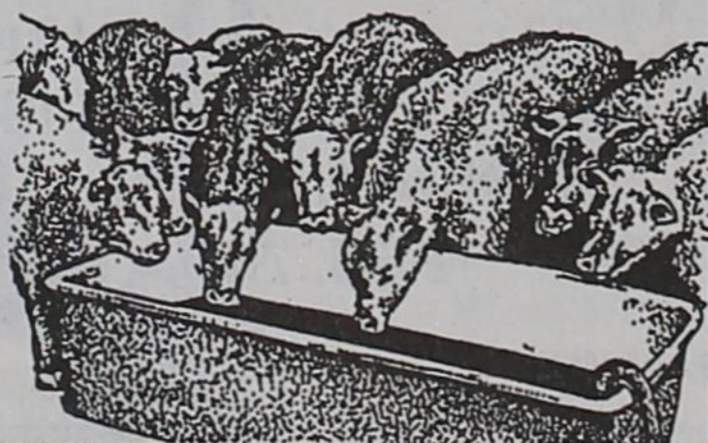
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**Q's and A's on rural health clinics, hospital district**

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tionary Share Funds, not with local property tax money.

SCHAEFFER: The hospital had not been upgraded in 20 years.

We've done all this renovation, and we've still got \$2.3 million, and we've got all this loaned money out that the hospital district is going to be paid back within two years—why do we need such a surplus?

GOODE: Under the Disproportionate Share Program regulations, you've got to show the state that you're doing something to get Medicaid patients and indigent patients, who often will come to the emergency room, to come to a less expensive setting to get primary care. That's partly what the rural health clinics are about. The fact that we're starting up these rural health clinics justifies continuing to receive the Medicaid Disproportionate Share money. It's kind of a necessary investment.

CENCI HARDEE: I don't think the hospital will ever want to operate on the edge again. \$2.3 million is a lot, but I still think...

GOODE: The financial experts in this business will tell you that a hospital should always have at least six months worth of expenses in reserve. Right after the tax season, sure, we're going to have more than that. But at the end of the year, we'll still have six months in reserve.

How much is six months' reserve?

GOODE: It takes about \$300,000 per month to operate the hospital, round numbers.

That's \$1.8 million for six months' reserve. You've got money coming in, too. Your patients are paying a little bit at least, aren't they? Are you talking about \$300,000 a month that you're losing?

GOODE: What the financial experts in the hospital sector recommend is six months' worth of actual expenses, ignoring what you collect in that time, in case something goes wrong with your collections and you don't have any collections for six months, you can survive it.

I understand that. But you've got income coming in. It takes \$300,000 a month to run the hospital—is that what you're saying?

GOODE: Approximately.

But how much of that is non-tax income?

GOODE: Around half. Okay, so instead of talking about \$1.8 million, you're talking about \$900,000.

Some people thought when the tax increase was levied that it was for a specific period of time and it was for a specific purpose—to pay off hospital indebtedness, which had been brought about by some pretty crippling lawsuits, and to get the hospital into a decent, strong financial position. One of the questions I've been asked a lot lately is, when is this tax rate going to come back down? Or is there any chance it will come down? Especially when the rural health clinics start paying back the money, will the hospital tax rate come down at that point?

CENCI HARDEE: I think that would be conceivable. We're really very concerned about what's going to happen out of Washington. Until we know what's going to happen—and it's probably going to be this year or next year—I don't know that they would come down, just to be sure we don't have to raise them back up. That would go over not at all. I would hope that the taxes would be able to come down. I know the board is very adamant that the rate not be raised.

When we raised our taxes to 35 cents, the other counties slowly raised their taxes through the years, and a lot of them are now at 28, 30, 32. Floydada's is at 42 cents, and you know what's happening over there.

CENCI HARDEE: So comparatively, we're not as bad off as we think. I agree that it's high, and I know it's a strain. They've held it for this long... I know it's not coming down this year. But I would think that when there's enough reserve and the clinics are settled out and back in the black, all three of them—now, Hardee is back in the black. Now Hart, now Hart is a part of Castro County, too. It will take a little while to get this new clinic back in the black.

