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WATER BALLOON REWARD—Raynee Bradley (right) was one of the group who invited the most visitors for the Vacation Bible School held last week by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. As a reward, the group was allowed to throw water balloons at the church's pastor, Rev. Rusty Dickerson (left). Attendance at the school averaged 90 students each day. The water balloon throwing was held at the hamburger cookout at the city park Friday that concluded the week.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Farmers survive rough wheat season to produce good crop

The late wheat harvest is finally over, and considering the obstacles that farmers have had to overcome, this year's crop is not that bad at all.

Mother Nature provided the brunt of obstacles in this year's wheat season, with the late freeze being the highest hurdle to jump. It set the crop back by two or three weeks throughout the Great Plains area.

Then the cool, damp weather, which helped the wheat rebound quite nicely from the freeze, overstayed its welcome and inhibited many farmers from getting into the fields to cut.

Then once the spotty hail and rust damage is considered, it is no wonder many farmers are counting their blessings to just get the wheat harvest over.

"We had a pretty good harvest especially when you consider the late freeze and weather conditions," said Jarrel Sewell, manager of Cargill Grain Division in Hart. "We'd always like to see better, but I believe most people are satisfied."

Dryland yields were especially good, while irrigated yields were not quite as high.

"It has been a lot better than what we expected," Rebel Royall, County Extension Agent, said, "especially dryland yields. They averaged about 45-50 bushels. Irrigated yields were below average but still good considering the weather. They averaged around 55-60 bushels."

"Yields were better than expected," said Bill Clark at Dimmitt Agri Industries.

"Irrigated wheat was low at 40-60 bushels," said Lee Kleman at DeBruce Grain. "Dryland came in about 30-45 which is real high."

Sewell said that dryland in Hart was also better than average, and Eddie Matthews at Easter Grain reported an average yield of about 50 bushels.

Most local crop observers thought that the quality of the wheat was decent.

"Quality was fairly good, but not as good as normal," Royall said.

"Quality was not quite as good as last year's," said Clark.

Kleman said that he did not have a

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Proposition 1

Early voting continues, election set for Aug. 9

On Aug. 9, Texas voters will vote on Proposition 1, which would increase the amount of the homestead exemption allowance and would make the senior citizen tax freeze transferrable.

Early voting began last week and will continue through Aug. 5, with early voters able to cast their ballots at the County Clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Voters should bring their voter's registration card to simplify the voting process.

On the ballot, the proposition is worded, "The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation." Voters are asked to vote "for" or "against" that proposition.

The homestead exemption applies only to homeowners, however, and will not benefit businesses or renters.

Taxes on homes are figured on the appraised value of the home. An exemption is granted for a home claimed as a "homestead" or principal residence of its owner. In the past, \$5,000 would be taken off the appraised value before taxes are figured.

Proposition 1 would increase the exemption by \$10,000, so that homeowners would be paying taxes on \$15,000 less than the appraised value of their home.

In the Dimmitt school district, on a \$20,000 home, a property owner would have paid \$176.25 in taxes with the \$5,000 exemption, based on the tax rate of \$1.175 per \$100 of taxable value. With the \$15,000 exemption, taxes would come to \$58.75 at the same tax rate, representing a considerable savings.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill said that even with a five-cent increase in the tax rate, homeowners would still be paying less taxes with the higher exemption. However, he noted that farmers and businesses will not benefit from the higher exemption.

The same homeowner with a \$20,000 home would pay \$61.25 in taxes at a rate of \$1.225.

For a \$100,000 home, the savings

wouldn't be quite as dramatic. At the old exemption and the current tax rate, the taxes paid would have been \$1,116.25; with the new exemption level and the current tax rate, it would be \$998.75; and with a five-cent increase in the tax rate, it would be \$1,041.25.

The other part of the proposition, concerning the "tax freeze" for senior citizens, is referred to as the

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Chamber names Sava new executive director

Bill Sava was named the new executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at the July 15 meeting of the Chamber board of directors.

He succeeds Shelly Nutt, who resigned so that she could spend more time with her family. Her resignation is effective as of Aug. 1. She has accepted a position with the Texas Corn Producers' Board office in Dimmitt.

Sava has been the Dimmitt Post Master for the past 22 years, and has worked for the local Post Office since it moved into its present location in 1966.

"I have worked for the Dimmitt people for the past 30-plus years and look forward to continuing to work for them for several more years, but in a different capacity," Sava said.

"I think this is going to be a good

relationship," Sava said. "It is time to see if we can't surprise ourselves with what we can do when we all work together."

"We're tickled to have someone of his caliber and that he is in a situation that allows him to join us," Layne Myatt, chamber board member and past president, said of Sava.

Myatt said the board also considered the application of Sherri Kenworthy.

"It was a tough decision, with two very qualified applicants," Myatt said. "The board knew that either one of them would do a great job."

Sava said he will be able to begin his duties with the chamber on Aug. 2, and he is already working on details for the upcoming annual Harvest Days celebration.

Hart Days celebration gets underway today

Hart residents are gearing up for their annual Hart Days celebration, which officially begins today (Thursday) with a pet show and registration for a bike ride.

A pet show, bike ride, bingo, sandwich buffet, hot shot and three-point challenge competitions, a parade, sand dig, train ride, health fair, pedal tractor pull, dance and more will be

featured during the three-day celebration.

Youngsters are invited to show off their favorite pets at a pet show at the Hart Car Wash this morning (Thursday). The event is slated to begin at 10.

Youngsters will be able to register for the Hart Lions Club's bike ride beginning at 8 tonight (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

A carnival will be open through Saturday evening, and tonight (Thursday), from 6 to 11, children can ride all rides for \$12.

On Friday, the day's activities kick off with the Lions Club Bike Ride at 8:30 a.m. Youngsters are asked to meet at the First Baptist Church.

