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### County axes redistricting counsel

Frustrated after three years of failing to get a redistricting plan approved by the US Justice Dept., and facing mounting legal fees, Castro County Commissioners Tuesday voted to dismiss all of the county's redistricting lawyers and attempt to settle the problem themselves.

Commissioners met in an executive session during an emergency meeting Tuesday morning after receiving a bill for \$116,422.45 from Sidley and Austin, a Washington, D.C. law firm working for the county. (The legal counsel retained by the county, Daugherty and Associates, had not been admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court.) The county already had been billed for \$4,757.57 from Sidley and Austin.

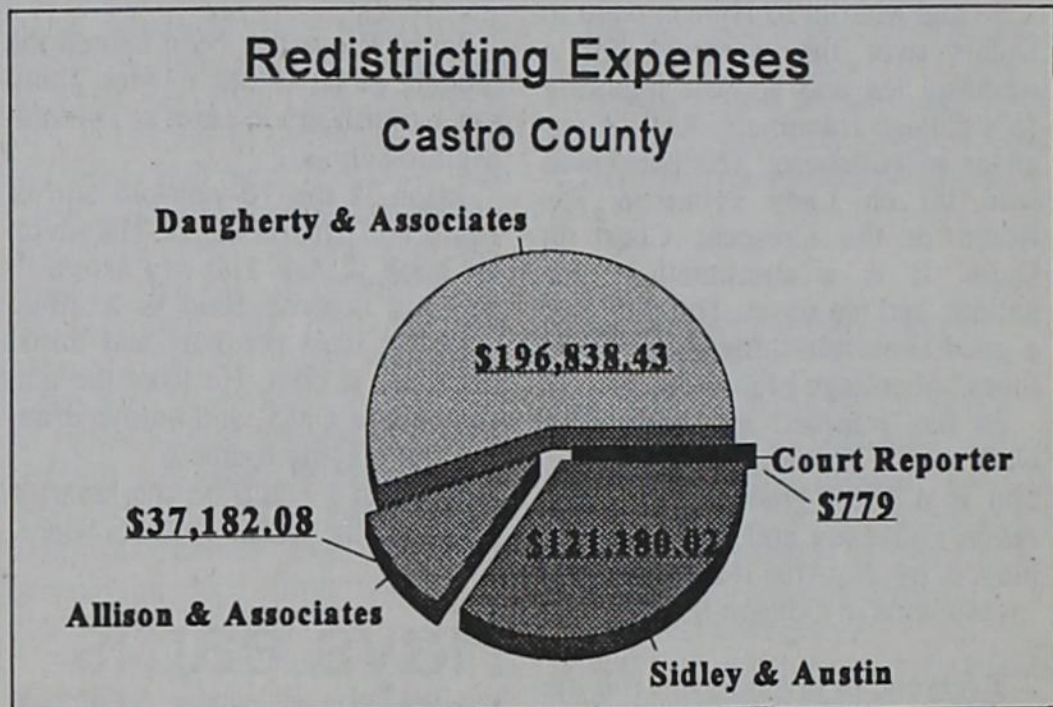
Other bills the county has incurred so far in its attempt to settle the redistricting suit are \$196,838.43 from Daugherty and Associates, \$82,530.35 of which commissioners agreed to pay at Monday's regular meeting; \$37,182.08 from Allison and Associates; and \$779 in court

reporter fees.

The total cost, to date, in fighting the redistricting battle is \$355,979.53. Commissioners voted 3-1 Tuesday to dismiss all attorneys retained by the county, including Daugherty and Associates and Sidley and Austin, according to Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders. He was joined in the affirmative vote by Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland and Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos. Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson cast the dissenting vote.

"We felt like we could negotiate a settlement ourselves with the Justice Dept.," said Winders. "The Justice Dept. had indicated earlier that they would be willing to meet with us."

Winders said County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews will handle negotiations with the Justice Dept.



### Fugitive kidnapper caught here

A 41-year-old Washington man who may have been involved in 15 bank robberies along the West Coast and in New Mexico was apprehended Saturday night without incident south of Dimmitt.

Patrick Kevin Gibson, 41, of Marysville, Wash., was arrested by Deputy W.H. Cox nine miles south of Dimmitt on US Highway 385.

Cox was on routine patrol at 9:34 p.m. Saturday and was going south on US 385 when he clocked Gibson's rented Ford motorhome going northbound at 74 mph. Cox stopped the motor home, requested Gibson's driver's license and ran checks to be sure the license was valid and to see if any warrants were outstanding for the man.

Cox and dispatcher Denise Schilling went into defensive mode when notice came back from the National Crime Information Computer that Gibson had a federal warrant for parole violation on an original charge of kidnapping.

"Suspect considered armed and dangerous," the notice said.

Cox returned to the vehicle very cautiously and asked for the man's Social Security number to confirm his

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### VOTE RESULTS

Here are the results of Saturday's city, school and hospital board elections in Castro County. Winners are underlined.

#### Hospital board

- Bill Clark 598
- Teresa Lindsey 369
- Stanley Schaeffer (I) 348
- Carl King 324
- Mildred Bradford (I) 255

#### Dimmitt council

- Place 1
- Roy Garza 58
  - Lloyd White (I) 30
- Place 2
- Boyd Moyers 61
  - Larry Gonzales (I) 61
- Place 3
- Wayne Proffitt (I) 128
- Place 4
- Roger Malone (I) 230

#### Dimmitt school

- Place 1
- John Nino (I) 14
- Place 2
- Frank Welch (I) 50
  - Avery Thrasher 28

#### Hart council

- Vickie Ethridge 114
- Todd Pebsworth (I) 111
- L.C. McLain (I) 95
- Elias Martinez 92
- Ishmael Carrasco (I) 78

#### Hart school

- David Smith (I) 232
- Jerry Miller (I) 202
- Danny Rodriguez 165
- Kent Irons 87

#### Nazareth city

- Mayor Ralph Brockman, 35
- Commissioner Gregory Schacher, 38

#### Nazareth school

- Incumbents Sidney Birkenfeld and David Olvera each received 77 votes.

**Note: A special election will be held for the tie between Gonzales and Moyers.**

### Challengers win CCHD posts

A special election will be scheduled to settle a tie for a place on the Dimmitt city council after incumbent Larry Gonzales and challenger Boyd Moyers tied at 61 votes each in Saturday's municipal elections.

County voters chose two new persons for the Castro County Hospital District board, and Hart voters also opted not to return an incumbent to their city council.

Nazareth had no contested races, but that didn't keep voters away from the polls with the "hot" hospital board race.

Bill Clark, with 598 votes, and Teresa Lindsey, with 369 votes, earned the two posts open on the hospital board. They outpolled challenger Carl King (324 votes) and incumbents Stanley Schaeffer (348) and Mildred Bradford (255).

Clark, chief executive officer at Dimmitt Agri Industries, pointed to his years of experience in working with boards and his willingness to serve the community as his strong points. Lindsey, a lifelong Dimmitt resident, highlighted her business education, work in the medical field with her stepfather, Dr. Bill Lee, and her knowledge of the medical profession.

They will each have their hands full as they deal with trying to get three rural health clinics off the ground. The clinics are in their second fiscal year of operation and will still show

a sizeable income deficit, according to the budget approved last week by the CCHD.

They must also contend with ever-changing health care rules that may impact the clinics and the hospital. The hospital district currently has a cash surplus, due largely to a doubling of the tax rate six years ago and to "disproportionate share funds" given by Medicare and the federal government beginning three years ago.

Schaeffer served three terms (nine years) on the board, and helped guide the district from the brink of closing the hospital's doors due to mismanagement and lack of funds to its current, cash-rich, position.

Bradford, a long-time hospital volunteer, was appointed to the board last year to fill out an unexpired term.

Business isn't finished from Saturday, as incumbent Place 2 Councilman Gonzales must face Moyers in a special election. The two tied with 61 votes apiece.

It was the first tie in memory between candidates for the council. The election do-over is required by the city charter, which was approved when Dimmitt became a "home rule" city four years ago.

In the other contested race, Roy Garza defeated Place 1 incumbent Lloyd White, 58-30.

In the only other contested race in Dimmitt, school board member Frank Welch retained his District 5 seat with

a 50-28 margin over challenger Avery Thrasher. School board president John Nino was unopposed for re-election and received 14 votes for District 1.

In Hart, incumbent City Councilman Ismael Carrasco was low man in the five-person race for three council seats. Vickie Ethridge led all candidates with 114 votes, followed by incumbents Todd Pebsworth, 111 votes, and L.C. McLain, 95 votes. Challenger Elias Martinez was a close fourth with 92 votes.

On the Hart school board, incumbents David Smith and Jerry Miller were returned to the board, and former board member Danny Rodriguez also won a seat on the

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#### Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	75	47	
Friday	82	47	
Saturday	89	52	
Sunday	71	51	
Monday	80	55	
Tuesday	80	52	.01
Wednesday	60	49	.59
May Moisture			0.83
1994 Moisture			3.34

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### City, county willing to offer tax abatement

Castro County and the City of Dimmitt have approved an additional abatement to the Enterprise Zone in an effort to attract new industry to the area.

Commissioners unanimously agreed Monday to offer 100% tax abatement for 10 years to a business which would be willing to invest more than \$50 million or create more than 500 new jobs in the county.

Dimmitt's City Council also voted unanimously to accept the new tax abatement at its Monday night meeting.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller presented the proposal to change before commissioners Monday during the county's regular meeting, then addressed the city council later that day.

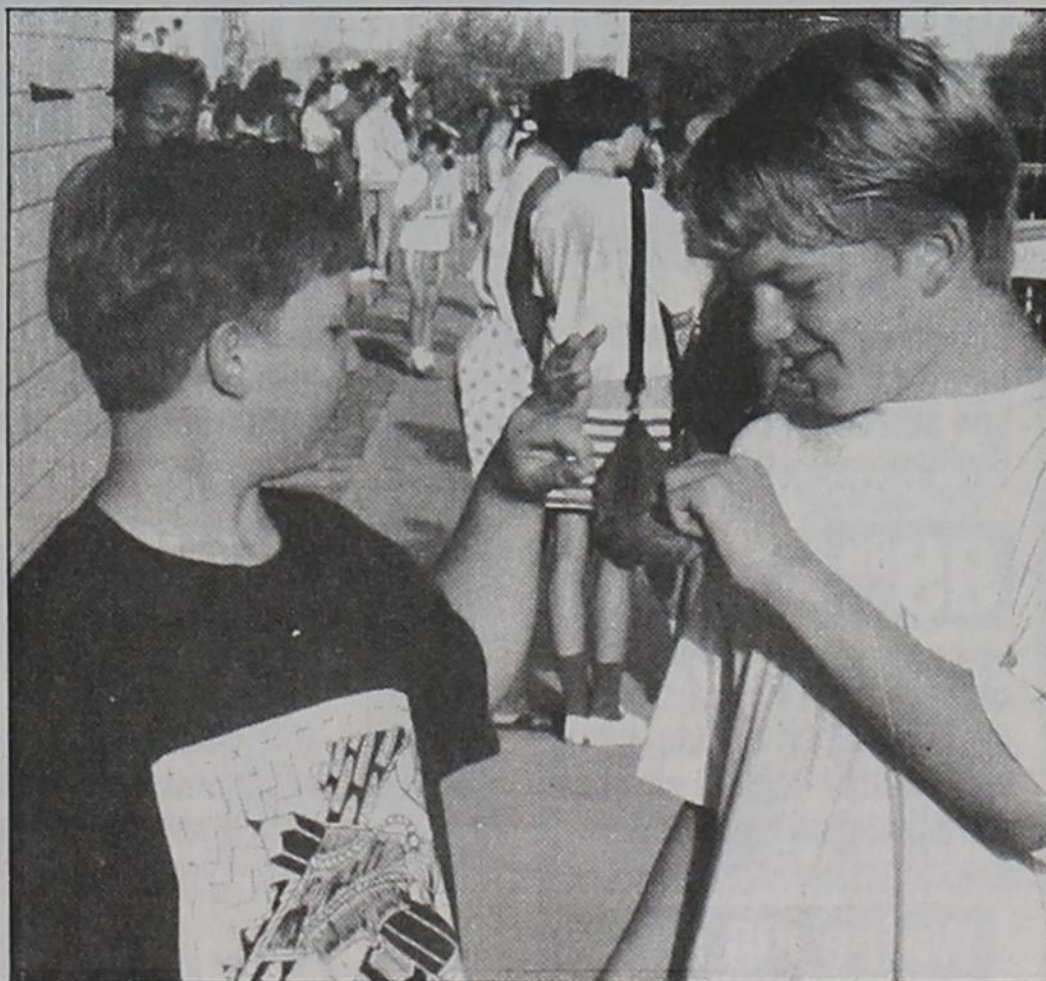
The Dimmitt School Board also heard Collins' presentation, but

took no action and will consider the matter in a special meeting Monday night.

Collins said a Fortune 500 company is looking at Dimmitt as a site for a new factory. The company would invest approximately \$80 million in the Enterprise Zone and another \$27 million in an area outside the Enterprise Zone. It would create 1,500 new jobs and commuters could be expected from a 50-mile radius around Dimmitt. Collins added that if the industry decides to locate here, it would offer potential growth for 200 farmers.

Although Collins would not reveal the name of the company or type of industry in an effort to keep competing town from trying for the same industry, he did say "it would be a very good project, creating lot of jobs and opportunities for agriculture."

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**THE RITES OF SPRING**—Dimmitt Middle School students Jake Louder, left, and Eric Bural hold a dragonfly by its wings as they look toward a group of girls in the background to whom they will introduce the dragonfly. Students have less than two weeks of school to go in Dimmitt, while next week is the finale in Nazareth and Hart.

Photo by John Brooks

### Gonzales and Moyers face June 4 runoff

Round 2 between City Councilman Larry Gonzales and challenger Boyd Moyers will be held Saturday, June 4.

The two finished in a 61-61 deadlock in Saturday's balloting for the District 2 seat on the City Council.

They had a choice of settling the issue by casting lots or holding a runoff election. At Monday night's council meeting, both men agreed to a runoff.

There was some agonizing over an election date.

City Attorney Jack Edwards said the statutes call for a runoff election to be held "not less than 20 nor more than 30 days" from the date of the official canvass, which the council conducted Monday night. Everyone agreed that the election should be held on a Saturday.