**Rural Health Clinic Concept**

When we were broke, we raised taxes to keep the hospital afloat. We thought then, I think, 'Well, we're just doing it because we can still pay for those people who don't ever pay. And now, all of a sudden, we're back in the black, and yet here we go again, and we've bought three or four doctors all of a sudden, and I think to the common person out here paying taxes, it's perceived that we're paying a lot of money for something that we don't necessarily think we might need. The people who are moaning and groaning about it, they don't know what's going on—they don't know all the secrets behind the dealing and everything that's gone on. They're just looking at the fact that they're paying out all the time.

CENCI HARDEE: When Dr. Hardee came here, the hospital district guaranteed him \$120,000 the first year—\$10,000 a month for one year. Well, after three months, he didn't need a guaranteed income. He was grossing more than \$10,000 a month. That's how desperately Dr. Hardee was needed back in 1985. He didn't take away from Dr. Lee; he didn't take away from Dr. Murphy. He was given the patients that were already going out of town—there had been too many. They've done contracts with the three doctors. Dr. Murphy has been repeatedly asked to join, and at this point, he still does not want to. That is his decision. He supports it, though.

The contract with the doctors is to pay them a set salary per year no matter how many they see, how few they see, what they do—they get a set amount per month to perform their duties in a 40-hour week. It's the same as the guarantee they gave Dr. Hardee back in 1985.

Dr. Murphy as a private practitioner is being paid less by Medicare and Medicaid, isn't he?

CENCI HARDEE: Yes. GOODE: Because he has historically charged less. CENCI: Well, that was true, but it's not anymore.

But what Medicare and Medicaid allow...

CENCI HARDEE: Yes, it is different for a rural health clinic. That's why we changed, because—last year (in private practice) we could charge \$18.72; this year we can charge \$19.05. They went up 23 cents in what a private physician could charge.

Isn't that one of the main reasons the rural health clinics were formed—because you get two or three times as much out of Medicare and Medicaid patients as a private practitioner gets?

CENCI HARDEE: That is one of the reasons, yes. There are many ramifications.

Isn't this program, with higher Medicare and Medicaid payments, still just using more tax money?

(No legible answer.)

Why isn't Dr. Murphy part of this new system?

CENCI HARDEE: This is Dr. Murphy's choice. You know, because we get so much better reimbursement, he has turned his nursing home patients over to Dr. Morrow and Dr. Hardee so that they can be seen more than once a month. Medicare and Medicaid have a rule (concerning private practitioners) that nursing home patients could be seen only once a month and be reimbursed for it. And for nursing home patients just to maintain their wellness, some of them need to be seen more than once a month. Under the rural health clinic program, we can go out there as many times as necessary and be paid for every time we go out there. So those patients are getting much better care now.

Who determines what's necessary for the nursing home patients?

CENCI HARDEE: Their wellness, and their own physicians. Some patients we see only once a month because they just need their medications given on a prescribed schedule. Some patients need to be seen once a week. If a rural health clinic doctor sees the patient, the doctor is not getting paid for it—the rural health clinic gets paid for it.

The hospital right now has a real public relations problem.

CENCI HARDEE: There's been a reason for that. Dr. Lee was for the rural health clinics, then he was against it, and they did not want to offend him.

How many medical administrators are there in this county?

WELCH: There are two. There will probably be three.

Is Castro County large enough to have two or more?

CENCI HARDEE: We tried doing with less, with the hospital administrator overseeing the program and a supervisor for the clinics. But we checked with Austin, and it was illegal. The clinics are set up as "independent" rural health clinics. If it's "independent," it comes under state guidelines. If it were set up under the hospital district, it would be a "provider based" clinic, and would come under Medicare (federal) guidelines.

If a rural health clinic is "independent," where does its operating money come from?

CENCI HARDEE: From the income of the clinic.

WELCH: If it's independent, it isn't tax-based.

CENCI HARDEE: Independent clinics will generate and operate on their own income after this "lag period," and later, if there is a profit, that will go back into the hospital district.