Bingo will be played and numerous food booths will be open Friday evening, and all day on Saturday. The Bingo will be held at the Fire Station.

On Friday evening, the Hart Golden Group will host a sandwich buffet at their building. Entertainment during the meal will include an Elvis impersonator. Also, there will be an Elvis look-alike contest for children of all ages. Contact Toni Nelson at 938-2010 for more information about the contest.

Also on Friday, the Hart High School Student Council will sponsor two basketball contests on the east bank parking lot. The first, a Hot Shot Challenge, will begin at 6 p.m. Then a Three-Point Shooting Contest will be held, starting around 9 p.m.

Activities on Saturday will begin with a doll parade at 9 a.m. Those planning to participate should meet at the Pay-N-Save parking lot. For more information contact Darla Davis at 938-2273.

The Good Neighbor Club will sponsor a "hospitality room" and bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Hart City Hall.

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Weather

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Thursday	97	66	
Friday	100	64	
Saturday	98	64	
Sunday	93	65	
Monday	93	61	
Tuesday	92	61	
Wednesday	93	60	

July Moisture 1.51
1997 Moisture 12.63
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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By Don Nelson

I had never given the possibility much thought.

If you had told me that someday I'd tour another huge structure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, America's definitive architectural genius of this century . . .

Especially a brand-new structure, built 20 years after his death . . .

Especially one that he had designed 59 years ago, for heaven's sake . . .

I'd have told you to quit drinking that stuff.

But there we were—Verbie and I, our daughter-in-law Carol, and our granddaughter Amanda—atop the new Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wis., Friday afternoon, the first day of its gala three-day grand opening.

When we left on vacation, we had no idea what was going on in Madison. We happened into town at a good time. We're Frank Lloyd Wright fans.

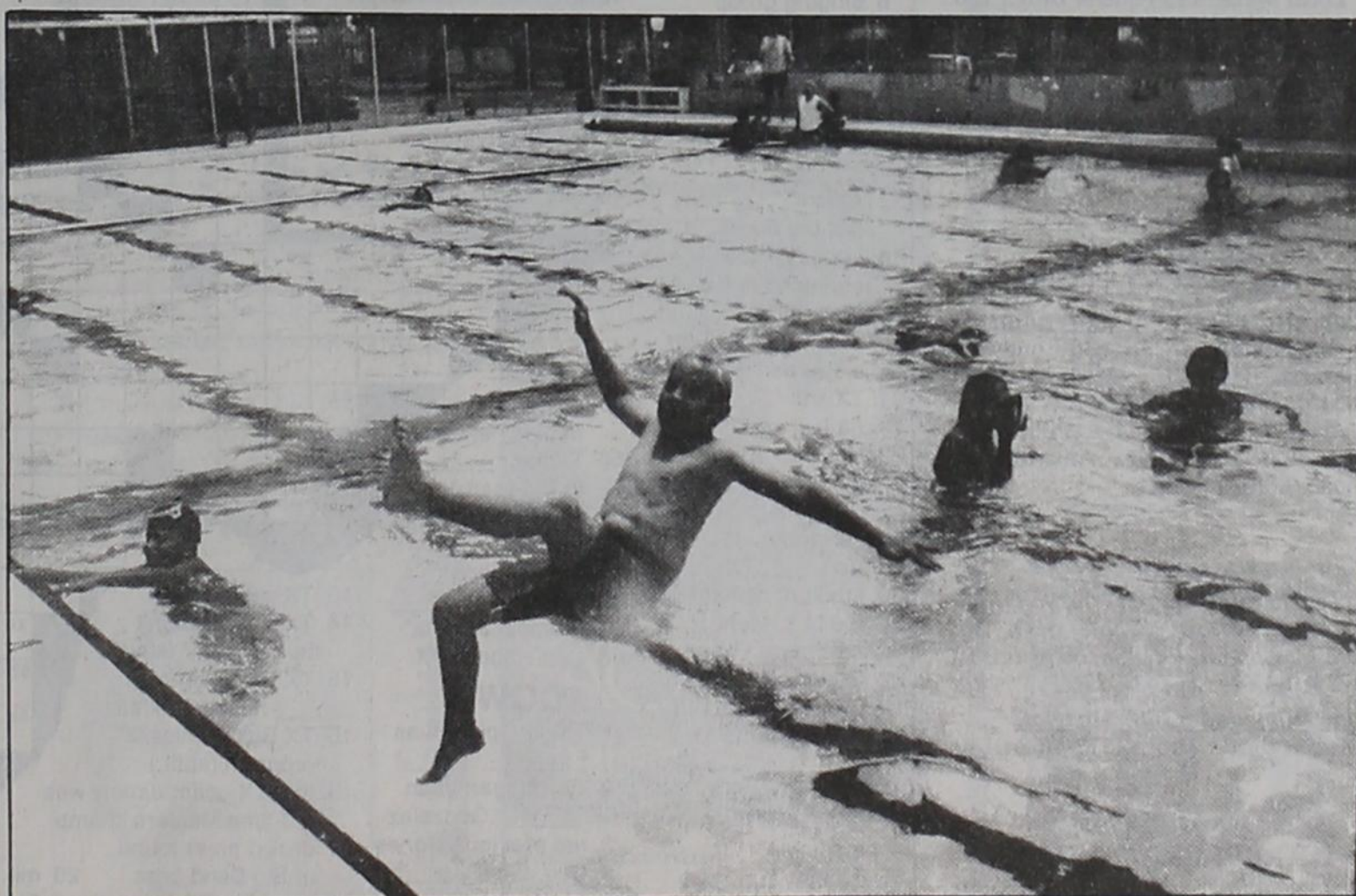
"There it is! Amanda Marie Nelson," we exclaimed when we found the commemorative tile with our granddaughter's name engraved on it, along one of the walkways of the garden terrace that spans the roof of the five-level structure.