While Moyers said that the runoff date "doesn't matter to me," the council shied away from a May 28 election because that Saturday

falls on Labor Day weekend, and Gonzales noted that a June 4 runoff would conflict with Dimmitt's City-Wide Garage Sale, and said it could hinder the voting.

After wrestling with countermanning statutes, City Attorney Jack Edwards called the council back into session Wednesday morning to set the runoff date at June 4.

Polls will be open from 7 to 7 that day.

Corrina Montalvo was appointed election judge and Darla Stewart alternate.

Early balloting will be conducted at the city hall from May 16 through 31.

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Meanwhile, Mayor Wayne Collins administered the oath of office to three councilmembers — Roy Garza in Place 1, Wayne Proffitt in Place 3 and Roger Malone in Place 4.

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# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Dan and Oma Dee Heard entertained Saturday night with a fish fry. Besides their kids and families, other guests were Bill and Helen McMillon.

Monday at 8 a.m., Dan and Oma Dee, Jack Howell and Milton Bagwell met at the First Baptist Church parking lot. Milton and Jack didn't know why there were meeting but came anyway.

Charles and Nancy Higgs, staff members at FBC 19 years ago were passing through, called the Heards and asked them all to meet. They went to Dimmitt High School and had coffee with Charlene Howell, Sandra Bagwell and Billie Kirby, then went back to the church where they were introduced to the Rev. Paul Kenley. Bro. Paul and Charles had a good visit. They were also introduced to Garner Ball and visited with Maxine Tidwell.

Charles and Nancy were on their way to Waco from Colorado to visit their daughter Andrea, who will graduate in December from Baylor.

Charles is pastor of First Baptist Church in Groves, but has lots of fond memories of Dimmitt and would have loved to have got to see everyone, but want to say hello to all.

Jo and Martha Jo Hyman were in Dallas over the weekend for a wedding tea and shower honoring Jo's college roommate, Kelli Alexander of Hillsboro. The party was held in the Lady Primrose Tea Room at the Crescent Court in Dallas. It is a combination gift, antique and tea room. The girls had a good time reliving those "hard times" of college life.

Jo has returned to Dimmitt to work with Hyman Farm service. She is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University and has been employed by McAfee Mortgage and Investments in College Station.

Everyone is invited to attend the retirement tea for six school employees at Dimmitt schools, Sunday at 2 p.m. in Richardson Elementary School's library. The honorees are Laverne Bernethy, Bessie Strickland, Billie Kirby, Hazel Calhoun, Mario Guerra and Isadora Hinojosa. There are many years of employment involved with those six retirees.

Bill and Shirley Newland traveled to Browood over the weekend to visit their daughter, Tonya, who is a sophomore at Howard Payne University. Thursday night Tonya had the leading role in a play, *The Haiku*. The rest of the visit was spent shopping, eating out and catching up on Tonya's college activities.

The monthly birthday dinner celebrated by the resident of the Senior Citizens Apartments was held recently in honor of the April birthday people. Those having April birthdays were Velma Crump and Virgie Moulton.

Those present were Moulton, Faye Ethridge, Cleo Parks, Mary Cox, Alene Lilley, Ella Mae Tutor, Lucille Follis, Nola Ivey, Grace Anderson, Susie Reeves, Rhea Killion, Ureathal Green, Gladys Hampton, Neva Hickey, Opal Thomas, Lorne Beach, Cecile Plumlee, Patsy Hudman, Roy Hollums, Bill Shaw and Cecil Crum. There are a lot of good cooks making good food in the Senior Citizens Apartments!

We are sorry to learn that Johnnie Pittman is moving away. We hope she will enjoy her new home. She will be missed. Also, Willa Mae Reynolds has moved to Lubbock. We miss her a lot.

Irene Carpenter gave the devotional Thursday morning at Canterbury Villa. Her subject was "Wealth." We can have a lot of wealth and yet be poor and we can have very little money but be wealthy in spiritual things. When we do something in the name of the Lord we will be rewarded. Irene read a poem, *I Said a Prayer For You Today*. Bill Newland sang *Whispering Hope*, one of Tennessee Ernie Ford's special songs. Others singing were Dorothy Hopson, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix.

After the meeting at Canterbury Villa, Dorothy invited us to her home for coffee and muffins and a prayer meeting. Then we all went to the gazebo on the courthouse square where we met others for a special "Day of Prayer" meeting. Bill Newland led the group in singing *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Sweet Hour of Prayer and Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*. Others participating in the program were the Rev. Ed Freeman and the Rev. Claude Hendricks.

The Thursday Bridge Club met

## Riggs honored

Jason Riggs has been named the Student of the Week in Mrs. Damon's fourth grade class at Dimmitt Middle School.

Jason is the 10-year-old son of Harry and Sharon Riggs. His favorite book is *Are You My Mother?*, and his favorite food is hamburgers. He likes panthers and thinks his sister is cool. He likes the nice teachers at DMS, and enjoys drawing and playing football.

"I Wish I could be the smartest person in the world" was his wish.

## Hays earns USAA award

Taryn Hays has received a United States National Award in Science and has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

She was nominated for her science honor by Mrs. Ball, her teacher at Dimmitt Middle School.

Taryn is the daughter of Norman and Kim Hays, and her grandparents are the Honorable Jack and Murma Miller of Plainview.



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at the Senior Citizens Center with their brown bag snack lunch and Neva Hickey served a delicious strawberry cake and candy for snacks. Ina Rae Cates won high score and susie Reeves won second high score. Others playing were Ferne Dickey, Helen Braafladt, Johnnie Vannoy, Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, Edith Graef, Dugan Butler, Dude McLauren, Emily Clingsmith, Cleo Forson, Elizabeth Huckabay and Oleda Schumacher.

Several friends celebrated Andy Schumacher's birthday on May 1 at Sirloin Stockade in Hereford. Those enjoying the day were Oleda Schumacher, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Charles and Rena Richard, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Edna Reinart, June Koelzer and Leander and Clara Reinart. Andy received several humorous birthday cards.

Tonya Newland, daughter of Bill and Shirley Newland, was chosen Best Supporting Actress for 1993-94 for her role in *The Music Man* during the first semester. Tonya has been attending Howard Payne University. She's now home and brought a little puppy home. Since Bill has wanted a son, they named the puppy Joey.

The Ernest Sammans met with members of their family in Canyon last weekend. Alfred and Mira Sammann, Royce and Eric from Lubbock (they had to make an extra trip back to Lubbock to pick up Eric, who had been with the Cooper School band in a contest—they won all firsts), and Charles and Kathy Sammann and family Chris, Jenni, Dustan, Sadie, Sara and Sally. Charles has a new building on the Canyon E-Way across

from Memorial Gardens where he builds playground equipment. Janet Sammann is in Dumas, Ark., where she has worked for three years at a catfish farm.

Troy and Vade Kirby's sister, Joy Byers of Eules, and niece Kayla and sister Twila and Jess Parker from Olton came for supper on Saturday. Their brother Olan Kirby from Kerrville spent four days visiting with the family.

James and Lupe Flores received a call from their son, James Flors JR., who is stationed in Korea. He told them he was promoted to E-4, which means one more stripe and he will be sergeant.

Mary Jane Lumbrera, who is attending Texas Tech University, was home over the weekend to visit her parents, Chevo and Mary Lou Lumbrera.

Dolores Griffitt had a wonderful trip over the weekend. She and her sister, Opal Elliott of Hereford, went to Mangum, Okla., to visit an aunt, Maggie Benefield and her son Richard Benefield. They went to Anadarko, Okla., where they toured Indian City, an Indian village. Many Indians live in Anadarko and have beautiful homes there. Dolores reported the country was beautiful with many flowers in bloom and everything was pretty and green.

May 1, Maxine Tidwell's Sunday School class honored her with a brunch and they presented her with a huge fresh flower arrangement that was placed on the altar for the morning church service.

May 2, the Baptist Women met in Fellowship Hall with Maxine presiding in the absence of Ysleta Ball, who was in the Methodist

Hospital in Lubbock (she is home now).

Maxine introduced Alexei Linskyi from the Ukraine, who was the guest speaker. Alexei is staying with Dr. Bill Murphy and is teaching him Russian. Bill met him when he was in the Ukraine on a mission trip. Alexei has been a professor in a university, is married and has a son, 14. He spoke for an hour and have an interesting and informative talk about the Ukraine and Russia.

A social hour followed and Maxine served cheeseball and crackers, cookies, blonde brownies and punch to a large group.

Coby and Kendra Moke and Kendra's parents, Jim and Loretta Lesley of Guymon, Okla., were guests in the home of Don and Carolyn Moke over the weekend. Coby and Kendra are moving to Dimmitt and Kendra is already here living with Don and Carolyn and working at the Credit Union. Coby will be working on his master's degree at West Texas A&M University. They all enjoyed a dinner with Jack and Charlene Howell and their sister Dorothy and family.

Carlyle and Dennis Sargent of Hereford and brother Wayne Lee and his son Terry from Plainview to celebrate Mother's Day and honor their mother, Inez Lee.

Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards went to Amarillo to visit their daughter and family for Mother's Day. Imogene and Jack Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. David King, Angela and Melissa, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tunnell, Tricia and Jack, and Debbie Cluck were there. On Saturday night their son Leroy and his wife Jackie Edwards took Hubert and Willie Mae out to eat Mexican food in Hereford.

I spent a restful day on Mother's Day and received several long distance calls from my family.

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MDs acknowledging value of physician extenders

By Jim Montague in April issue Hospitals and Health Networks

With everything from managed care to health care reform forcing changes in the way physicians have always practiced, extra help would undoubtedly be welcome. But the prejudices of the past continue to obscure at least one obvious source of relief: expanded use of nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

NPs and PAs have provided essential care for years, often in places too poor or sparsely populated to attract many physicians. Now, as doctors and providers struggle to meet the burgeoning need for more general practitioners, the debate is intensifying over what role these physician extenders should have in treating patients.

Organized nursing has long advocated allowing nurses to practice more independently, while organized medicine has been equally vocal in insisting that extenders need direct supervision by physicians.

In recent years, many states have granted nurse practitioners greater independence and some prescriptive authority, but experts say that both sides need to cooperate to provide needed primary care with the most efficiency and least turmoil. If physicians and extenders don't come together, they add, then by default, community health care workers and other low-level providers could end up authorized to provide primary care.

Meeting the need

"Health care organizations and systems are recognizing that they're going to need a lot more NPs and PAs to work with doctors on their health care teams," said Richard Smith, M.D., director of the MEDEX Group, a health services consulting firm in Honolulu. He estimates that there are about 23,000 licensed NPs (of the more than 100,000 advanced practice nurses) and about 23,000 PAs nationwide.

Smith said there are six to nine job offers for every graduate in either field, which proves how needed they are. The reason APNs are so valued is that they can perform 60 to 80% of primary and preventive care traditionally performed by physicians—at a far lesser cost, according to the American Nurses Association.

"The overall movement in health care is toward the least-costly qualified provider. Organizations are asking what tasks safely can be delegated without sacrificing quality as measured by outcomes and patient satisfaction," said Linda D'Angelo, R.N., di-

rector of patient care at the Carle Clinic Association, Urbana, Ill.

D'Angelo believes that general practitioners and nurse practitioners working together can provide the greatest range of services, since nurses focus on holistic, family and preventive care while physicians still focus primarily on disease.

Research shows that nurses can get better patient compliance with medical treatment than doctors, she added. These facts have inspired much fear and many objections on the part of physicians, but Smith said they should welcome an expanded role for NPs and PAs. For example, a provider organization might use the revenue saved from hiring an NP or PA to provide more patient care, or even ease the transition to primary care for some of its specialists.

"Leaving the uncomplicated, repetitive primary care tasks to extenders leaves physicians free to treat and spend more time with more seriously ill patients," Smith said. "The need for primary care isn't going to be met unless physicians are augmented by non-physician care-givers. Providers that want to be competitive are going to have to change."

Breaking barriers

Smith has spent 20 years working with physicians who are training and using NPs and PAs. He relies on education and discussions to change doctors' attitudes by showing them how extenders can help them practice. "I've found that when physicians and administrators learn what extenders can do, they become addicted to using them, and later don't know how they got along without them," Smith said.

Both Smith and D'Angelo acknowledge that NPs and PAs are unqualified to handle many cases. But ironically, informing physicians about the limits of extenders is one of the best ways to foster acceptance. Smith says extenders are still underutilized even by the practices that have employed them for years.

D'Angelo says physicians first need to look at their practices and identify the gaps in care. This will help determine what type of extender would be best for that practice. Extenders can improve access to care in areas where adding another doctor would be too costly, thus making a practice more competitive.

"All of this isn't a matter of working physicians out of a job," Smith said. "It is a matter of making them more efficient and effective within the emerging health care system."



State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — State money taken away from wealthy school districts could be used to help poorer districts build classrooms, according to Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

At a meeting last week, Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said \$65.4 million from the Available School Fund could be redirected from Texas' wealthiest districts to poorer districts.

But the state constitution would have to be amended for the fund to be redistributed, requiring two-thirds approval by the state Legislature and voter approval on a state ballot.

Ratliff said the idea is an option being considered by the committee, which is under a court order to find a fair way to finance the building of schools by Sept. 1, 1995.

Earnings from the state school trust fund and motor fuel taxes go into the \$1.2 billion Available School Fund, which is distributed to school districts by the formula of \$335 per student. Monies allocated from the fund are used for school construction and to pay for textbooks.

State District Judge Scott McCown, who oversees the ongoing battle over school funding, has said that money from the Available School Fund that is sent to rich districts has a "disqualifying" effect on the use of state funds.

Drug Questions Irrelevant Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush said last week

questions about whether he had ever used illegal drugs are irrelevant.

Bush, who was campaigning on criminal justice issues in Lubbock, said his past personal life makes no difference in his campaign to unseat Gov. Ann Richards.

"What I did as a kid? I don't think it's relevant, nor do I think what Ann Richards did as a kid," Bush said. "I think what matters is my view on prisons, welfare reform and education."

At a stop at the Lubbock County jail to promote his plan to build prison tent camps to help ease jail crowding, Bush fielded questions about drug use after a report in the Houston Chronicle in which he declined to say whether he had ever used illegal drugs.

"Maybe I did, maybe I didn't. What's the relevance?" Bush told the newspaper in an interview published early last week.