DR. MURPHY: The Rural Health Clinic Law was passed in '76 as a means of providing health care and funding to attract more doctors to rural areas. (Anytime you start a federal program, you get all kinds of regulations.)

CENCI HARDEE: The law is Public Law 95-210.

DR. HARDEE: (Former US. Sen. Lloyd) Bentsen is the one who pushed this law through, and with the Rural Health Commission in Washington, it looks like it's going to stay. And that's a good thing for rural areas.

How did you decide whether to set up the rural health clinics here as "independent" clinics with separate supervisors instead of "provider based" clinics supervised by the hospital administrator?

CENCI HARDEE: We had a feasibility study conducted by a medical consultant who was recommended by several of the area hospitals. We called him in to see whether Dr. Hardee's office should be "independent" or "provider based" if it were converted to a rural health clinic. This professional consultant, in studying the situation, learned that reimbursement would be much higher from Medicare if it's an "independent" clinic; the reimbursement rate for a "provider based" clinic is very low. The consultant is doing follow-up work relating to the status of the other clinics.

What did this consultant cost?

CENCI HARDEE: The consultant was paid \$20,000 the first time, with a guarantee from him that the difference in rates would make up the cost.

Aren't the medical practices under the guidelines for a rural health clinic more restricting?

CENCI HARDEE: The guidelines are very specific.

Does the doctor get his private patient fees?

CENCI HARDEE: He gets his salary only.

If he gets his in-patient fee, then he gets his salary plus his surgery fee?

GOODE: His salary IS his in-patient fee.

CENCI HARDEE: For surgery, the clinic or hospital district is paid for it.

GOODE: The way this has been set up lets the clinic charge insured patients less than it would have had to do in a "provider based" clinic.

CENCI HARDEE: It's \$30 per visit, no matter what the patient's income or whether he's on private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. ... (The reimbursement differential) was one of the main things we were looking at a couple of years down the line. If we didn't set up for this, then this money was going to go to Amarillo or Lubbock, and we'd much rather it come here.

DR. HARDEE: When my clinic switched over to a rural health clinic, I didn't change my charges at all. The hospital district adopted my charges—\$34 per office visit.

CENCI HARDEE: On every Medicare or Medicaid patient, we bill \$34 and they pay \$42.54. That's 80% of \$57, which is the fee they allow. It doesn't make sense.

GOODE: There is a flip side to this. A physician can't see every patient for \$34 and come out on it. When he has to do, say, seven lab tests, there's going to be more expense.

DR. HARDEE: It's intended to be a cost-reimbursement system. You'll lose money on some and make money on others. In the long run, we come out ahead.

The self-pay patient still pays the actual charges based on services and procedures provided. These "flat charges" apply only to Medicare and Medicaid patients. The difference is that, in the past, when we saw a Medicare/Medicaid patient we would be reimbursed only a fraction of the cost, so we'd have to raise our fees to the private-pay patients to stay in business. This way, we're reimbursed better, so we don't have to charge the self-pay patients as much. A lot of doctors aren't seeing Medicare or Medicaid patients anymore because the reimbursement is so poor to private physicians that they can't afford to.

Will it lower the quality of care?

CENCI HARDEE: No. In practice, the doctors use the same care and procedures.

DR. HARDEE: I haven't changed my way of practicing medicine at all. I try to treat every patient the same across the board.

Was every doctor in the county invited to participate in this program?

DR. HARDEE: Yes.

Are you sure other doctors would want to come here and work under this system?

WELCH: One of the benefits, I think, is that with a rural health center it makes it much easier to recruit new doctors. They don't have the expense of setting up a clinic.

GOODE: What we were seeing in the hospital business before rural health clinics was, a hospital would contract a new doctor at a guarantee and then couldn't generate that income. At the end of the contract period, the doctor would contract somewhere else and the hospital district would be left to contract with another doctor and provide another guarantee.

WELCH: When we had five doctors, the hospital did great. When we got down to three, that's when things got tough for the hospital. We're hoping we can increase the number of doctors through the rural health clinic program and generate more revenue for the hospital, and have a healthier situation regarding health-care delivery here.