(Mark this well: That rooftop terrace is called the William T. Evjue Gardens, named after a newspaper publisher. So, see?)

To the northwest, we could see the Wisconsin State Capitol three blocks away. To the southeast, Lake Monona stretched out before us.

The new community/convention center is a 70,000-sq. ft. semicircular structure. On its curved backside, scallops of molded concrete form a valance over solid glass walls that stand four stories high. The backside juts out over the water, providing those inside with a dramatic, open view of the large, beautiful lake and its opposite shoreline in the distance.

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Beat the Heat!

Caleb Snitker of Dimmitt takes a dip in the Dimmitt City Pool Tuesday. The high temperatures for the past week have been around 95 degrees, so kids in the area

have been keeping wet to stay cool. The temperature is expected to get hotter as August rolls around.

Photo by Scott Brockman

Acevedo resigns from council; farm lease contract awarded

At the Monday night meeting of the Dimmitt City Council, the resignation of council member Henry Acevedo was accepted "with regret."

Acevedo told the other council members that he is moving to Georgetown to take a job offer with TECO-Westinghouse, a company he had worked with previously.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said, "We're sorry to see you go, but we wish you well in your new endeavors."

Acevedo said he enjoyed his time on the council. His term was due to expire in May of 1998.

In other business, a contract was

awarded for the lease of the city's farm land south of Dimmitt, approval was given for purchase of a police car, and council members were told about placement of new green dumpsters for disposal of grass clippings.

The land lease was awarded to Ricky Farris, who bid \$13,021.34 per year for use of the city's 314 acres located south of Dimmitt on US 385. Other bids received were for \$10,050 from Willis Sisters, Inc.; and \$3,768 from Ben Scott on behalf of Joe Scott & Sons.

City Manager Don Sheffy told the

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Correction

Gonzales did work on carpet

In last week's issue of the News in a story about the Dimmitt school board meeting of July 14, a mistake was made in reporting about a carpeting project done at Dimmitt Middle School by Modern Carpet of Dimmitt.

The story said that DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill told the school board that he had spoken to Larry Gonzales, owner of Modern Carpet, about fixing a problem with the carpeting project, but nothing had been done yet.

However, Hill said when a problem first became apparent with the

project (the seams were coming up), Gonzales did come out and look at it. He said Gonzales also later brought out a factory representative from the carpet manufacturer to look at it.

Gonzales said he did make complete repairs at that time.

Later in the school year, though, the seams began coming up again. Hill said he contacted Gonzales about it, but additional repairs had not been made.

The News regrets the error.

"We did everything we're supposed to, and for some reason or

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Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Clinton shouldn't ignore China's transgressions

By ROBERT COLACO

On May 19, President Clinton began his campaign to get Congress to approve continued Most Favored Nation (MFN) status for China.

Let us take a brief look at the kind of ideals that President Clinton wants to bring about.

In a May 21 Associated Press article entitled "Activist: China Sells Prison Goods" it said, "A human rights campaigner who was a Chinese prisoner for 19 years told senators today that he has proof that US

companies are selling illegally imported Chinese prison goods.

"Harry Wu said the products included office supplies, clothing with prestigious labels, auto parts built especially for American cars, and even Christmas items that would have no market in China.

"On Tuesday, Wu accused the Clinton administration of ignoring the problem and cooperating with 'pathological liars'—the Chinese officials who held him prisoner for nearly two decades. He is now a US citizen and head of Laogai Research Foundation, dedicated to exposing China's system of forced-labor pris-

ons.

"Wu came to Washington following a visit to Detroit on Tuesday, where he accused Kmart Corp. of selling products made by a company owned by China's communist army. He told executives at the company's annual meeting that the retailer purchased 73 tons of ponchos and rain parkas from the Chinese company last year, in violation of its own policy."

US law prohibits importing goods made by convict labor. Kmart stands accused of selling Americans products made by religious and political prisoners in slave labor camps run by China's communist army.

Clinton says tolerating this is needed "... to secure our interests and our ideals." Isn't it communist philosophy that suggests, "The end justifies the means"? Does he really believe that Americans can tolerate the use of the men and women they watched rise up in Tiananmen Square as slave labor making products for China that will underprice anything made in America?

It also has been widely reported that the Chinese government attempted to influence last year's US elections, with contributions going primarily to the Democrat National Committee and to President Clinton's re-election campaign.

The President then lobbies the Port of Long Beach to build a \$200 million cargo terminal for China's state-run shipping line, Cosco—the same company that about a year ago had one of its ships, the Empress Phoenix, boarded by customs agents, who seized a cargo of 2,000 AK-47 assault rifles on their way to Los Angeles street gangs.