"Did I behave irresponsibly as a kid at times? Sure did. You bet."

Bush has acknowledged that he drank too much. But has said he did not have an alcohol problem and quit drinking in the mid-1980s.

He said what matters in the gubernatorial race is how the candidates behave as adults.

"I'm not going to make it an issue with Richards," Bush told the newspaper. "She did not answer the question last time, and I understand."

Richards, a recovering alcoholic, refused to say in the 1990 governor's race whether she had ever used illegal drugs.

Presidential Insults

Meanwhile, spokeswomen for the gubernatorial candidates tossed out insults about presidents — past and present.

Responding to reports that President Clinton would appear at a Washington fund-raiser for Gov. Richards last week, Bush spokeswoman Deborah Burston-Wade said the governor should invite Clinton to Texas to campaign so Texans "can see who her friends are and how little they agree with mainstream Texas."

Richards' spokeswoman replied that unlike Bush — whose father

was defeated by Clinton — Richards "doesn't need to campaign on the coattails of any president — former or current."

State Begins A&M Audit State Auditor Lawrence Alwin has mustered the troops for an audit of management controls of the \$1 billion Texas A&M University and A&M System.

Alwin is responding to a March 31 request by Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur.

"In light of recent revelations of alleged wrongdoing, I formally request that you undertake immediately an audit of all Texas A&M University support facilities and auxiliary services," wrote Parker.

Audit Manager Cathy Smock of the state auditor's office said the audit was expedited at Parker's request and because of "other concerns."

Nine months ago, Texas Rangers began a criminal investigation into allegations that A&M regents Chairman Ross D. Margraves Jr. and other administrators may have used their positions for personal gain or to benefit their businesses or political associates. Margraves denied wrongdoing and resigned in April.

An audit of A&M's food services department has been under way for months.

Other Highlights

Max Sherman, a former state Senator and current dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, has been named to the Texas Board of Human Services. Gov. Richards picked Sherman to fill the unexpired term of Cassandra Carr of Austin, who resigned.

President Clinton has declared the tornado-ravaged areas of southern Dallas County and Gainesville federal disaster areas. The action enables residents and business owners in the affected areas to apply for grants and low-interest loans.

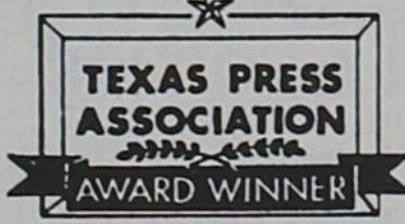
Exports from Texas rose 4.6 percent in 1993 to \$52.2 billion, with the total going to Mexico rising 8.2 percent to \$20.4 billion, the Texas Department of Commerce reported. Shipments to Mexico now account for 39.1 percent of total Texas exports.



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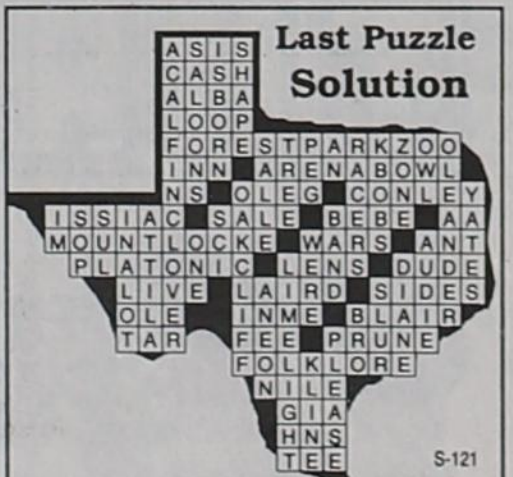
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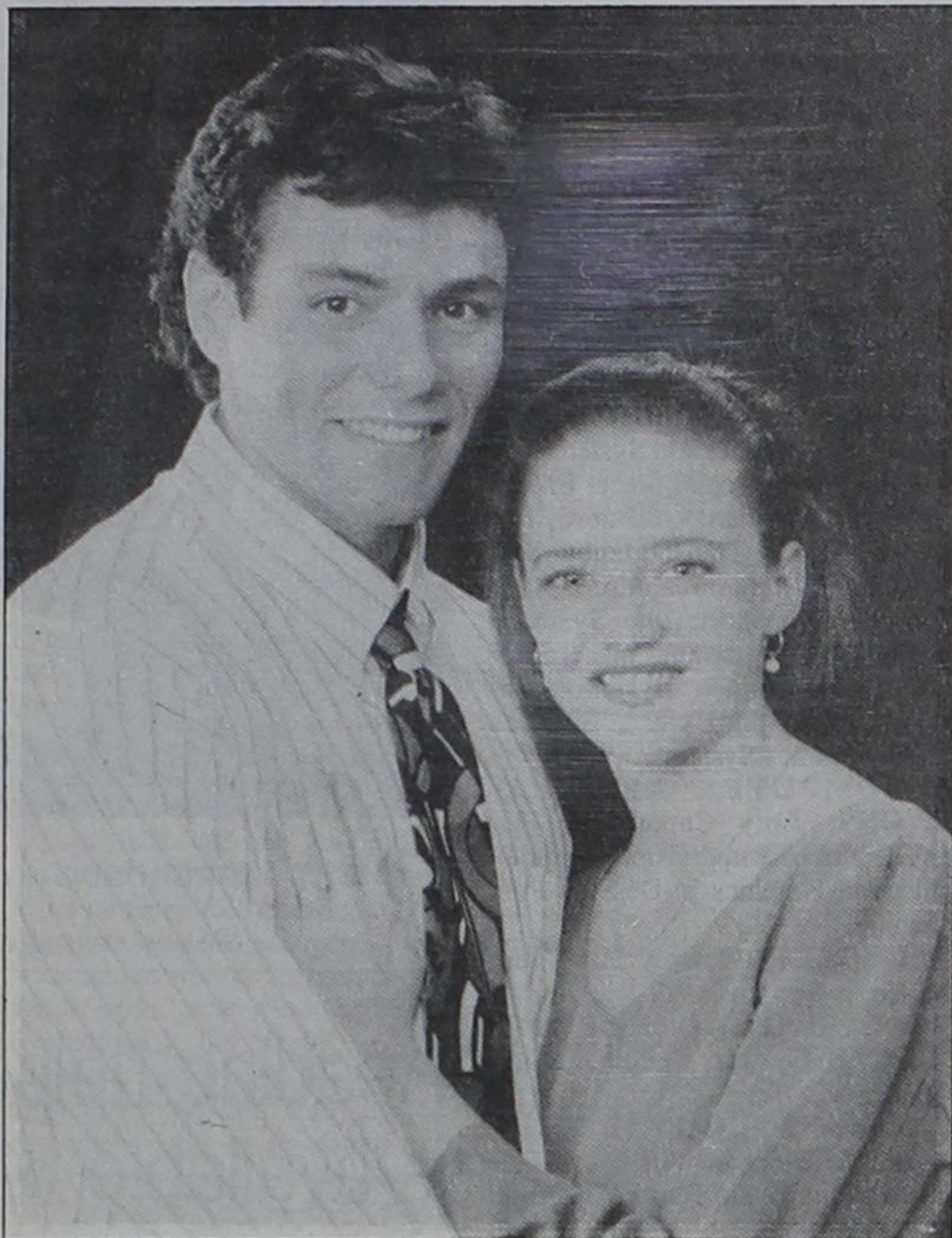
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A crossword puzzle titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. It includes a grid and a list of clues for across and down words, such as 'hot as...', 'Texas, our Texas!', and 'rare bison shot near Snyder in 1870s'.



# People



Keith Tyler Rushing and Jill D'Ann Nelson

## Nelson to wed Rushing

Norman and Sandra Nelson of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jill D'Ann, to Keith Tyler Rushing, son of Homer and Elise Rushing of Natchez, Miss.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Aug. 6 at the Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp Tabernacle.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas State University and is employed by St. Anthony's Hospital and Amarillo College School of Nursing as a clinical instructor.

The prospective groom graduated from South Natchez Adams County High School in 1982. He received a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Mississippi State University and a master of science degree in institution management from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed by Marriott Corporation and serves as director of food services at The Canyons in Amarillo.

## Volunteers needed for '94 Bike-a-Thon

Volunteer workers and riders are needed for the annual St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Wheels-for-Life Bike-A-Thon planned May 22 in Dimmitt.

The event will raise funds for the world-famous research center in its battle against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

"We're looking for riders and helpers who will contribute their

time and talent to help children to live," Carolyn Harman, local coordinator, said. "We really need lots of riders, since they are the ones who can make this Bike-a-Thon successful."

The ride will be held in the parking lot of the First State Bank from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In the Wheels for Life Bike-a-Thon, riders ask sponsors to make a donation based on each mile completed. All riders turning in money will receive a certificate. Those riders who raise \$30 or more will receive a certificate and a special St. Jude T-shirt. When \$75 or more is raised, the rider receives a sports bag in addition to the certificate and T-shirt. The highest money raiser will win a new 10-speed bike.

"The real prize is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," Harman said.

Details are available from Harman by calling 647-2421. Donations to the hospital, which was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily from public support, are tax-deductible.

## Breast screening clinic is planned

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

Trained medical personnel will perform mammography screenings

for \$70 that day.

Anyone wishing to have an exam must make an appointment by calling 1-800-377-HOPE or 1-359-4673.

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

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

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

## Canterbury Villa plans special events

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt scheduled several special activities this week as it celebrates National Nursing Home Week, May 8-15.

On Mothers' Day, residents enjoyed visiting with their families and enjoyed banana splits in the afternoon. Several local churches made corsages and presented them to mothers residing at the home.

Special musical programs were held Monday and Wednesday.

Today (Thursday), residents who are able will share activities with residents of the Golden Spread Nursing Home in Hereford. Local nursing home residents will be able to enjoy a special musical program in Hereford.

On Friday, balloons will be launched after lunch.

Later this summer, residents from Hereford will be invited to Canterbury Villa for a day.

## Smithson wins trip to capital

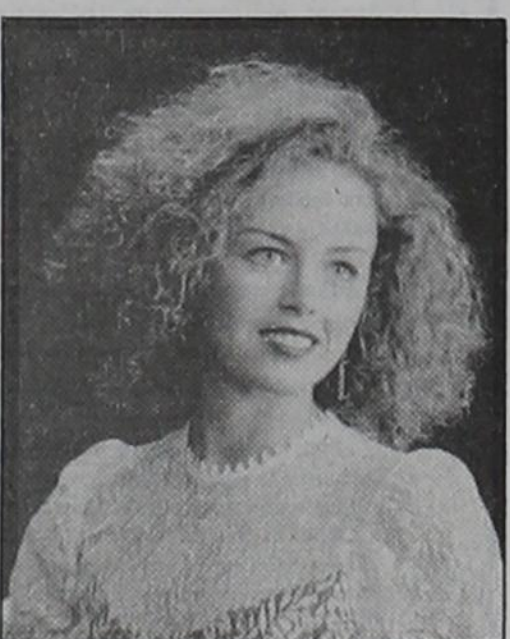
Amy Smithson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Smithson, former Dimmitt residents, will take a two-week trip to Washington, D.C. this summer after winning top honors in the 1994 Youth Tour essay competition sponsored by Midland-based Cap Rock Electric Cooperative.

Smithson, a Klondike High School senior, wrote an essay, read it to a judges' panel, then answered questions from the panel. Her essay won her the trip to Washington, D.C.

Each of the contestants was required to write an essay on one of the 50 careers available through Cap Rock Electric Co-op.

She will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to the nation's capital July 9-21. The group will join 76 other Texas students, all sponsored by their local rural electric cooperative, in traveling to and from Washington by charter bus.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayphard Smithson of Dimmitt.



Amy Smithson

## Book Club sets spring luncheon

Jan Bryan will review *The Book of Virtues*, edited by William J. Bennett, at the Dimmitt Book Club's annual spring luncheon Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

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

## Retirement tea slated Sunday

The Dimmitt Classroom Teachers Association will honor six employees of the Dimmitt Independent School District Sunday at a retirement tea from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School library.

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

All friends of the retirees are welcome to attend.

## Calendar sales are underway

The Castro County Family and Community Education Clubs are selling community birthday calendars through Friday.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a calendar for \$4 and have family members' birth dates and anniversaries listed should call 647-4363 or contact any club member.

The sports and school calendar is included on the calendars.



Austin Don Grantham and Renee Garcia

## June vows planned

Austin Don Grantham and Renee Garcia plan to exchange wedding vows on June 11 at Gazebo Park on Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Reynaldo and Josie Garcia. She is a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School and she is attending San Angelo State University.

The prospective groom is the son of Michael Sutters and Jan Grantham of San Angelo and Jesse Grantham of Gonzales, La. He graduated from Lakeview High School in San Angelo and is employed by Uppstrom Construction.

## Farewell reception is planned

A farewell reception honoring Alexei Linskyi will be held Sunday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend.

Linskyi will soon return to the Ukraine after spending some time in Dimmitt with Dr. Bill Murphy.

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# Sports

## County athletes have great chance at state meet

From well-seasoned runners to newcomers, the county will be well-represented this weekend at the UIL State Track and Field Meet at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Dimmitt will send Joey Flores in the 800, Kim Thomas in the 400 and in the triple jump and the girls mile relay team to the state meet.

Hart will send Shea Bennett in the 100 meter hurdles and Israel Garcia in the shot put.

Representing Nazareth will be Nick Johnson in the long jump, Misti Ball in the 800 and Melinda Schmucker in the 400.

Flores, a freshman, came from way back in the pack to win the 800 at the regional meet in Odessa two weeks ago.

"How far back can you get? That's how far behind Joey was, but he fought through and won it," said Dimmitt head football coach Danny Chisum, who'll be watching races with interest part of the weekend and working as a curve judge at the meet during other parts.

Lanny Crow, Dimmitt boys track coach, explained that Flores was 12th with 600 meters to go.

"We were kind of worried because he was boxed in," Crow said. "Then he let two of the guys behind him go by and we got real worried."

That's when Flores abandoned all thoughts of staying inside during the race. He wandered out to lanes three and four, meaning he had to run farther, but he also had clear sailing.

"He just wandered out there and started picking them off, one at a time," Crow said. "By halfway, he had all but six, and when he started down the backstretch he was in fourth."