DR. HARDEE: They have rural health clinics now in Plainview, Hereford, Littlefield, Clarendon, Paducah—all over the place, because they had to do something to bring more money in to stay open. These aren't just hospital districts; these are established doctors, too.

What did they pay Dr. Lee for his practice?

CENCI HARDEE: They did not pay what he asked. They paid him \$490,000 for everything—the property, the practices, the equipment, both lots, everything. It was broken down into what they paid for his charts, for his equipment, for his lots.

Why did you feel it was necessary to buy Dr. Lee out?

WELCH: We did not try to buy Dr. Lee out. He came to us. He said he was about to retire and asked if we were interested in buying his clinic.

Then why did Dr. Lee have to sign an agreement not to practice medicine within a 60-mile radius? He isn't retired; he's working in Hereford and Plainview.

MRS. BRADFORD: That's standard practice.

WELCH: It's to keep a doctor from selling us a clinic and then building a new clinic across the street.

What would be the optimum number of physicians here?

GOODE: Nationwide, it's considered to be one physician for every 2,500 population. ... Two physician assistants will see the same number of patients as one doctor.

So we're in pretty good shape here?

WELCH: Temporarily. Dr. Murphy is about to go on an extended trip, and he's giving us no guarantees about next year.

CENCI HARDEE: We're in good shape here. Whatever hap-

pens in Washington, we are in place.

SCHAEFFER: We as a board are committed to providing quality health care at as reasonable a cost as possible. This board has been very conscientious about this.

What about the hospital's emergency room charges? Working people can't afford \$300 or \$400 in emergency room charges. That's what we as a hospital district pay taxes for.

SCHAEFFER: Who CAN afford medical care? And what's its worth to have medical services available?

COLEMAN: Until a year ago, a hospital would charge for emergency room services as uses, and the doctor would bill separately for his services. But now, the hospital district pays the doctor an hourly rate to be on call, then bills the patient—and the doctor doesn't.

CENCI HARDEE: However, if a doctor provides emergency room services when NOT on call, he still bills separately.

What if the doctor who isn't on call doesn't charge as much for his emergency room services as the hospital district is paying the doctor who IS on call?

CENCI HARDEE: Then the cost to the patient would be less.

What is the cost of the rural health clinics, including all the employee perks?

CENCI HARDEE: The start-up expenses so far for the rural health clinic system here total \$300,000. That's total cost—salaries, clinic construction and remodeling, and so forth.

GOODE: The first rural health clinic is operating in the black now.

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10—Agricultural Services

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

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

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11—Feed, Seed and Grain

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14—Automobiles

MUST SELL! '91 Pontiac Sunbird Convertible. Automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo w/compact disc and 10-disc changer. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Hulderman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806/247-2701. 14-43-tfc

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6—For Sale, Misc.

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14—Automobiles

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16—Automotive Parts and Supplies

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18—Services

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

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 18-43-tfc

20—Help Wanted

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

PLUMBER NEEDED full-time. Call 647-2536 or 647-5318. 20-39-8tc

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS National firm filling six positions in Castro County, \$9.25 to start. Great for homemakers, flexible schedules. Apply in Amarillo, work in Dimmitt. Call 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 356-7188. 20-43-tfc

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs mature person now in DIMMITT area. Regardless of experience, write W.A. Hopkins, Box 711, Ft. Worth, Texas 76101. 20-43-2tc

21—Wanted, Misc.

I WOULD LIKE TO Buy your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-tfc

22—Notices

FORGIVENESS LOANS AVAILABLE: If you plan to go to nursing school and need money to do it, call 647-2191 and ask for Steve Goode or Cindy Ellis. Loan can be forgiven if you work for the Castro County Hospital District following licensure/registration. 22-43-3tc

22—Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-tfc

24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS Thank you for every expression of sympathy and love expressed at the loss of my mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, Ailene Cummings Smitherman. We are truly grateful. POLLY SIMPSON & FAMILY PATSY & WALLACE HARPER & FAMILY TONY & MONTA JEAN SMITHERMAN & FAMILY RUE & JOE BOB BRALLEY & FAMILY INA RAE CATES WILLIE MAE HALE 24-43-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Feb. 1, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Councilmen's Chambers at the City Hall, to discuss and consider a variance of

20—Help Wanted

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TRUCK DRIVERS, DRIVE to own!!! \$0 down, \*78¢ per mile - all miles! \*tractor ownership/30-42 months! \*22¢ per mile driver pay! \*average 10,000 + miles per month \*company driver positions \*2 yrs. min. experience. New Apple Lines Inc., 1-800-843-8308 or 1-800-843-3384, Madison, SD.