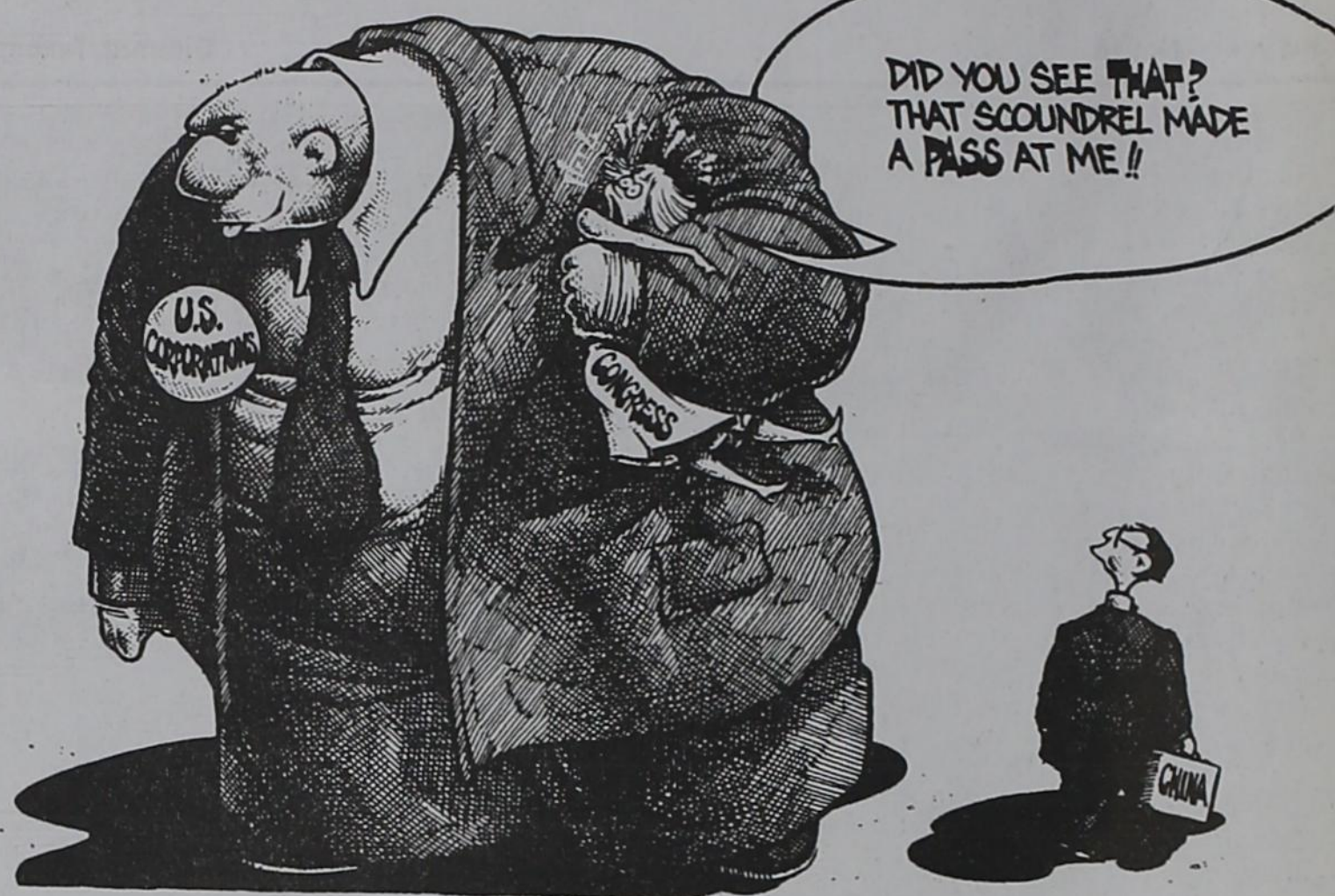
We call on the Congress of the US to follow leaders like Rep. Bill Paxton and Sen. Jesse Helms. Paxton has said he will no longer support granting China preferable trade status. Helms said on May 13, "Let's be honest about it. Aren't so many in control of our government scared to death that they're going to offend China?" And on May 27, Rep. Gephardt announced his opposition to MFN.

Sen. Kerry, who is opposed to making changes in our trading relationship with China has said, "We are just seeing a repetition of rhetoric." It begs the question, "What do we do?"

Kerry, it's simple: Just Say No to China's abuse of Americans and its own people. Just Say No to MFN status.

Colaco is national chairman of Citizens for a Better America, a national, grassroots, independent political committee based in Van Nuys, Calif.

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ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

Spending \$60 Billion on New EPA Regulations is Poor Use of Tax Dollars

Sometimes I think that common sense and efficient use of tax dollars will never come to Washington, DC.

Take this example: The EPA is proposing new clean air regulations that, it claims, will help improve the public's health. According to the President's very own Council of Economic Advisors, these new rules could cost our country as much as \$60 billion dollars.

If sound science showed that these new rules were truly needed and our nation would be healthier because of them, it would be one thing. But the fact of the matter is that these new standards are not based on sound science. We don't know if they'll do any good at all.

This past week, I signed onto legislation that would delay the new rules for four years until further research can be conducted to determine what the facts really are.

If we're going to spend \$60 billion dollars to improve the health of our nation, I can think of many other areas where we know it will do some good -- areas like research into diabetes, prenatal care, and heart disease; or more study into breast cancer, which afflicts one out of every nine women.

The key is that people ought to get results for their money -- something that doesn't happen too often when we're talking about how Washington spends our tax dollars, but something that's especially important when we're talking about ways to improve the public's health.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Click for college financial aid

Finding financial aid and other college information is easier than ever with a new website of the Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar. Updated yearly, the site also provides the latest on college admission requirements, costs, sources of financial aid, and application deadlines, as well as links to the Web pages of individual schools. The Compendium, published by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, has long been respected as the "bible" of financial aid, and is regarded as an invaluable resource to the college bound. The site also includes links to the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program.



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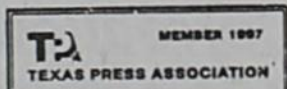


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CAPITOL COMMENT U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

current law does not require the agency to consider the feasibility and unintended consequences of its regulatory actions.

I have a bill before the Senate, the Occupational Safety and Health Reform Act, to transform OSHA from an agency based on fear to one based on cooperation...

- Key elements of my bill would: * Require OSHA to consider the feasibility of the requirements it seeks to impose on employers before promulgating any new regulation.

MAKING OSHA A PARTNER, NOT AN ENEMY

Calvin Coolidge once said, "The business of the American people is business." Therefore, our government should be working with business not against it.

As a former small business owner, and having spoken with literally thousands of employers and employees throughout Texas, I am convinced employers and workers alike would benefit if OSHA functioned in a way that helped establish workable safety standards and enforced those standards fairly and reasonably.