He caught and passed the rest, winning by less than a half-second. The race was so close that fourth was less



**TRACK TEAM READY FOR STATE MEET**—Five Dimmitt High School girls will be trying for gold this weekend at the State Track Meet in Austin. From left are Rochelle Harman, alternate in the mile and on the mile relay; Kim Thomas,

mile relay, 400 meters and triple jump; and Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick and Amy Ethridge, mile relay. The girls are favorites to at least earn a medal in the mile relay, while Thomas leads Class 3A in the 400.

*Photo by John Brooks*

than a second behind Flores.

"I don't know for sure about all of the times, but I know he's got a good shot," Crow said. "I think he'll definitely have to run 1:57 or faster to win it, and he'll definitely have to run about 1:57 to medal. Some of the times downstate may have been a little faster, but Joey will do better when he gets down there, too."

Flores had the second-best regional time among all eight state qualifiers. Joey's 1:58.87 was second only to Nolan Clark of Tatum, who won Region 2 in 1:58.73. However, all of the times were within 2.22 seconds of each other; if nothing else, that indicates a heck of a race.

"I'm ready for it," Flores, with the confidence of a senior, said. "I'm looking forward to it, and I think I can win it."

For Thomas, the state meet is almost old hat. She went to Austin last year but didn't place. This year, she has a shot at the triple jump and is the favorite in the 400. She has one of the top 15 times in the state in all classifications in the quarter in 57.6 seconds.

Thomas was fourth last year in the 400, but is the favorite this time

around. She had the best qualifying time in 58.77 seconds at the regional meet at Odessa. She's run faster, and hopes to again this weekend.

Thomas, an intense competitor, will also compete in the triple jump, where her runner-up finish in 36-3 1/4 is eighth in the field.

Thomas anchors the 1600 relay team, running with Jessica Vasquez, Amy Ethridge and Jennifer Vick. Their qualifying time of 4:05.59 is fourth in the field behind Breckenridge (4:03.83), Manor (4:04.61) and Bellville (4:04.93).

"I believe we have a good shot at winning the mile relay," Coach Richard Wood said. "Amy will be fresh when we run down there. Usually, she has run an 800, an hour or less before the race, so I think we can cut our time there considerably."

## Nazareth netters hope to serve up state gold

Nazareth juniors Scott Brockman and Alston Farris own silver medals from the 1993 Class A state tennis tournament.

Their goal is to add gold medals to their trophy case this weekend.

Farris and Brockman will lead a total of five Nazareth netters to the state meet this weekend in Austin.

Brockman and Farris claimed their second - straight regional championship in boys' doubles last month in Levelland. Teammates Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin, both seniors, finished second in girls' doubles to earn a trip to state while sophomore Melinda Schmucker stamped her name on a ticket with a second-place finish in girls' singles.

Brockman and Farris will open the state tournament by taking on Phillip Cervantez and Chris Cervantez of Bruni Friday at 9 a.m. at the Intramural Courts in Austin. The semifinals will be played at 2 p.m. Friday at the Intramural Courts and the finals are slated for Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Penick-Allison Courts in Austin.

Rounding out the boys' doubles

bracket are Gabe Stansbury and Ryan McDonald of Eden, Jamie Brasier and Casey Sutton of Noco-na Prairie Valley, Aaron Waters and Randy Weems of Trenton, Brian Osuna and Neils Kramwinkle of Roby, Leo Lopez and John Flores of Bruni and Efrain Gallegos and Kendall Perkins of Sanderson.

Durbin and Brockman will meet Holly Hoffman and Tina Bailey of Paint Rock in the first round Friday morning at 9 at the Intramural Courts. The semifinals and finals in the girls' doubles will be played at the same time and location as the boys' doubles matches. Hoffman qualified for state last year with a different partner, but lost in the championship match to April and Shea Bennett of Hart. The girls' doubles bracket also includes a team that qualified for state in 1993 — Carrie Gimble and Christi Goode of Knippa. That pair lost to the Bennett sisters in the semifinals last year. Other qualifying teams are Shana Bagley and Tamara Hut-ton of Cross Plains, Stephanie Mil-ler and Johanna Rodriguez of Fort

Hancock, Janet Davidson and Jamie Del Bosque of Priddy and Stephanie Latimer and Jennifer Savage, and Ashley Ammerman and Sherry Latimer, all of Trenton.

Schmucker's first opponent will be Carmen Carrington of Prosper and that match is slated to begin Friday at 11 a.m. at the Intramural Courts. Should Schmucker win that match, she will advance to the semifinal round Friday at 4 p.m. at the Intramural Courts. The girls' singles championship match is scheduled to begin Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Penick-Allison Center.

Nazareth Coach Joey Waldo said Schmucker got a good draw in the state meet. Marci Matthews of Anton, who beat Schmucker for the Region 1-A championship, is in the same half of the bracket as one of the tournament favorites, Lauren Spears of Chillicothe. Schmucker is in the bottom half of the bracket. Other singles players qualifying for state are Tonya Banks of Austwell-Tivoli, Christi Pagitt of LaRue La-Poynor, Candy Gledhill of Axtell and Margarita Svirskaya of Era.

Johnson will go into the state meet with the fifth-best qualifying jump. His 22-1 leap won the Region 1-A title two weeks ago at Levelland.

"One guy jumped 23-3, and that's out there over a foot more than Nick," said Coach Rick Price. "The one thing we don't know about those is what time of day they jumped. Nick jumped early on a cool, wet morning. I know we jump at 8 a.m. Saturday in Austin, and I think that will be to Nick's advantage."

"I think he'll pick up some down there, and another few inches he can medal. I think that if he jumps well he has a shot at at least a medal. I know Nick jumps well early in the day, and I know he can jump with the wind or against the wind. Sometimes we talk about our disadvantages up here, but if we can turn them into advantages for us, anything can happen."

Ball has one of the top times in the state and is the favorite in the Class A 800 meters. She won regional in 2:24.87 in deplorable conditions at Levelland, and should be aided by the weather in Austin.

District and regional foe Julie Williams of Anton may be her stiffest competition again this weekend at Austin.

Schmucker will have to do a little less running around, she hopes, this week when she runs in the 400 meters. The tennis tournament should be completed before Schmucker's race is scheduled.

Without the distractions, observers feel Schmucker will be able to beat her time of 60.78 at regional.

Garcia almost didn't get to go to state this week after being slightly injured in a weekend auto accident.

"He's fine," said coach Mark Petross. "We still think he has a great shot to win it and has been working hard all week."

For Bennett, she won't have to deal with track and tennis both, clearing the way for improved performance, according to coach Allen Dewes.

"Shea is a lot better than her 16.89 time at regional," Dewes said. "She has been devoting all her time

to the hurdles the past week and she should be in much better shape this weekend. I really think she has a great shot at medaling, and who knows, she could win. She's capable."



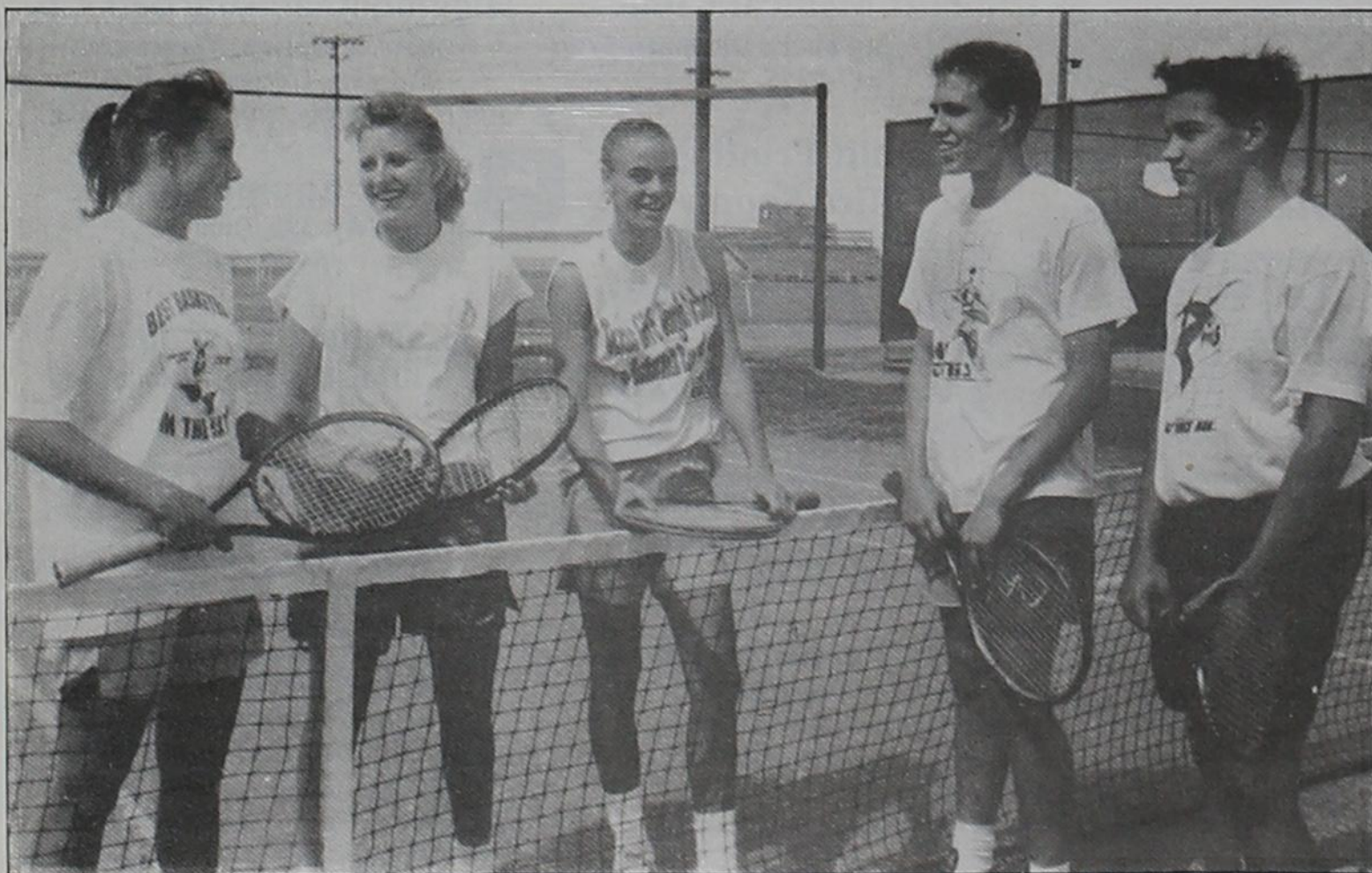
**MELINDA SCHMUCKER** ... 400 meters  
*Photo by Brenda Schulte*



**NICK JOHNSON** ... Long jump  
*Photo by Anne Acker*



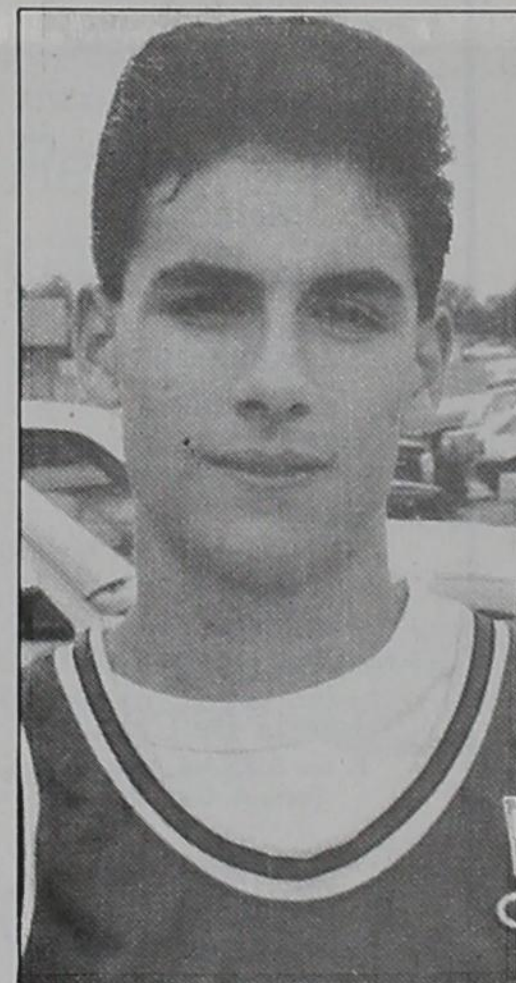
**MISTI BALL** ... 800 meters  
*Photo by Brenda Schulte*



**TENNIS TALK** — Nazareth tennis players including (from left) girls' doubles players Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin, singles' player Melinda Schmucker and boys' doubles players Scott Brockman and Alston Farris discuss strategies

during a workout session Monday afternoon in Nazareth. The five will compete at the Class A state tennis tournament this weekend in Austin.

*Photo by Anne Acker*



**JOEY FLORES** ... 800 meters  
*Photo by John Brooks*



**ISRAEL GARCIA** ... Shot put  
*Photo by D'Lynn Hankins*

**STATE TRACK QUALIFIERS**

Here are the county's qualifiers in the UIL State Track Meet this weekend in Austin:

**DIMMITT:**

- Kim Thomas in the 400 and the triple jump.
- Joey Flores in the 800.
- Girls mile relay team.

**NAZARETH:**

- Misti Ball in the 800.
- Melinda Schmucker in the 400.
- Nick Johnson in the long jump.

**HART:**

- Israel Garcia in the shot put.
- Shea Bennett in the 100 meter hurdles.