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833-9121. Carl Waldman Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Lawyer, Beaumont/Houston.

BILBO FREIGHT LINES flat-bed carrier needs drivers and owner operators. 23 years old, 2 years OTR, 1 year flatbed. DOT drug screen, physical. 1-800-444-0070.

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DRIVERS: CELADON TRUCKING currently has positions available for teams & solo drivers/teams with 6 yrs. exp., start at \$32 per mile/great lanes/dedicated team dispatch/qualcomm satellite/new equipment arriving monthly. Great get home policy - call for detail 1-800-729-9770.

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25—Legal Notices

Section 14-21 of the City Code for A.L. Sears, 712 Pine, who plans to construct a carport which will be located within the 5 ft. side lot line and the 25 ft. front property lot line "No Construction Zone" as established by Section 14-21 of the City Code.

Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Dept. of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernon's Civil Statutes.

JAMES KILLOUGH Building Inspector City of Dimmitt 25-43-tfc

LEGAL NOTICE

Hart Independent School District is accepting bids on a 30' x 40' duplex to be moved, located on the corner of Second Street and Avenue G in Hart, Texas. For additional information contact Hart ISD at 938-2143. Bids will be opened at 3 p.m. on Feb. 17, 1994, in HISD Superintendent's office. 25-43-2tc

20—Help Wanted

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BREAST IMPLANT VICTIMS may be entitled to substantial damages. Call for free information package 1-800-



25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting applications for Director of Food Service. Qualifications include experience in foods and nutrition, dietetics, home economics or food service management with five years of experience in food service management, three years of which are in school food service environment. The successful applicant will possess knowledge of menu planning, food purchasing, preparation of foods in a food service situation, ability to manage budget and personnel, strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills and ability to delegate authority. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Interested applicants may obtain an application at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Applications will be taken through March 1. 25-43-2tc

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is given that E.M. Jones Ditching whose principal business office is at North Highway 385, Box 565, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, Castro County, Texas, intends on or before Jan. 3, 1994, to become incorporated without a change of firm name, in the name of E.M. Jones Ditching, Inc. Dated Dec. 29, 1993. E.M. JONES, OWNER 25-40-4tc

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22—Notices

**Political Announcements**

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 8 primary.

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

**For County Treasurer:**  
Oleta Raper (I)  
Janice Shelton

**For County-District Clerk:**  
Betty Rickert  
Joyce Thomas  
Debra Ball

**For County Judge:**  
Irene Miller  
Mrs. M.L. (Polly) Simpson Jr. (I)

**For Commissioner, Pct. 4:**  
Vincent Guggemos (I)

**State Senate, 30th District:**  
Steven A. Carriker (I)

**For Judge, 64th District Court:**  
Jack R. Miller (I)

**For Justice of the Peace:**  
Marshall Young (I)

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

**For County Judge:**  
Robert Hawkins

**For County-District Clerk:**  
Shirley Hollums

**For US Rep., 13th District:**  
Wayne Collins

Political Adv. Pd. by Candidates



DANNY RICE, outgoing director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, receives an appreciation plaque from President Reta Welch (posing as Elizabeth Taylor) during the chamber's annual banquet Saturday evening in the Expo Building. During his two terms on the chamber board, Rice served two years as president (1991 and 1992). Photo by Linda Maxwell