Rather than look to OSHA as a partner in safety, many employers I know fear the agency and its random inspections that turn their work sites upside down. We need to put behind us the days of Byzantine regulations and "gotcha" enforcement practices.

The fundamental, statutory flaw in OSHA is that

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Kaye Stevens and her family and friends went to Ruidoso, N.M., for the weekend for horse racing. The Stevens family had a memorial race for the late Bill Stevens at Ruidoso Downs on July 13. They presented a blanket to the winner of the race.

Going to Ruidoso with Kaye were Sherry Oliver, Wannie Stevens and Scott Stevens. They met other family members, including Button Stevens, who trains race horses at Ruidoso Downs, Barbara and Toni Wheat of Albuquerque, N.M., L.V. and Louise Thomas and Melba Glass of Amarillo and long-time friends Don and Nora Lesley and Betty Stewart of Lubbock and Richard Nall of Wellington.

They stayed with Sharon Miller while they were there and saw many race track friends who remembered Bill. It was a fun weekend, but also very emotional. Kaye said she was going to stay home for a while now and paint on her new house.

Helen Braafladt was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a divine cherry cobbler with cherry ice cream. Loranel Hamilton won high score, and Dude McLaurin won second. Others playing were Edith Graef, Opha Burks, Carol Lantz, Susie Reeves, Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, and Alma Kenmore.

Thanks again to the men who volunteered their time to mow the grass at the museum. Those bringing their riding mowers and weed eaters were Dale Winders, Ted Stubblefield, Rayphard Smithson, Elmer Berryhill, Dagwood Wood, Kenneth Malone, Bennie Gollehon, Houston Lust, Bill Stephenson, and Bill Birdwell. Thanks to Jerry Stump, who still keeps the front flower bed real attractive.

Jordan and Canaan Bellinghausen of Dallas were in Dimmitt visiting their grandmother, Rosetta Bellinghausen, last week. They came by the museum one afternoon and gave a mini concert on the organ. Canaan

played Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini and Tocatta in D Minor. Jordan played Chariots of Fire and Canon in D Major.

Our sympathies to the families of Ralph Lambright, Logan Cartwright, Mary Lou Frazier and Kelton Cates.

The shower for Holly Wise and Chad Davis was held Saturday morning in the lovely home of Doris Swinburn. Ronda Wise and Doricell Davis were in the receiving line with Holly. The hostesses served fruit pizza, bread sticks wrapped in bacon, tea and coffee. The table was decorated with a pretty grouping of cut glass. There were so many gifts in a beautiful home—it was a fun morning.

I went with Houston and Doris Lust to Tulia for the big annual celebration there. Since we went to Holly's bridal shower, we were late in going to Tulia, so we missed the parade. We did get there in time to enjoy the barbecue, beans, apricots, and tea, along with a large crowd. We also enjoyed much visiting. A band furnished the music during the dinner hour, and there was a children's rodeo with stick horses.

I visited with a few old friends (most of my friends are too old to attend now.) I visited with the Ed Devins, Betty Devin, Ray Caraway, Aleta Flynt, W.C. and Kathy Teel, R.B. Dawson, Dorothy Lou Emmett, J.R. Stevens, Mary Edwards, Ethel Hooten, Lyle Robinson, and Sheriff Stewart (he and his singing group have sung in Dimmitt on several occasions and I have known him since his high school years.)

Doris and I went by to visit Marie Harris, since she is not able to get out much anymore. Marie writes the column "Marie's Malarky" for The Tulia Herald. Her daughter, Sue, was there from Chicago. Houston, Doris and I went out in the country to visit Doris's brother and his wife, Orville and Norma Finck.

On Saturday, a lingerie shower and brunch was given for Annessa Scott, bride-elect of Cody Myrick, at the Bridal House in Plainview. Hostesses were the aunts of Cody, Kay Nell Bradley, Connie Farris and Linda Crownover. Numerous friends and relatives attended, including Lois Scott of Dimmitt and Estelle Davis of Hereford, grandmothers, and Norma Conard of Dimmitt, a friend.

Louise Mears attended the wedding of her grandson, Mark Gilbreath, to Jennifer Brown. They were married in the Methodist Church of Amarillo. Genell Craig and her daughter, Diedra Henderson of Sequin and her children, Kersten and Eric, also were among the 250 in attendance.

The rehearsal dinner was held on Friday night in the back yard of the Galbraith House. They served brisket, port roast, beans, potato salad, and home-made peach cobbler.

On Saturday, a luncheon was held at Marty's for the bridesmaids. After the wedding, the reception was held at the country club with pick-up foods, fruits, cheese, dips, and chips. A beautiful bride's cake and three different cheese cakes were served. The bride threw the bouquet and the groom threw the garter. There were six bridesmaids and six groomsmen. The colors were black and white and gold.

Sunday morning, a brunch was held in the backyard of Zay and Charlotte Gilbreath's home, and they served fried chicken, potato salad, and home-made hot rolls. The couple went to Jamaica on their honeymoon.

Kate Beecher has returned from a wonderful vacation. She flew to New Orleans, where her daughter, Jo Prather, met her and they drove to Jo's home in Jackson, Miss. While in Jackson, they attended the dinner theater and Patsy Cline Show. Then they left with Jo's husband, Dan, to go to Iowa City, to see their daughter, Danna. She is working on her doctorate in communications at Iowa City University. She also teaches there at the university.

They toured the Amana Colonies where there are seven quaint villages in the lush Iowa River Valley that has 26,000 acres. This is a National Historic Landmark just 20 miles west of Iowa City. This was once a religious communal system, the heritage of German settlers. It has outstanding restaurants, wineries, historic sites, and specialty shops. Also, Amana Refrigerators are manufactured there. They have the cleanest farms, gardens and yards.