**SHEA BENNETT** ... 100 meter hurdles  
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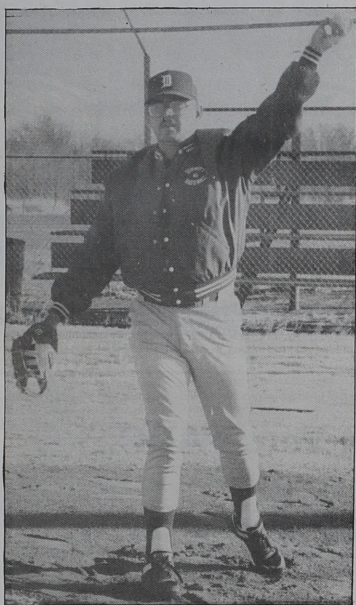
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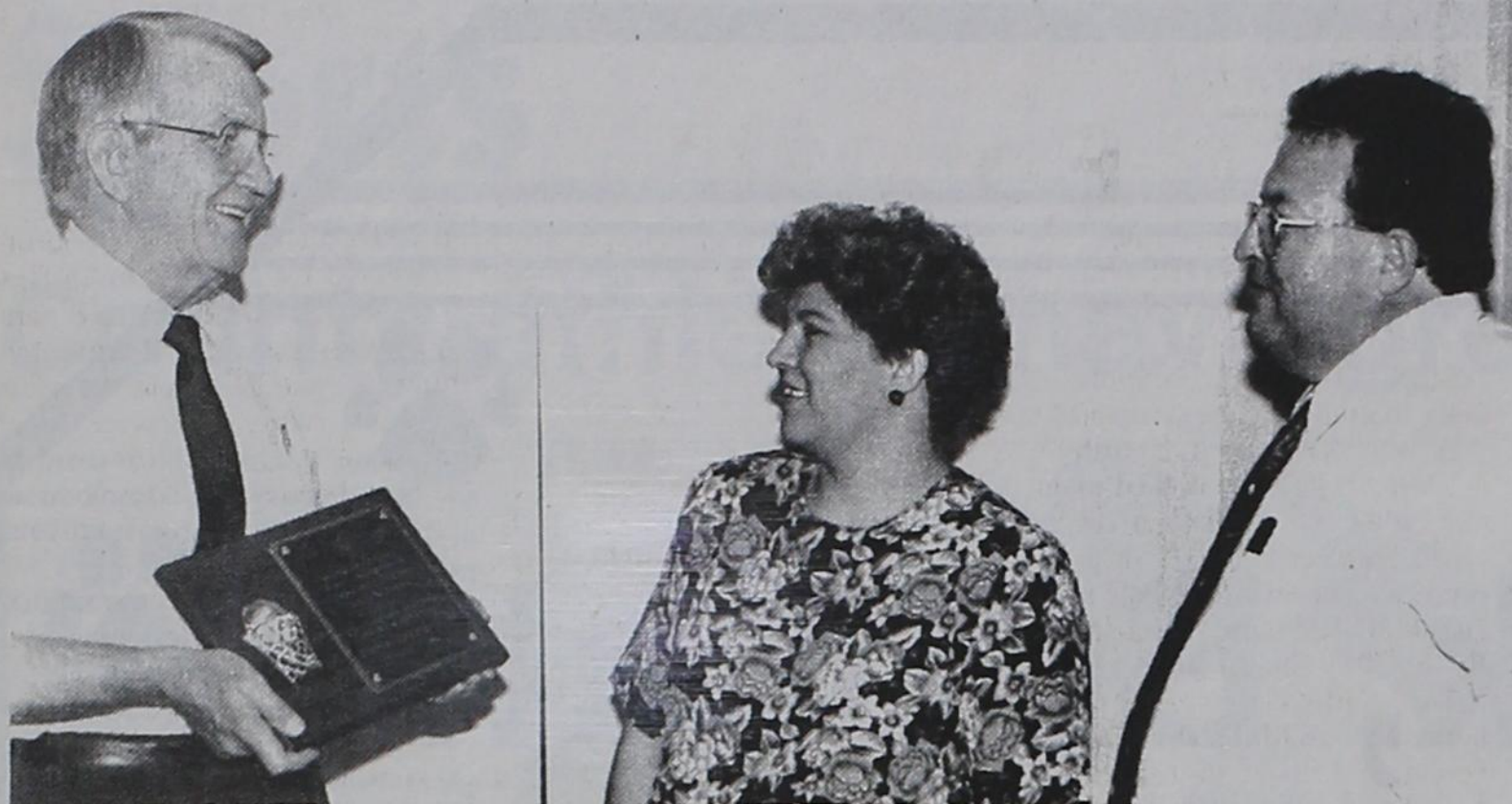
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**GOLDEN HOOPS AWARD** — News Publisher Don Nelson (left), Anne Acker and John Brooks admire the "Golden Hoops Award" presented to the newspaper by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The award commended the News

"for outstanding journalistic support of basketball." Nelson accepted the plaque for the newspaper during the TABC's annual convention Saturday in San Antonio.

*Photo by Linda Maxwell*

## News gets 'Hoops' award from basketball coaches

During its annual convention in San Antonio Saturday, the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches presented the *Castro County News* with a "Golden Hoops Award" for the newspaper's "outstanding journalistic support of basketball."

News Publisher Don Nelson accepted the award on behalf of the newspaper from TABC Executive Director Alton Ballard of Waco.

Also receiving Golden Hoops Awards Saturday were Keith Nelson, sports editor of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, and Michael Murphy, sports columnist for the *Houston Chronicle*.

In presenting the award to the *News*, Ballard cited the newspaper's coverage of the state-class basketball programs at Dimmitt and Nazareth, as well as the emerging girls' basketball program at Hart.

He also commended the *News* for the "booster" ads it runs during basketball season to generate support for the local teams.

The *News* is in a unique situation, with three school districts and five state-class basketball programs within the county.

"Most country weeklies cover only one school district," Nelson said. "It takes advance planning to adequately cover the basketball season in our readership area. From

the varsity down through seventh grade, our three schools play more than 50 games a week during the height of the season. And when the tournament season hits, we just have to go with the flow — everybody grabs a camera and a stat sheet. We have a lot of fun."

The *News's* staff includes two reporter/photographers who are well-versed in basketball — Anne Acker of Nazareth and John Brooks of Dimmitt. Both did their first sportswriting for the *News* while serving as team managers in high school. Acker, Brooks and Nelson all have won professional awards for their sportswriting.

The *News* still works with local high-school students who have the "knack" and desire for sportswriting.

Nearly every *News* staffer doubles as a photographer. The *News* also trains and furnishes cameras for student photographers, provides game-report sheets for coaches below varsity level, and sometimes has to depend on late-game reports by telephone from coaches.

The newspaper juggles the triple basketball schedule with its Wednesday noon press time.

In Castro County, the basketball season seldom ends before March.

"This year we had four teams in the playoffs—the Nazareth boys and girls, the Dimmitt boys and the Hart girls," Nelson said. "It isn't unusual for us to cover two or three regional tournaments the same weekend, or a state and two regionals, or two state tournaments in two weeks. And we've had two local teams in the same state tournament several times."

Nelson said that because of the long-time success of local basketball programs, the *News* probably has covered more state tournaments through the years than any other weekly newspaper in Texas.

Another highlight of the TABC convention were the Texas All-Star Basketball Games.

Nick Johnson of this year's state runner-up Nazareth Swifts played on the Class 1A-3A North Boys' All-Star Team and served as the team captain. Coached by Allen Simpson of Amarillo High School, the North All-Stars defeated the South, 102-97.

And John Smith, former Dimmitt all-stater and new head coach at Plainview High School, assisted retiring Plainview Coach Carl Irlbeck in tutoring the Class 4A-5A North Boys' All-Stars.

# Baseball team splits, final game postponed

Everyone's hopes were up for a big game Tuesday between the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Tulia Hornets at George Howell Park in Dimmitt, but rain forced a postponement of

Dimmitt's final regular season game until today (Thursday).

There is no charge for admission to the game.

Dimmitt will meet Tulia at 4:30 p.m. today at George Howell Park.

If Tulia wins, it will win the District 2-3A championship and probably knock the Bobcats out of the running.

A Dimmitt win would mean the Bobcats would at least be involved in a tie for a playoff spot for either first or second.

Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster had hoped for a big crowd Tuesday, and wants fans to pack the stands today.

"We had a great crowd against Muleshoe and we responded well then," Feaster said. "We have had great support all year, and we want to pack the stands early, before the game."

Saturday, it took an extra inning but the Bobcats got a part of second place with a 5-4 win in eight innings at Floydada.

Dan Matthews gave up four Floydada runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth before giving way to Jason Nino for the last two innings. Nino picked up the win, running his record to 7-5. He threw just 20 pitches in the last two innings, allowing only one baserunner.

Dimmitt scored in the first when Joe Juarez led off the game with a

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### Baseball Thursday Frona 7, Dimmitt 5 at Frona

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**UNDER THE TAG**—Dimmitt's Zeke Nino slides under the attempted tag of the Frona catcher Thursday in a District 2-3A game at Frona. Looking on and about to make the safe call is

umpire Joe Nino. The Chieftains edged the Bobcats, 7-6, to tighten the District 2-3A race.

*Photo by John Brooks*

## More about Abatement ...

"We'd like to attract something here that will not only create jobs and broaden our tax base, but will benefit agriculture as well," Collins told commissioners. "We feel like if we're going to be competitive in attracting this company here, we'll need to be able to offer a 10-year abatement incentive."

City Attorney Jack Edwards explained that a public hearing would need to be held before the abatement could receive final approval.

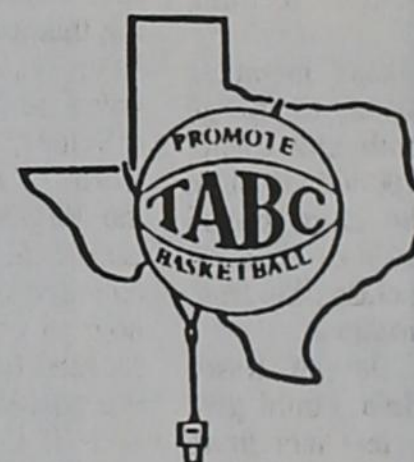
The Texas Enterprise Zone Program allows two incentives to businesses which meet the criteria. The incentives are a refund of 2% of local sales tax on certain construction costs and abatement of certain ad valorem taxes on real property improvements through a written

contract with the taxing entity.

The business seeking incentives must be located in the enterprise zone area and must be making a substantial investment or creating new jobs.

Dimmitt's Enterprise Zone's already established guidelines are 0% abatement if investment is up to \$24,999 or the business employs up to one employee; 25% tax abatement for five years if the businesses invests \$25,000 to \$999,999 and employs between 2 and 29 people; 50% for five years or 25% for five years if a business invests between \$1,000,000 and \$4,999,999 and employs 30 to 49 people; and 100% tax abatement for five years or 50% tax abatement for five years if a business employs more than 50 people and invests more than \$5,000,000 in the project.

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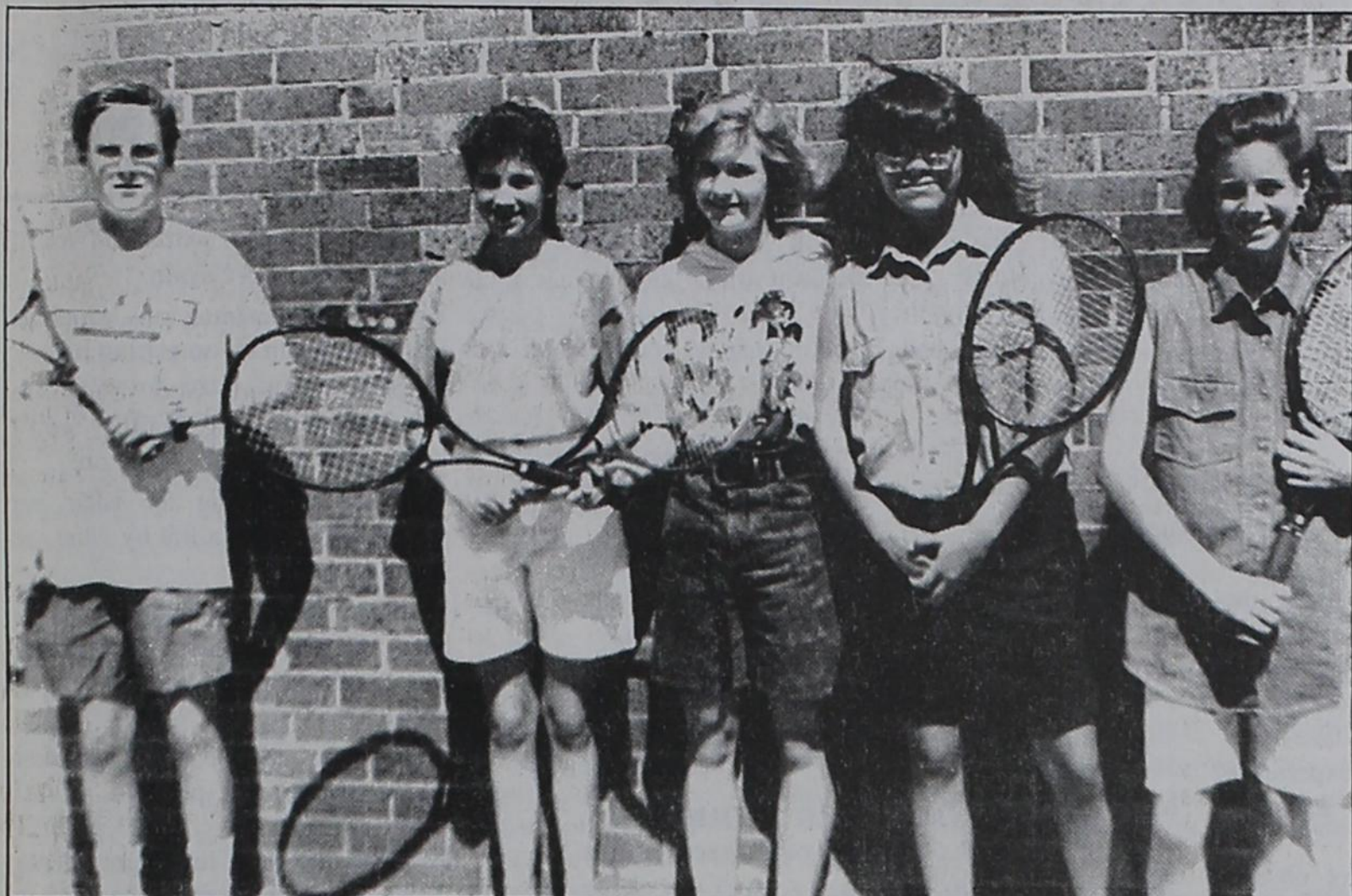
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**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN DISTRICT TITLES**—Five Dimmitt Middle School seventh and eighth graders won District 2-3A tennis championships at the district tournament held

here. Winners were (from left) Jared Townsend, Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss, Monica Ortiz and Kami Hand. Photo by Anne Acker

# DMS tennis players win

Middle School athletes won district championships in the District 2-3A Junior High Tennis Tournament held here May 2-3.