**DQ Treats & Eats**

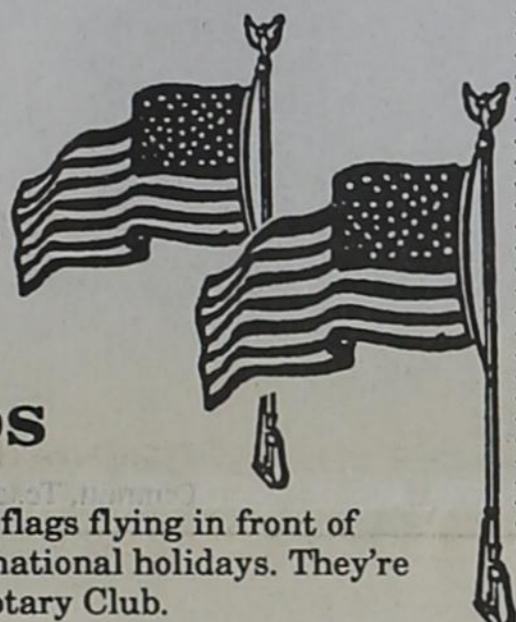
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**Join Dimmitt's Holiday Flag Corps**



You've seen the American flags flying in front of sponsoring businesses on national holidays. They're put out by the Dimmitt Rotary Club.

We want to expand our community's show of patriotism by continuing the impressive array of American flags along the north side of the courthouse square. It has to be a community effort—if you will sponsor a flag, we'll buy it, set it out and take it in on the nine annual "flag holidays," and take care of it for you.

You may sponsor a flag as an individual gesture, as a tribute to a friend or family member, in honor of a present or former serviceman, or in memory of a loved one.

The sponsorship fee is only \$20 per year, starting with this year's first "flag holiday"—Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21.

You'll not only get the satisfaction of seeing "your" flag flying on the courthouse square; you'll also be recognized, along with other individual flag sponsors, twice a year in the Castro County News.

Help us make every holiday an impressive one for our townspeople and visitors by joining the "Dimmitt Flag Corps."

If you would like to sponsor a flag, call either of these Rotarians' numbers by Feb. 18:

647-2153 (Scotty Abbott)  
647-3136 (Henry Ramaekers)

**Dimmitt Rotary Club**

**Correction**

In a story on the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet last week, Billy Lytal was misidentified as Jerry Lytal. He was correctly identified in the outline.

In a story on the freshman girls' final game in the Levelland Tournament, Adreanna Mondragon was omitted from the story.

The News regrets the errors.



**Plains Memorial**

It's a girl for Johnny J. Bermea and Tommie Casey. Their daughter was born at 11:29 a.m. Jan. 23 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and has been named Chelsea DecAnn Bermea. Maternal grandmother is Susie Trevizo of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Elias and Carolina Bermea of Nazareth.

Oralia and Mario Sanchez are the parents of a baby girl, Amber Nicole, who was born at 3:18 p.m. on Jan. 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The baby weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Amber Nicole has a big sister, Stephanie Lynn, 2. Her paternal grandparents are Arnulfo and Beatrice Sanchez of Big Lake. Maternal grandparents are Sofia and Andres Navarro Sr. of Dimmitt.

**OUT OF TOWN**

Rudy and Linda Bonilla of Dimmitt are the parents of a daughter, Haley Lorraine, born Dec. 21 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 4 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Victor and Imelda Saenz of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Felix and Anna Maria Bonilla of Lazbuddie.

*Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!*

**Plains Memorial Hospital**

is pleased to announce a new service for our area residents. A physician from Cardiology Associates of Lubbock, P.A. will be available at the hospital for clinical consultation. The cardiology clinic will be held Tuesday, February 15, 1994 at 1 p.m.

Patients will be seen by referral from  
**Gary Hardee, M.D. 647-5162**  
**B. D. Murphy, M.D. 647-5255**  
**D. H. Patel, M.D. 647-2194**  
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	ALLSUP'S MONEY ORDERS UP TO \$299.00 FOR ONLY <b>19¢</b>	SHURFINE BLEACH 1 GALLON <b>99¢</b>
		GRANULATED SHURFINE SUGAR 4 LB. BAG <b>\$1.39</b>



**More about**

# Dr. Morrow, hospital district reach settlement . . .

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page and telephone calls from the hospital on emergency calls.