They also visited the Museum of Natural History and enjoyed meeting many of Danna's friends. Kate came back by Dallas where she visited with her daughter, Beth McLendon and boys, Trent, Matt and Chase, and her brother, Dr. Ben and Betty Bowden.

On July 1, Ed and Betty Freeman drove to Denver where they visited their daughter, Sally Ortiz. On July 2, they visited their granddaughter-in-law, Krys Trieu and her three sons, Tai, Mica and Mason, and also watched their grandson Andy's baseball game. Andy plays in a church league for 11-12-year-olds. They won the game 12-1.

On July 4, they flew from Denver to Minneapolis, where they were met by their daughters, Susan of Huron, S.D., and Carol of St. Paul. On July 5, they were visited by Bill and Marna Freeman of St. Paul, a nephew of Ed's, Myron and Susan Peck of White Bear Lake, Ed's cousin, and Reggie Burchell and Peggy Steiner of McAllen. Reg is Ed's nephew.

On Sunday, July 6, they attended church at Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. That afternoon, they had a family picnic with 20 of Betty's family. On July 7, Ed, Betty, Reg and Peggy drove to Virginia, Minn., for an All-Class Reunion that lasted

through Saturday. There were about 6,000 registered from the classes of 1901-1997. Ed got to visit his second grade teacher, Theresa Hovland, in a nursing home. She is 103 years old and very sharp, but with a bad heart and unable to walk. Ed sang in an All-Class Chorus of 90 people, and was the oldest singer. They practiced Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and gave a marvelous concert on Friday afternoon.

They drove back to the Twin Cities on July 12. They went to church with Betty's sister, Adena, on July 13 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis and had lunch with her. They flew back to Denver on July 14 and drove home to Dimmitt on July 15.

They had beautiful weather on the trip, but the last two days in Minnesota were hot and humid.

The Methodists held their Vacation Bible School this past week, with the theme of "Celebrate Jesus." Balloons, clowns, puppet shows and lots of music and crafts filled the agenda. Average attendance was 90, and about 200 ate hamburgers at the city park on Friday at noon. Carla Bradley and Tami Cluck directed the school this year.

Shirley Wise, the Houston Lusts, the Fred Kuntzes, and the Bill Clarks had grandchildren visiting this week; and Terri Louder's parents came from Lubbock to fill the Methodist pulpit Sunday while Rusty and Connie and Caleb are gone.

The Henderson-Slover reunion held July 11-13 was hosted by Bill and Ann Henderson. The reunion was for the children of Rich and Georgie Slover Henderson and their brothers' and sisters' children. There were nine states represented, with 32 towns in Texas for a total of 150 people. Lots of games were played and Saturday night some went swimming at the public pool. Family members ate, visited, looked at old pictures and learned about family history.

The Joy Class at First Methodist bid farewell to Sherry Clay as she will be leaving soon for Childress where she will work as a P.A. She has been at Bovina, and the clinic there is closing. Justin was on the youth outing to Wonderland Park.

Brad Sanders visited First Methodist with mother, Polly.

The Jack Flynts attended a Legion Convention in Lubbock this past weekend; the Charles Axtells went to Lake LBJ; the Winders are taking in a bluegrass festival up north; and the Rusty Dickersons have gone to Austin for a school vacation outing.

Exhibitors may reserve space for Harvest Days

Reservations are being accepted from exhibitors who wish to display arts, crafts, commercial items, or educational exhibits at the Harvest Days Arts and Crafts Show to be held August 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Arts and Crafts Show will be held in conjunction with the annual celebration in Lubbock this past weekend. Other activities will include a parade, fiddler's contest, kid's tractor pull, rodeo, street dance and much more.

Each booth is 10 ft. wide and 12 ft. deep. The cost is \$30 for a space within the Expo Building and \$25 for spaces in the Quonset barn and outside. Spaces within the Expo are very limited and are offered on a first come, first serve basis. One table and two chairs will be furnished to exhibitors. All display equipment must be brought by the exhibitor.

Those who wish to reserve a booth should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 806-647-2524.

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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Cindy and Bob Clatt and their children Jasmyne, Tyler, Chase and Rachel of Richardson; and Susan and Gregg Harman and family Caleb, Hannah, Emma Anne and Maggie of Durango, Colo. arrived July 13 for a visit with their parents, Gale and Verna Sadler, and grandparents, Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler.

They plan to go home July 20. Visitors during this time were Leroy and Rogen Lewis of Lubbock who visited Thursday with Gale and Verna Sadler and their family. Leroy is Verna's brother. Dr. Dorothy McCoy, a cousin of Verna's came and visited the same day.

Dara Green and her children Brandi, Melissa and Will went to Ruidoso with Kelley's mother, Linda Green of Earth, for a couple of days. Kelley will start treatments in Lubbock some time this week.

Teeny Bowden went to Madge Robb's Saturday afternoon for a visit with relatives Joyce Randolph and Shirley Thompson both of Boise City. They are cousins of both Madge and Teeny. They came to Teeny's Sunday afternoon to pick up family tree charts listing both the Louder family and the Gray family.

Lillian Carson was doing better Saturday. She drove herself to Dimmitt Saturday for the first time, but Saturday night her foot began to hurt more than usual. She called Louise Bradley who took her to the emergency room in Lubbock. The doctor removed the pin, but did not remove the stitches.

Lillian was able to come to the Experiencing God course Sunday night for her first session. Flossie Jones has had to miss because of illness. We are thinking about starting over so that anyone in the community or elsewhere who wants to attend this exceptional spiritual Experiencing God can start at the beginning of the study. The videos that go with it are very good.

Wednesday night Louise, Lillian, Maurice Carson and her granddaughter; Whitney, Scott and Suanne Bagley took Ruth Brown out to eat at the Border Line in Dimmitt to celebrate Ruth's birthday.