In seventh grade, Monica Ortiz won first place in girls singles. She defeated Hamlin of Littlefield 7-3 in a tiebreaker after going 8-8 in sets; downed Lewis of Littlefield 8-6 in the semis and defeated Floydada's Cummings in the championship round, 8-6.

Amanda Annen of Dimmitt was fourth in seventh girls singles. She defeated Burns of Muleshoe 8-6, then lost to Cummings, 8-1, and Lewis, 8-3.

Kristin Doss and Lindsey Welch teamed for the seventh grade girls doubles championship. They defeated Hedges-Newton of Littlefield, 8-1, Copley-Pool of Muleshoe, 8-2, and Gonzales-Wood of Muleshoe, 9-7, in the finals.

The Dimmitt team of Taryn Hays-Valerie Gonzales was fourth in seventh girls doubles. They had a bye in the first round, then were defeated by Gonzales-Wood, 8-2, and Copley-Pool, 8-0.

In seventh boys singles, Raymond Powers of Dimmitt was defeated by Barrientos of Floydada, 8-2, and Brashear of Littlefield downed West of Dimmitt, 8-4. In seventh boys doubles, Rickert-Harkins of Dimmitt received a first-round bye, then were defeated by McClanahan-Jennings of Muleshoe, 8-3, and lost to Stovall-Ross of Floydada, finishing fourth.

In eighth grade girls singles, Kami Hand of Dimmitt lost just two games in winning the district title. She downed Martinez of Floydada, 8-2, then shut out Hahn of Muleshoe, 8-0, and Cleavinger of Muleshoe, 8-0, for the title.

Michael Bell was defeated by McCamish of Littlefield, 8-4, in singles play.

Jared Townsend of Dimmitt won first in eighth boys singles. He downed Trey Ensor of Littlefield, 8-5, blitzed Aaron King of Friona, 8-4, and drove by Johnson of Muleshoe in the championship, 8-5.

Nathan Killough was defeated by Lee of Muleshoe, 8-6.

In boys doubles, Proffitt-Lowance were defeated by Simpson-Payne of Floydada, 8-1, and Shannon-Riggs were downed by Gardner-Garcia of Muleshoe, 8-0.

In girls doubles, Schulte-Davis were defeated by Whit-Villarreal of Muleshoe, 8-3, and Powers-Matthews were downed by Hale-Santellana of Friona, 8-3.

## More about

# Bobcats ...

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walk. He stole second and third, then strolled home on a triple by Phil Thrasher.

Floydada tied the score with a tally in the fourth. The Bobcats erupted for three runs in the top of the fifth for a 4-1 lead. Zeke Nino walked to open the inning and Juarez was hit by a pitch. Thrasher singled, scoring both runners. Thrasher then stole second and third, and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by Emilio Nino.

The Whirlwinds scored once in the bottom of the fifth and twice in the bottom of the sixth to tie the score.

The Bobcats pushed the winning run across in the top of the eighth when Dwayne Espinosa was hit by a pitch. He stole second and third, then scored when Zeke Nino popped a two-out Texas Leaguer into left.

Jason Nino shut down the 'Winds in the bottom of the inning for the win.

Dimmitt had four errors in the game, high for the Bobcats of late. Dimmitt took advantage of seven Floydada errors.

Last Thursday, Dimmitt hit the ball sharply throughout the game.

Problem was, they were atom balls. That's at 'em balls. Hit right at 'em. Some days, you hit tweeners, balls that are just out of reach of any fielder. A lot of times, balls that aren't hit so hard somehow become tweeners.

Or, maybe it's more frustrating when you hit a hard shot and it's right at the shortstop or right fielder, as the Bobcats did six times at Friona.

A 7-6 loss to the Chieftains knocked the Bobcats back for a while into a tie for second, and a full game out of first at 5-3.

Dimmitt started well with a 1-0 lead in the first. Phil Thrasher reached on

a fielder's choice, then scored on a double to the gap by Emilio Nino. The Bobcats' hard luck day started early, though, when a baserunner was hit by a batted ball to end the inning.

Friona came back to score twice in the bottom of the first on two hits and a walk off starter Jason Nino, and an error (one of just two for the Bobcats).

Dimmitt tied the score again in the top of the second, but Friona extended its lead to 5-5 in the third.

Dimmitt knocked out Friona's starting pitcher and reached reliever Tony Cuevas while piling up three runs in the fourth to tie the game at 5. Friona came back to score its final two runs in the bottom of the fifth for a 7-5 lead.

Dimmitt scored a run in the sixth when Ruiz doubled, went to third on a wild pitch by Cuevas and scored on an infield groundout by Gerald Barrios.

## More about

# Robber ...

(Continued from Page 1)

identity. The number cinched up the arrest of the fugitive.

The arrest on the parole violation may have helped thwart several bank robberies the suspect may have planned in this area and in Oklahoma and Alabama, according to Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

"We found 25 pages of notes including names of towns and banks in this area," Fitzgearld said. "They were all small towns: Hart, Sudan, Kress, all small towns. There might have been plans to rob one of those banks, but not all of them."

The man had copies of bank directories listing the banks and bank personnel, Fitzgearld said.

Gibson is a prime suspect in a rash of 14 bank robberies in Washington, Oregon and California. Authorities also said Gibson is wanted for questioning about an armed bank robbery Saturday morning in Albuquerque. Robbers took \$62,000 cash and \$18,000 in travelers' checks in the Albuquerque heist. In the 15 robberies, about \$1.4 million has been taken according to FBI Agent Scott Hendricks in Amarillo.

When Gibson was caught south of Dimmitt he was accompanied by

Rochelle Denice Thompson Rico, 18, who was employed by the Mustang Ranch in Nevada. Information she provided local authorities tied Gibson to the Albuquerque job, Fitzgearld said.

The method of operation in the Albuquerque robbery was the same as in the West Coast holdups. Robbers in all 15 jobs (all at small banks) had purchased older cars the day before the robbery, drove them to and from the bank and abandoned them less than a mile away from the bank, where they transferred to newer vehicles.

FBI and Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office officials said Gibson is believed to be the man who purchased an older car in Albuquerque which was used as the getaway car in the Saturday morning robbery. The car was found less than a mile from the bank.

Authorities are also searching through the contents of a 1984 Dodge van that was left by Gibson at the Albuquerque airport, according to Rico. According to Fitzgearld, he and deputies found a parking stub in the motor home for the van. Deputies in Albuquerque have seized the van from the Albuquerque International Airport and "found a lot of luggage

in it," Fitzgearld said.

"That could be where some of the money is," Fitzgearld said.

Gibson had about \$2,000 cash, all in \$100 bills, in his possession when he was arrested late Saturday. Rico had about \$800 on her, Fitzgearld said.

The sheriff said he and deputies found "quite a few" wigs, moustaches, beards, hats and jackets in the van. A black hat and black jacket matching the description of the items worn by a bank robber in Albuquerque were found in the van, Fitzgearld said.

Deputies also found a gun, shoulder holster, walkie-talkies and scanners. Deputies also found a note they believe was written by Thompson: "Wipe fingerprints off seat adjustments."

The RV remained parked Wednesday morning just south of the Castro County Courthouse. It will be taken by federal marshals, and will probably be returned to the Albuquerque rental agency.

Fitzgearld brandished a rap sheet over eight feet long listing Gibson's past offenses. He had been paroled from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

# Board approves schedules

Some classes at Dimmitt Middle School will be shortened next school year as teachers and students glean more time from the school day for an extra learning period.

Dimmitt school board members approved a plan Monday to change schedules for seventh and eighth graders from seven periods to eight periods a day. The extra period would be gleaned from the existing schedule by cutting class time from 50 minutes to 45 minutes.

DMS Principal George Rasor said the new schedule would give math and English, teachers more time to "team" teach, including working with students, parents and on the improvement of teaching methods.

"This will allow our teachers time to visit parents in their homes if they need to," Rasor told the board. "It's not an extra conference period, but it's a time when the teachers can address specific problems with students and parents."

Rasor said the plan would foster better communication and coordination among teachers.

"This will take two or three years of give and take to get the bugs worked out," said Gene Penney, a DMS Industrial Technology teacher who attended a conference recently with Rasor. He said the program is currently being used in junior highs in Lubbock, Hereford and Dumas.

"If it doesn't work here, it won't

be a problem for us to go back to the old schedule," Rasor said.

Board members learned the school district has had \$81,675 cut from federal funds sent here, meaning that a handful of programs will have to be cut. Board members voted to revamp summer school offerings, and will pare \$21,500 worth of services contracted from the Region 16 Education Service Center in Amarillo. During an executive session the board discussed how to cope with the rest of the reduced funding, including not filling positions left open by resignations if they are able to leave the positions vacant. Some paraprofessional positions may have to be cut, according to Supt. Les Miller, but no action has been taken.

The board also:

- Elected Steve Buckley as new president of the board, with John Nino as vice president and Debbie Annen as secretary.
- Canvassed votes from Saturday's election, with Nino and Frank Welch being sworn back into office.
- Approved Cornell and Co. for the annual school audit.
- Heard about Elementary and junior high UIL Academic Meet, DMS and DHS tennis and track results, and competition by local students at the state technology meet in Waco.
- Learned the district had received an \$8,000 grant for a special summer program, Project SMART.

## Kids Inc. baseball sign-up set

Sign up continues today (Thursday) for the Dimmitt summer baseball program.

Registration will be held from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School, and from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

Coaches meetings will be held Sunday at the chamber office. Coaches will meet at 2 p.m. for t-ball, 3 p.m. for minor leagues and 4 p.m. for major leagues.

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Agribusiness Profile...

AMARILLO — In the musical play "Texas," cattlemen in the Panhandle of historical past mounted a delegation to go to Austin to lobby on behalf of the industry. That legacy continues in the cattle industry of historical present and for many of the same reasons.

Those reasons largely consist of working with government officials to develop laws and regulations that small businesses can live with. However, while the reasons remain the same, the issues have changed. "Without a doubt,

**Texas cattle industry has long record of lobbying in cases of**

**AgReview**

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Courtesy Photo/Frances Wood

### Mare 'mothers' more calves

Molly, an "old maid" mare featured in the March issue of *AgReview* just keeps on mothering new calves on the L-7 Ranch near Crosbyton. She reportedly has adopted some new spring calves and continues nursing them as her own. Molly has drawn wide attention for her services as surrogate "cow" for orphaned calves — which she began mothering and nursing completely at her own will several years ago. Owned by L.W. Cook, Molly is an 8-year-old quarter horse and honorary ranch nursemaid.

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# Ag News

May 28

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June 11

**ARMSTRONG FARM TRACTOR PLAYDAY** — Paul and Jackie Armstrong of Hart will host their annual tractor show on their farm 3 1/2 miles west of Hart on FM 145, then three miles south. A slow race, parade and plowing contest will be held.

July 9

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July 16

**CHILDRESS REUNION** — Day of celebrating and downtown parade.

**SEAGRAVES REUNION** — Day of fun and displays of old tractors as part of Seagraves Day events.

**TULIA'S SWISHER COUNTY PICNIC** — Traditional picnic celebration features noon barbecue meal.

July 28

**OKLAHOMA STATE TWO-CYLINDER SHOW** — One of the major tractor shows in the Southwest, to be held in Fairview, Okla.

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**PLAINS ANNUAL CELEBRATION & RODEO**

# Paymaster/Lankart goes to DeltaPine

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
Herald Staff Writer

AIKEN — The Paymaster logo, an old name in stripper cotton that appeared on the South Plains farming scene in the 1940s and helped bring short staple into its own here, will continue to grace a 50-acre facility at Aiken for years to come, it was revealed this week.

Paymaster Cottonseed is the name that Delta & Pine Land will most likely use to designate a 50-acre processing, shipping and storage site acquired from Cargill as of last Sunday, The Herald has learned from D&PL officials.

D&PL has announced it will maintain present operations, retain the Paymaster logo and maintain an employee force of about 10 persons virtually unchanged, Don Kimmel, the company's vice president for marketing said.

Kimmel also commented on D&PL's reasoning behind the purchase from Cargill, saying, "We looked at the Paymaster efforts there, and we felt it looked good," he said. "We felt like it was something we would like to merge with. It isn't a case where we looked at something we wanted to come in shake up, change this, change that."

Kimmel called Cargill's cottonseed division a "strong program and we felt like we wanted to be part of it in the future. And we wanted to keep the present personnel. At present, I don't see us sending anyone in there."

Sentimentality over the Paymaster name, combined

with the news it will live on, has created enthusiasm among many, not the least of which are the "Population of 31" listed on the facility water tower along U.S. 70.

"Our intent is to keep the program pretty much intact the way it is now, including all the 12 associates that handle the Paymaster Brand," Kimmel said of the production/distribution plans.

One of those associates, Gene McLain of Plainview Acid Delinting, discussed his own feelings about the changover from Cargill to D&PL.

"Representatives from DeltaPine have assured us that for the time being things will be the same it has been with Cargill," he said. "It shouldn't affect the farmers at this point anywhere. It will business as usual. They will still go to associate growers gins or local seed dealers for Paymaster seed."

McLain said he is optimistic about the future of Paymaster.

"They are probably the biggest cotton people in the world," he said. "They've got a strong research program and I think they're going to keep new varieties coming and probably better than what we have. If someone was going to buy it, I think DeltaPine was the most likely. They are strong, and they have a great staff, breeders and research program."

Kimmel said he sensed similar enthusiasm among associate growers he met on a swing through the area about two weeks ago.

"I think that they felt

good that we were coming in and that we would be concentrating heavy on the cotton business," he said. "We also heard a lot of interest in our biotechnology efforts. They know we have been very aggressive in that area."

Tom Jagodinski, vice president for finance, was in Aiken Wednesday. He listed D&PL's recent announcement of a joint venture with Monsanto to develop Bt cotton as a milestone for the company. Another was a joint venture with the Peoples Republic of China to introduce its lines of picker cotton into Asia.

D&PL is also working behind the scenes on further technological advances, such as herbicide-resistant cotton lines, but these and other projects are still several years away, he said.

Prior to the purchase of Paymaster, D&PL had been exclusively involved in the picker cotton lines. The company introduced one variety of stripper cotton on the South Plains and owns others.

Paymaster's premier lines at present are HS26 and their newest, HS200, both of which boast high strength and quality fiber.