"When they couldn't get a response from Dr. Morrow, Dr. (Gary) Hardee was called to the emergency room," Goode said. "Dr. Hardee saw a patient, and suggested to the nurses that the police knock on Dr. Morrow's door and make sure there were no problems."

"Sometimes you take a call late at night or early in the morning and you don't get the phone hung up correctly," Cenci Hardee said. "It's happened to almost all doctors, I'm sure."

Clinic employees had already been asked by CCHD officials to appear at a special meeting of the CCHD board when the call was made. Cenci

Hardee, administrator for Castro County Community Clinics, said the employees were not forced to be at the meeting.

"They were asked to come to the meeting," Hardee said in a telephone interview Monday. "It was their choice to be there."

The four clinic employees--Office Manager Vince Moss, Receptionist Kathy Webb, and nurses Cindy Gerber and Brenda Seely--were each called into the executive session. Gerber was first, spending almost an hour in the meeting room. Next was Webb, who was questioned by the board for about 20 minutes. Seely then was called in for a 45-minute session.

Following a 20-minute break, Moss met with the board for about 50 minutes.

Each of the employees was told not to discuss what was said in the executive session. CCHD officials would not comment this week on what they learned from the employees, nor would they talk about any issues that may have been discussed

in closed session.

At the meeting's onset, Morrow, Mrs. Morrow, and his attorney, John Lovell of Amarillo, were present. When the board went into executive session soon after 7 p.m., the clinic employees and the *News* were asked to wait in the abandoned nurses station in the east wing of Plains Memorial. The Morrrows and their lawyer were escorted to what had been a smoking lounge for nurses.

They waited in the lounge for about 20 minutes before PMH Administrator Steve Goode went to the lounge and told the Morrrows and Lovell they would not be needed by the board until later in the evening.

The "later" was nearly 2 a.m. Dr. Morrow and Lovell were called back to the hospital three hours after the board last spoke to Moss, a former associate of Dr. Morrow who came to Dimmitt with the doctor last month at the doctor's request. The *News* was

not told what the board discussed during the three hours between questioning Moss and the return of Dr. Morrow and Lovell to PMH.

As Lovell and Dr. Morrow waited in the lounge in the wee hours, CCHD attorney Lisa Smith of Amarillo made several trips back and forth from the lounge, about 40 feet away. Smith made at least 10 trips back and forth; some lasted almost a half hour; one was as brief as two minutes.

At 4:34 a.m. Friday, Dr. Morrow and Lovell left from the lounge and made their first trip to the conference room. They met with the board for several minutes before retiring to the lounge. They waited there about 20 minutes before Smith, just after 5 a.m., went to the lounge and told them a compromise had been reached.

Morrow and Lovell together phrased a resignation announcement after the board went back into open

session, at 5:22 a.m.

"I hereby resign from the medical director's position (at Medical Center of Dimmitt)," Dr. Morrow said.

"Under the physician agreement, I also resign privileges at the hospital since I also won't be practicing in the community," Lovell said on behalf of his client.

"It just didn't work out," Morrow said.

Monday, Hardee said Dr. D.S. Patel was still at the clinic and would be taking calls for Dr. Morrow.

"Also, one of our physician assistants is at the clinic," Hardee said. "We had planned to have one of the PAs at the clinic beginning today, anyway, so it really worked out. We were at the point where sometimes we would have two at a clinic, and we just needed one."

"The other physicians are having to double up in some regards, because we are a doctor short. All of this

won't have an adverse impact on the community, other than we'll be a doctor short until we can recruit a replacement."

She said the recruitment will begin soon, and that the board will be "very thorough in its selection process."

"The board was very thorough this time, too," she said. "It just didn't work out."

## City plans meeting on cable, curfew

Representatives of Classic Cable of Austin will be on hand Monday for a public hearing before the Dimmitt City Commission.

Final action will also likely be taken on a new ordinance for persons under 17 in Dimmitt.