Saturday, Ruth Brown and Suanne Bagley took Patti and George Bagley out to eat at El Camino in Tulia to celebrate Patti's and Ruth's birthdays.

Naomi Davis of Clyde, an aunt of

Betty Rose Louder and the other Ott siblings died July 14 after a long illness. None of the relatives around got to go to the funeral so far as Betty knew. She was Mrs. Ott's sister and a resident of the community for many years.

On July 13 Britni Williams came to the Kings to attend vacation Bible school that week with Emma Jean who was helping out at the Methodist Church in Dimmitt. Her mother Margaret and son Alec came Saturday and had a hamburger lunch at the park with others to finish up the Bible school. They went back to their home in Hobbs Saturday evening.

Billie King attended the Masonic Lodge fish fry and the installation of officers at the Lodge Hall in Dimmitt Saturday night.

Robert and Frances Duke went to glean potatoes at Smith farms off 145 6 1/2 miles east of HWY 385 Tuesday morning. Three came from Dimmitt and one from Vega, but the potatoes were plentiful, so they needed more gleaners. The six who worked gleaned 1,100 lbs. of both red and white potatoes. The first hour that Robert and Frances worked, they gleaned 300 lbs. They are good potatoes.

Coin Club to host show at Amarillo Civic Center

The Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. will sponsor its annual Collectors Show Aug. 2-3 at the Civic Center in Amarillo.


The shows will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3.

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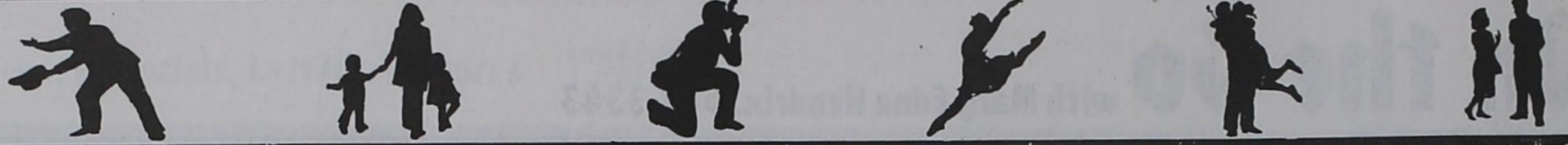
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People



Former Dimmitt residents Scott and Ginny Rawls of Plainview announce the birth of a daughter, Cassidy Breann. She was born July 7 at 5:04 p.m. She was 5 lbs. 10 oz. and 17 1/4 inches long. She has a brother, Jarrod, 7 1/2, and a sister, Sheridan, 3 1/2. Her grandparents are Larry and Sue Rawls of Hamlin. Great-grandmothers are Dora L. Woodson of San Angelo and Maydell Kimbell of Tulia.

Tye Wade Williams was born at 10:30 p.m., July 11 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is the son of Kyle and Ann Williams of Canyon. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He has a sister, Julie, 2. His grandparents are Larry and Jean Morris of Dimmitt and Harve and Betty Williams of Clarendon.

Robert and Cynthia Espinosa of Dimmitt announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Emily Espinosa, at 8:35 a.m. July 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Espinosa of Plainview, Freddy and Lilly Garcia and Rafael and Janie Navarro of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Hester Reyes and Lee and Sally Rodriguez.

Substitute teachers inservice set Aug. 4

Dimmitt substitute teachers need to attend their first inservice at 1 p.m. Aug. 4 at the DISD Administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Those attending should bring their Social Security card and driver's license or a picture ID.

A second inservice will be held August 28.



Houston and Doris Lust

Houston and Doris Lust to celebrate golden anniversary

Houston and Doris Lust will celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary with a reception at the First United Methodist Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

on Saturday.

Friends of the couple and family are invited to attend.

Hosts for the celebration are Joe and Kathy Lust, Charlie and Sue Summers, Rex Lust, Jenny Winegeart, Keith and Ann Cayton, Kyle and Flo Touchstone and the couple's grandchildren.

Lust married the former Doris Finch in Tulia, Texas. They have farmed in Castro County for 50 years. They are members of the First United Methodist Church and have been involved in numerous community activities.

Scott and Cindy Huseman establish home in Nazareth

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Huseman are at home in Nazareth after a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas following their July 5 wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Father John Hickey and Deacon Al Maurer performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the former Cindy Albracht, daughter of Sam and Margie Albracht of Nazareth. The groom is the son of Katherine Huseman and the late Dennis Huseman of Nazareth.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white, regal satin gown with a Queen Anne neckline and Edwardian sleeves. The bodice was encrusted with pearls and jewels. The gown featured an elongated waistline with a sheath styled slim skirt. The chapel length train was all satin, accented with European lace cut-outs. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory roses with English ivy.

For "something old" the bride carried her grandmother's rosary intertwined in her bouquet. "Something new" was a necklace given as a gift by the groom. "Something borrowed" was the veil, borrowed from her sister. "Something blue" was the garter.

Serving her sister as matron of honor was Liz Hernandez of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Tami Albracht of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the bride; Gwen Schmucker of Amarillo, friend of the couple; and Xandra Huseman of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the groom.

The feminine attendants wore full-length straight purple dresses and carried bouquets of ivory roses with English ivy.

The groom's brother, Frank Huseman of Amarillo served as best man. Groomsmen included Dale Albracht of Lubbock, brother of the bride; Garrett Dobmeier of Lubbock, friend of the couple; and Wendal Huseman of Canyon, brother of the



MRS. SCOTT HUSEMAN
...nee Cindy Albracht

groom. The ring bearer was Trenton Huseman of Amarillo, nephew of the groom. Flower girl was Kendra Wilhelm of Dumas, niece of the groom.

Candle lighters were Stephanie Behrens of Amarillo, friend of the couple, and Nicole Kleman of Nazareth, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Randy Huseman and Mark Huseman of Canyon, brothers of the groom and Brian Ramaekers of Nazareth, brother-in-law of the groom.