Other growers affected by the change of ownership include Bronco Seed, Stamford; Brownfield Seed & Delinting, Cen-Tex Seed & Delinting, Hillsboro; Holland Cottonseed, Big Spring; Jackson Delinting, Lubbock; Littlefield Delinting; Morton Delinting; Ralls Delinting; Seedco Corporation of Lubbock; Southwest Seed &

Delinting of Elmer, Okla.; and Von Roeder Seed Farms of Snyder.

Delta & Pine Land is not new to the Plainview area. They acquired a sorghum production and processing facility on north I-27 from Funk Seed Company several years ago.

That operation and its management will remain as is, along with a sorghum research facility and a regional sales office in Lubbock. Jagodinski said prior to the Aiken acquisition his company employed a total of 35 persons in Texas.

Headquartered in Scott, Miss, with offices in nine states and several foreign DeltaPine is the world's largest commercial breeder, producer and marketer of cotton planting seed. D&PL also markets sorghum, soybean and corn planting seed.

D&PL's common stock trades on the NASDAQ National Market System under COTN.

Richard Sheetz will continue to oversee cotton research. Byron Hannabas continues as operations manager. He has been in Aiken since 1990.

A native of Lubbock, Hannabas received undergraduate and master's degrees in Agricultural Engineering at Texas Tech. He and wife, Beth, have three children, Halley, 8; Greg, 6; and Tim, 3; and are members of First Methodist Church. He is a member of the Texas Seed Trade Association, the American Cottonseed Delinting Association and the Gideon Mens Bible Society.

# Sale not to impact other Cargill seed work

■ Cargill chief sees clear future at LockView farm

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
Herald Staff Writer

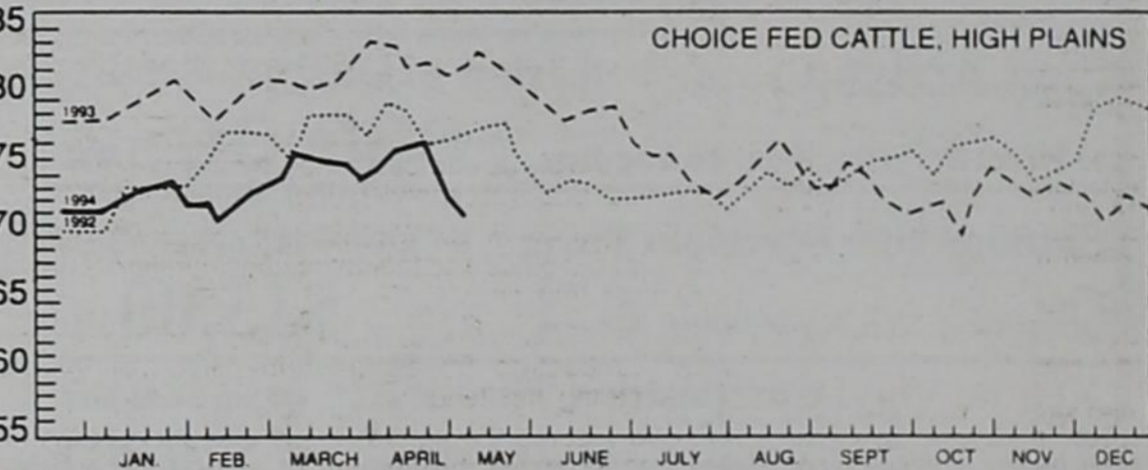
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn — Though its entire cottonseed operation on U.S. 70 in Aiken was transferred to new owner DeltaPine last week, Cargill, Inc., Seed Division intends to maintain a strong presence in seed production on its half-century-old LockView

Farms east of Plainview.

Bruce Priebe, president of Cargill Seed division, indicated in a telephone interview last week.... from corporate headquarters that its transfer of its cottonseed business and its 50 acres of storage/shipping facilities will allow a more focused effort at furthering the company's global effort at developing sorghum, sunflower, corn, alfalfa and canola seed products.

"It's really a very

simple equation," explained Priebe. "We have taken those assets having to do with cottonseed and transferred it to Delta and Pine Land. See Seed, Page 5



Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through May 6.

# Bullish news puts slight pressure on market

The cotton market received bullish reports on domestic and export demand during the week of April 25. Annualized U.S. Mill use in March increased to 10.671 million bales from 10.283 the month before. Sales commitments to China increased 307,300 upland bales, boosting their commitments to 720,700 bales from the 1993/94 U.S. However, shipments to China are lagging at only 71,700. Because cotton is in short supply, many Chinese mills are closed. Thus, their shipments are expected to be made over the next several months.

On the bearish side, crop prospects for 1994/95 are looking slightly better due to timely rain across West Texas that indicates dryland may have planting moisture. Of course, substantial rain will be needed to make a reasonable Texas crop. Cotton planting is ahead of schedule. By May 1, U.S. planting was 42 percent complete compared to 27 percent last year and the 5-year



## COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

average of 30 percent.

The first projections for 1994/95 crop supply and demand will be made by USDA on May 10. Given current prospects, a 17.5 million bale U.S. crop with total offtake slightly less and expected carry-over about the same as this season appears likely. This suggests a fairly steady market. However, it

is subject to changes stemming from bearish forces of good weather and bullish responses from bad weather conditions. The market will likely remain sensitive to the adversities of weather, insects and disease both at home and overseas until harvest is well under way.

Therefore, marketing strategies may need to be customized to reduce risk of a large crop and lower prices but still be able to benefit from higher prices. Possible pricing procedures include forward contracts, minimum price contracts, put options and more complex strategies using combinations of puts, calls and futures hedging contracts. This should prove to be an interesting year to market cotton. The "A" index was 75.6 cents on April 29 and the weekly AWP was 71.11 cents.

(Carl Anderson, A&M Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist, is a noted authority on the cotton markets.)

**Cattle, from Page 1**

the environment has been the issue of the '90s," says TCFA President Les McNeill of Panhandle. "And environmental issues will continue for some time to come."

Today, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) carries the torch of legislative leadership by working with various regulatory agencies and legislative bodies to make sure government officials are aware of cattle feeders' concerns. "Through that effort, TCFA has formed a partnership between private enterprise and government that has yielded regulations that protect the environment, yet are reasonable to small businessmen," McNeill told news people attending the annual convention of the Panhandle Press Association, April 1 in Amarillo.

Cattlemen throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico have always known their livelihood depended on healthy, renewable natural resources. And they've also known that while environmental protection is best accomplished by private land ownership, relationships with government agencies are necessary.

"That's why TCFA has made a priority of legislative leadership ever since the Association was formed in 1967," McNeill says. "And more and more, we're dealing with regulatory agencies as they implement rules that affect our industry."

Take, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In 1992, EPA proposed that concentrated animal feeding operations in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit.

TCFA played a key role in assuring that the proposed EPA regulations were based on sound science and rooted in common sense. "In addition, TCFA took the lead in developing a model Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP) that meets EPA's requirements," McNeill says. "This model can be used by feedyards to develop their own PPP with their site-specific information."

In another instance, TCFA presented facts to clear up hazy dust control standards included in the EPA air pollution manual. Using data gathered from desert feedyards, EPA was

claiming that all feedyards had dust emissions far exceeding feedyards in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

TCFA questioned their numbers and worked with Texas A&M University scientists to obtain data that were applicable to feedyards in the TCFA area. TCFA is now working with EPA to incorporate the accurate data into their

manual.

On the state level, TCFA has worked with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Committee (TNRCC), and its predecessor agencies the Texas Water Commission and the Texas Air Control Board, for many years to develop and implement air and water control permits that protect natural resources with common-sense regula-

tions.

"In addition to working with government agencies, TCFA has taken a proactive stance on doing all it can to help feedyards operate in an environmentally-friendly way," McNeill says. TCFA will conduct an environmental audit to determine if the various state and federal permits are in order and that regulations are being met. This

environmental site assessment program helps feedyard operators better understand the complex rules and regulations required by the regulatory agencies.

Because of TCFA's outstanding environmental stewardship program, the Association was named a finalist for the Governor's Award in the Clean Texas 2000 program last year.

# Playa basin meet is May 18-20

Playa basins have often been called "The High Plains area's most underutilized natural resource."

The more than 19,000 playas scattered over the area constitute a critical element in the water resources of the area and will be the topic of discussion May 18, 19, and 20, at the Playa Basin Symposium at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer, playa basin modification, infiltration rates, water quality, playas used in stormwater management, playas used in waste management systems, wildlife management, and agricultural production, are just a few of the topics that will be discussed at the symposium.

According to Dr. Lloyd Urban, director of the Texas Tech

University Water Resources Center and Co-chairman of the symposium, "The purpose of this symposium is to bring together as many individuals as possible to share their experiences with each other and with those in attendance - scientists, engineers, land owners, wildlife management specialists, and others who have an interest in and a concern for playas."

Some of the top researchers in their fields will present papers at the symposium. Senator Teel Bivins will present the keynote address on May 18, to open the symposium.

Sen. John T. Montford will speak during the luncheon on the same day; and Representative David Counts, Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, will

speak at the luncheon on May 19.

May 20, the last day of the symposium, will feature a tour of the High Plains area, visiting playa basins that represent the different uses addressed during the sessions.

Event sponsors will also host a bar-b-que picnic the first night at the Ranching Heritage Center, located on the Texas Tech campus.

Registration cost for the symposium is \$45.00, which includes three meals and all sessions and tours. A copy of the proceedings can also be purchased for \$25.00.

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# Tells how she became Texas Poet Laureate

By LANA SWEETEN-SHULTS

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VICTORIA — For a woman who was once nicknamed "Tex," Mildred Baass, Poet Laureate of Texas, finds it easy to represent the Lone Star State.

However, it wasn't always that way. She tells of a time when she served with the Red Cross in World War II, the only southerner in a "Yankee" unit, and had some trouble performing her Texan duties.

For some reason, everyone in her unit thought she "must have been missing a horse." So, a general got her a horse to ride, but little did he know that Tex's only contact with horses was seeing tourists ride them in San Antonio's Brackenridge Park.

"But I wasn't going to disgrace my state!" she says with conviction. So without an inkling of what she was doing, she hopped on the horse, held her head high, and showed her Texas pride, much like she does when meeting the challenges of her honorary title.

Mrs. Baass, who was appointed 1993-94 poet laureate by a joint committee of the Texas Legislature, has been relentlessly promoting poetry around the state since she was named to her post. It's an honor she hasn't taken lightly.

"I don't want to be a sit-at-home poet laureate," she says. "I want to be a visible, vocal poet laureate."

Since her appointment, she has attended monthly meetings of the Poetry Society of Texas and has judged myriad poetry contests.

She and her daughter, Nancy Baass, who has unofficially taken up the post of assistant to the poet laureate, have actively pursued opportunities in which to wave the poetry banner.

Their motto? "Have poem, will travel."

It's a challenging task, since Texas is known more for its rough-and-tumble cowboys than for its budding poets.

"I want to encourage and promote poetry in

Texas. We live in a great state that has great diversity. Although our state is known for cowboy poetry, we don't want people to think that's the only poetry in Texas. There are other kinds, too."

She makes her own way when it comes to her poet laureate duties, since the Legislature hasn't charged her with a specific agenda.

However, she is determined to make the poet laureateship uniquely her own.

"I want the Texas Legislature to know that I haven't taken this honor lightly."

A native of San Antonio, she wrote her first poem when she was 10 years old. It was about her mother, and she can still recite it.

"I was proud of that poem," she says.

It's that pride that fuels her energy, especially her pride in Texas, love of country and family, and appreciation of nature.

Her first poem was printed in the publication, "The Rectangle." She submitted it while she was attending our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, with encouragement from a teacher she remembers only as Sister Angelica. She also contributed poems regularly to the college quarterly, on which she served as editor.

Although she earned

a teaching certificate, she found herself without a teaching position after graduation and took a summer job proofreading a novel for a doctor at the downtown Medical Arts Building.

The doctor eventually joined the Army, and she filled a civil service position at Fort Sam Houston. However, like many young people during World War II, she found herself searching for a purpose. She ended up "patriotically resigning" her post and joined the Red Cross.

She was assigned to the 81st Station Hospital in Italy, where she was given her nickname. Soldiers from her home state sought out — and managed to find — this girl called "Tex," and she wrote home so her mother would be sure to send her anything Texan.

One of her most vivid World War II memories was made during a stop in Rome, where she was part of a mostly male audience gathered to hear Pope Pius XII.

She must have stood out like a sore thumb, because the pope stopped to ask about her Red Cross uniform and also inquired where she was from.

A confirmed "big Catholic," she was awed. With trembling hands, she lifted her dog tags and said, "Please bless these."

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She met her husband, Alfred C. Baass, in college. He attended St. Mary's University, and she'd met him at various social events. He became a lawyer. She served as her husband's legal secretary throughout his career. He was the county's only justice of the peace for many years.

As she raised daughters Carol and Nancy, she continued writing poetry. She read Mother Goose rhymes to her daughters but eventually had to write her own children's poems to keep up with her children's voracious appetite for stories.

Although she continued writing poetry when she was raising her family, she didn't pursue it as vigorously as she would later in life. Her husband was the one who later encouraged her to focus on her art.

She's involved with the Poetry Society of Texas, a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, and serves on the board of directors for A Galaxy

of Verse Literary Foundation. She has received numerous awards in contests sponsored by these organizations.

Her work has been published in numerous anthologies, magazines and books. In addition to her book, "Mythology in Verse," she is co-author of "Poetry Keys to the Open Door" and "Listen to Texas."

Her poetry spawned a three-year drive to attain her the poet laureateship, an honor-

ary title which was established in Texas in 1932 but which hadn't been filled in five years.

Her poetry isn't just a hobby, it's a passion. Not only does she have yellow writing pads placed in strategic areas of her house, but says daughter Nancy, "She keeps a clipboard by the bed and will write down things that come to her."

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**Seed, from Page 2**

"Everything else stays the same."

Priebe said the nature of the transfer agreement will be of great benefit to Cargill's former, and

DeltaPine's future customers.

"The cottonseed business in Aiken, is a few miles away from our LockView location," he said. "And, although there is some cotton-

seed research that goes on at that northerly location, even that stays the same and continues."

Priebe went on to shed some light on the significance to Cargill of its LockView farm, whose name implies its location about midway between Lockney and Plainview.