Steve Smith, president of Classic Cable, presented a proposed new cable lineup for Dimmitt at a city commission meeting in December. The plan called for the addition of five new channels with the deletion of Ch. 28 (Cable Ch. 3).

The company is being forced to take the station off the local system because of recent changes in the law. The programming of the station, KAMC-TV, is largely duplicated by KVII-TV, Ch. 7 in Amarillo.

Classic Cable planned to add five stations, including a shopping channel. The city commission, at its Jan. 17 meeting, passed a resolution that could bar the company from adding a home shopping channel.

The commission, following the wishes of several city residents, has requested the addition of American Movie Classics to the lineup. AMC had been included by an earlier cable franchisee but was taken off when Classic Cable bought the local system.

Classic Cable is proposing to raise cable rates by \$1, but would add Home Sports Entertainment and C-Span to the lineup.

The commission held a public hearing Jan. 17 on the curfew, but no one from the public was at the meeting.

"If anyone has anything to say about the curfew, they need to be at this meeting," said City Manager Reeford Burrous.

The curfew will likely begin at 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. There would be provisions made for youngsters out past curfew for legitimate purposes.

The proposal calls for fines for parents of up to \$500 if their children are caught outside after curfew. The law would also give officers some discretion in deciding when tickets should be issued.

## Obituaries

### Florence Heiman

Florence "F.H." Heiman, 86, of Amarillo, died Friday.

Services were Tuesday in Blessed Sacrament Church with the Rev. Phil Lindley, pastor, and the Rev. Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark., officiating. Entombment was in Memorial Park East Mausoleum by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mr. Heiman was born in St. Bernard, Neb., and moved to Amarillo in 1942 from Nazareth. He married Hilda Gerber in 1933 at Nazareth. He was a retired floor refinisher and a farmer. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the US Army.

Survivors include his wife, two brothers, the Rev. Harold Heiman of Subiaco and Bill Heiman of Alta Loma, Calif.; and two sisters, Oleda Schumacher of Dimmitt and Eleanor Hoelting of Nazareth.

The family requests memorials to Amarillo Catholic schools.

### Lewis Morris

Lewis Morris, 90, of Olton, died Jan. 25.

Services were Saturday in Main Street Church of Christ with Rick Harper, minister, officiating. Burial was in Olton Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Morris was born June 10, 1903 in Denton. He moved to Olton in 1956 from Lubbock. He married Mae Mitchell on Oct. 18, 1961 in Clovis, N.M. He was a farmer and had been in janitorial service.

Survivors include a son, Lewis Morris of Austin; a stepson, James C. Hill of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Margaret Jean Williams of Morton and Jessie Mae Dozier of Dimmitt; two stepdaughters, Jessie Pearl Huey of Lubbock and Katie Hall of Morton; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.



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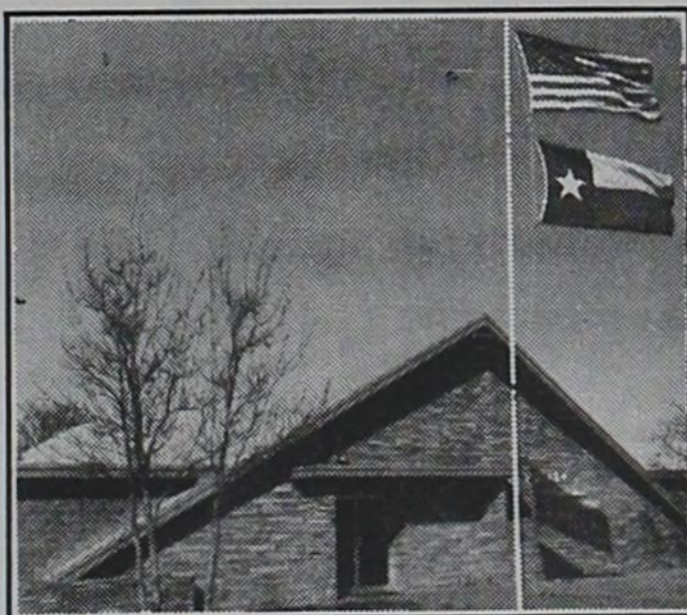
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