LockView remains Cargill's international sorghum production headquarters, directing far flung activities in 20 countries around the world.

It is also a strategic site, Priebe said, for production of seed sunflowers (Cargill is the world's leading supplier of sunflower seed, with an established predominance in oil yielding sunflowers grown in Europe). LockView is considered by Cargill a major center for production and research in corn and alfalfa.

"We get a lot of good product out of there," Priebe said of Cargill's annual efforts to produce quantities of sorghum and other seed on the irrigated High Plains.

At one point, Priebe seemed to shed some light on Cargill's thinking when it decided to drop its cotton line and he hinted that he believes the former Cargill cottonseed products will be in good hands with DeltaPine.

Cargill is engaged in "worldwide strategic efforts" with its other

products, a quality lacking in its more limited work in stripper cotton varieties.

"We liked our cottonseed business," Priebe said. "But, cottonseed, to us, never was a worldwide strategic effort. The crops we are in today are. Not only are we committed to them in North America, but they have a worldwide strategic emphasis."

Of the new owner of its cotton lines, Priebe said that "DeltaPine's people are recognized experts in the cottonseed business and do, in fact, have a quite productive strategy. They got our interest because of the kind of company they are. We have always respected how they have gone about their business."

He called DeltaPine a "worldclass competitor" with worldwide genetics specializing in worldwide operations.

Cargill's thrust on the South Plains, then, will continue unaltered.

"We think we are very competitive in sunflowers," Priebe

said. "We are a player in the sorghum business, not the largest. And, our corn business is having a good time."

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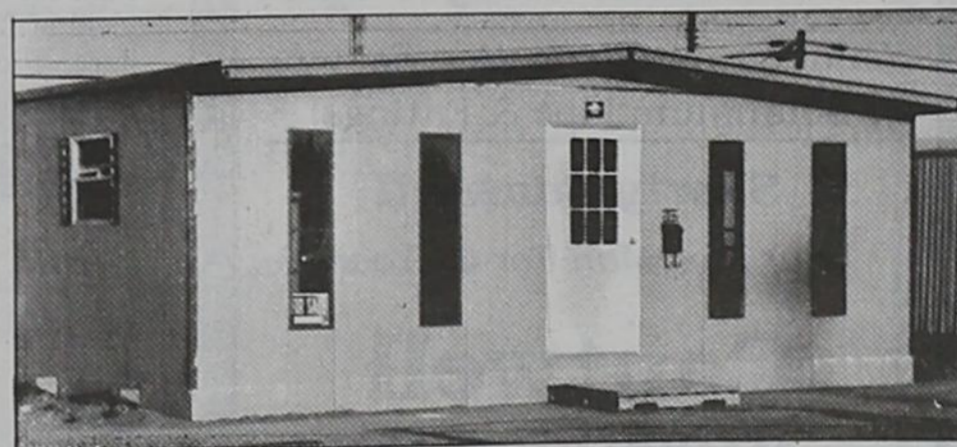
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# Corn contest winners named

**DALHART** — Two Dalhart farmers have captured top honors in the National Corn Grower Association's 1993 no-till irrigated competition.

Milfred Nichols captured first place in the no-till irrigated category with a yield of 261.4773 bushels on his contest acres.

That was actually lower than the 270-bushel yield he accomplished in winning the same competition in 1990.

Charles W. Abbe, a fellow Dalhart producer, took second place in the competition with a contest yield of 258.559 bushels per acre. Abbe captured first place in the same competition in 1991 when his contest acreage posted a 249 bushel yield.

Nichols planted his 1993 corn in standing wheat, using Pioneer 3162 at a seeding rate of 33,000 per acre. He grew the same variety in winning in 1990, but with a seeding rate of 32,000 per acre. He planted his winning crop on 30-inch rows, putting down 235 pounds 5-34-0 fertilizer application before the corn emerged.

Nichols took a big wheel applicator and came back in with 50 units of nitrogen along with a pound and a half of atrazine to knock out the wheat.

In a slight change from his previous cultural practices, Nichols started the sprinkler to incorporate the chemicals, thus combining his trips the made separately in 1990.

Nichols sidedressed 200 units of nitrogen when the corn reached a height of three to four inches. Unlike previous years when he had added as much as 20 units of 28 percent nitrogen,

Nichols refrained from that additional application, thus cutting back on some of his input casts.

Nature was benevolent in 1993, with about 17 inches falling in mid and late spring. Abbe and his son, Geneo, changed their fertility program last year and also implemented the LEPA (low energy precision application) system of irrigation for their contest acreage.

They reduced their fertilizer application and used 300 pounds of 7-21-7 starter fertilizer, augmented by three pounds of zinc per acre. They periodically added 20 to 30 pounds of nitrogen through the chemigation process until the total fertilizer application reached 300 pounds per acre. The mixture also contained 60 pounds of sulphur. They credit LEPA with both providing sufficient moisture while cutting, back on water usage by 25 percent.

The Abbes boosted their seeding rate by 2,000 per acre up to 34,000. The contest plots fared well, although the stepped-up seeding rate caused some problems elsewhere in the field, Charles Abbe recalls. Rainfall was nearly double the usual 8-9 inches for the area providing ample moisture.

Had 1993 been a drier year, Abbe says the larger seeding rate would not have fared as well. Class A non-irrigated

Three Central Texas farmers captured top honors in the state Class A-non-irrigated category. Charles Hansen of Chilton took first-place honors with a dryland yield of 165.4227 bushels on his contest acreage. Martinka Farms of Bartlett was second with a

yield of 163.1589 bushels. Dean Mikeska of Rogers took third place with a yield of 161.2682 bushels. Hansen, head of Hansen & Sons Farms, planted Pioneer 3245 at a seeding rate of 23,500 per acre on Feb. 24, 1993. Martinka planted Asgrow 892 on Feb. 27, 1993 at a seeding rate of 22,000.

Mikeska planted DeKalb DK 715 on March 12, 1993, at a seeding rate of 22,500 per acre. No-till non-irrigated

Dennis Markert of Dime Box top honors in the Texas no-till, nonirrigated class with a yield of 98.9147 bushels per acre.

He planted Cargill 7877 on Feb. 23, 1993, at a seeding rate of 21,300 per acre. Ridge-till non-irrigated

Roebuck Farms of Waxahachie took top honors in the ridge-till, nonirrigated class with a yield of 139.2741 bushels. DeKalb DK 711 was planted March 20, at a seeding rate of 23,000.

Terry Coufal of Temple took second place, while Ed Coufal of Temple claimed third place in the competition. Terry Coufal had a yield of 128.98 bushels, while Ed Coufal posted a yield of 125.4348 bushels. Both Coufals planted DeKalb DK 689.

Terry Coufal planted his on April 10, 1993, at a seeding rate of 22,800, while Ed Coufal planted on March 19, 1993, at a seeding rate of 23,500. MWH Farms, Inc. of Farwell won the irrigated class with a yield of 259.28 bushels. Pioneer 3162 was planted on April 12, 1993 at a seeding rate of 36,000.

Donny Carpenter of Dimmitt was second in the class with a yield of 250.75 bushels. He also planted Pioneer 3162 on April 12, at a seeding rate of 36,000. H Bar H Farms, Inc. of Farwell was third with a yield of 249.90 bushels per acre. Pioneer 3162 was planted April 21 at a seeding rate of 35,000.



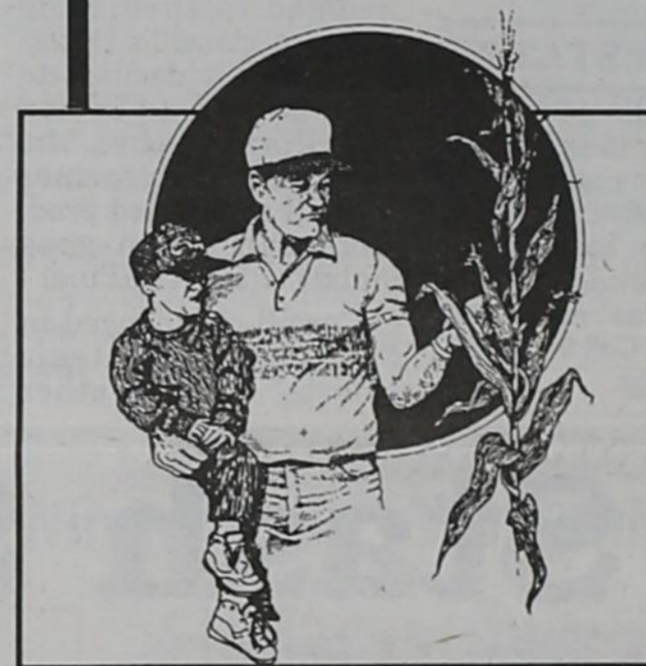
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# Video produced by Texas land banks pushes the cause of property rights

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

The Federal Land Bank Association of Texas has taken on the cause of its land-owning customers in protection against encroachment from environmental laws.

The thrust of its efforts will be future advertising and informational campaigns to tell the public just how environmentalism is affecting land owners, according to Mike Howell, president of the Caprock Plains Federal Land Bank Association.

"The land bank system has taken on this cause," Howell explained. "We're putting a lot of effort into promoting private property rights."

Howell said it is his own personal belief that environmental-

ism actually began with the farmer.

"To me, farmers are the original environmentalists," he said. "A man doesn't own property and not utilize good practices."

Howell said the Land Bank is responding to a widespread concern among farmers that future environmental legislation will put restrictions on use, and result in loss of control over private property.

"This new emphasis on private property rights is becoming a great concern to productive landowners," Howell added.

To present its beliefs on the issue, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, at the request of its associations and stockholders, has produced a video entitled "Who Owns The Land? When the Environment Collides With the

Constitution."

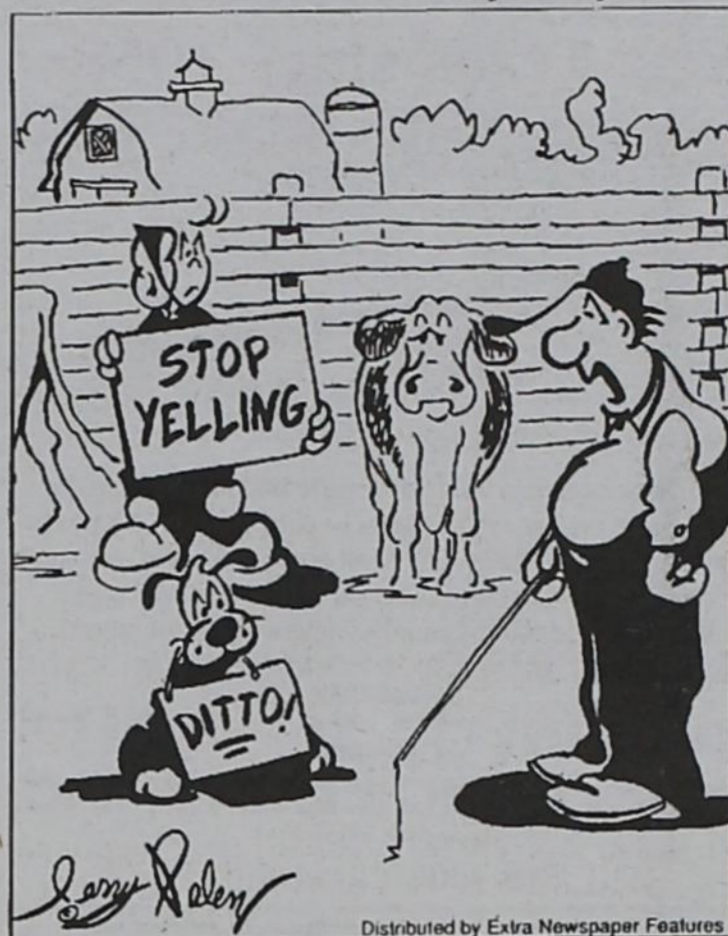
The film furthers the notion that today's environmental laws and regulations are beginning to place additional burdens on landowners that have the potential of threatening their ability to use and produce off their land. When the landowner loses the ability to produce, a certain amount of control is lost, the video claims.

Restrictions on use and loss of control affect the productive capacity of property and decreases the value of the property itself, Howell said.

The 20-minute video will be made available through various FLB associations according to Howell. In addition, FLB staff members will be traveling the state making presentations to farm and civic groups.

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By Jerry Palen



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## Book on wind energy published

CANYON — Dr. Vaughn Nelson, director of the West Texas A&M University Alternative Energy Institute (AEI), and Dr. Janardan Rohatgi, from the Wind Energy Group of the Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil, have co-authored a book about the wind.

It is entitled "Wind Characteristics: An Analysis for the Generation of Wind Power." The book has been accepted for publication by Burgess Publishing and will be available in June.

The book contains an overview of wind characteristics, atmospheric motions, applications of potential flow over hills and examples of

conversions of wind energy.

Nelson and Rohatgi also detail the use of various wind turbines. Nelson and Rohatgi collaborated on the project when Rohatgi came to AEI to get more information of wind energy. Rohatgi is on a professional sabbatical from the Federal University.

Nelson is also head of the WTAMU Department of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering Technology. The book contains approximately 220 pages and 180 illustrations. The cost of the book will be \$35. Order forms for the book are available at AEI.

## FCIC makes crop insurance available to bean producers

AUSTIN — The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has determined farmers who grow pinto beans in Castro, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hartley, Lubbock, Ochiltree, Oldham, Moore and Swisher counties meet the agency's requirements to qualify for crop insur-

ance, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Without crop insurance, farmers find it difficult to obtain loans, so we are pleased that the FCIC has worked with our producers in these counties who wished to qualify for crop insurance," Perry said. "These farmers have found

new markets for pinto beans, and they want to diversify to meet this growing demand. However, many banks will not make loans to them unless they have crop insurance, and they can't expand their production without loans so they have been caught in a type of 'Catch 22' situation."

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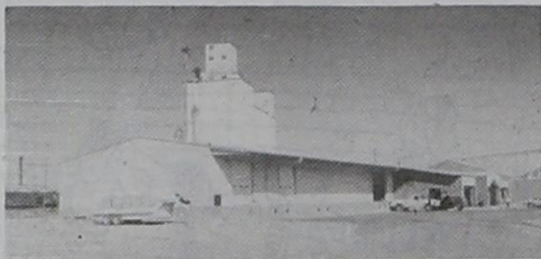
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