The reception and dance follow-

ing the wedding was held in the Nazareth Community Hall. The tables were decorated with Precious Moments figurines surrounded by purple and white bows.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Nazareth. She received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1995 from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is currently employed by Medical Center of Dimmitt.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Nazareth. He is self-employed in the trucking business and is a partner in Huseman Berks and Polands.

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Holly Wise honored with bridal shower

Holly Wise, bride elect of Chad Davis, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Doris Swinburn.

Mrs. Swinburn greeted the guests and presented them to the bride, her mother, Ronda Wise, and mother of the groom, Doricell Davis.

Hostesses served fruit bars and bacon wraps at the dining table, which was decorated with crystal rose bowls holding floating candles. Green toile surrounded the bowls with English ivy and pink Freesia lilies intertwined. Brass and crystal

appointments were used for serving. Honored guests were Shirley Wise and Maxine Tidwell, grandmothers of the bride; and Millicent Davis, grandmother of the groom.

Special out-of-town guests were Neta Louis, Lubbock; Neva Parker, Midland; Joy Divert, Littlefield; Jeanne Gabel, Tucumcari, NM; Linda Welch with daughters Kelsey and Katy of Friona; Robin Wise and Erica of Midland and Susan Cerday and Carolina of Wimberly.

The honoree was presented with a duvet cover and vacuum by the hostesses.

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers

—James Thurber

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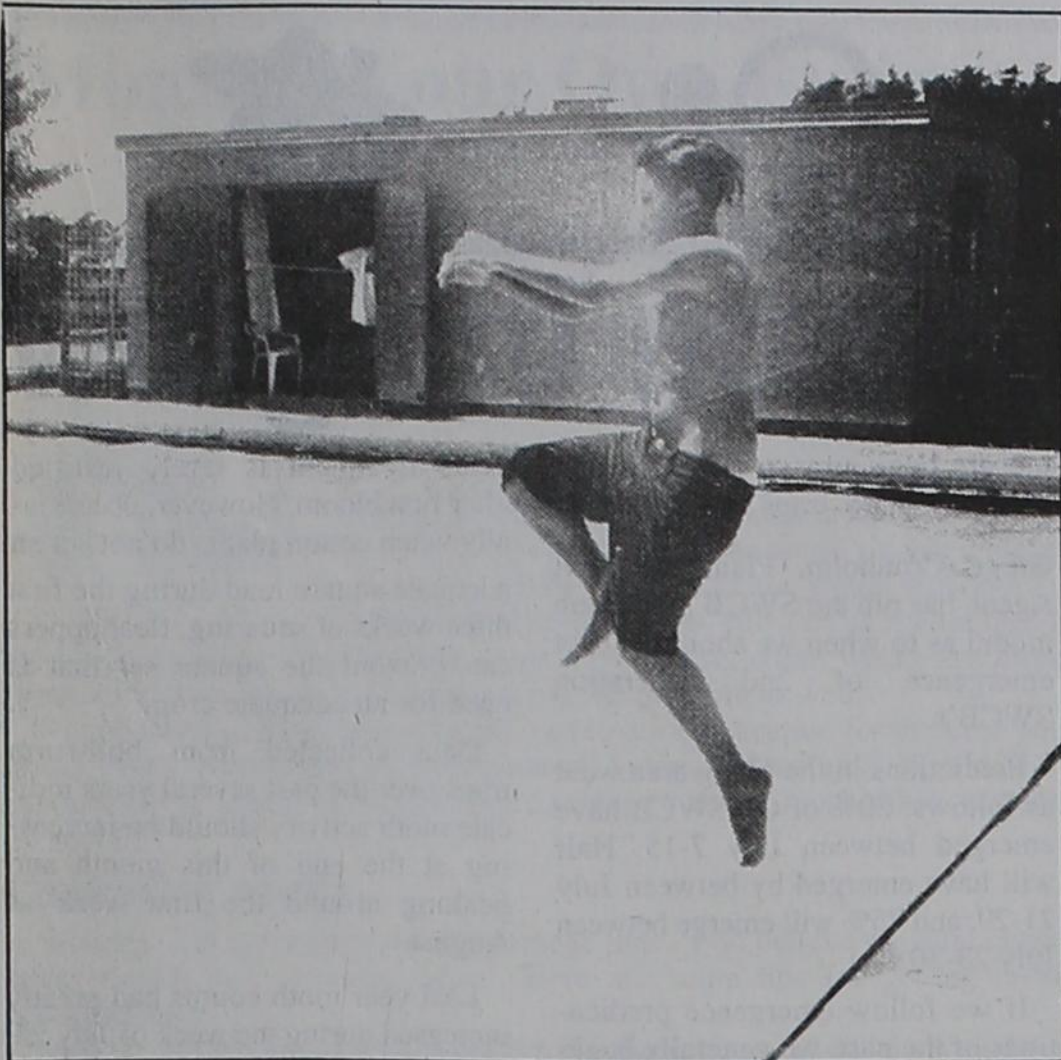
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HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME—This Dimmitt youth takes the big plunge into the Dimmitt City Pool on Tuesday afternoon. Some 15-20 kids were enjoying the hot summer day by keeping cool. The pool can only expect to be busier as the dog days of summer continue to roll on.

Photo by Scott Brockman

For Hales, success begins and ends with hard work

Kristin Hales had never heard of horse judging until November of 1994 when she decided she would join the Castro County 4-H Judging Team.

It was a wise decision. Hales, a Nazareth junior, and her teammates Rusty McDaniel, Rusty Wooten and Cody Annen, recently won the Texas 4-H Roundup state title and qualified to compete in three national contests.

When Hales first joined the team, she was surprised at the seriousness of the group.

"When I went to the first practice, it was very obvious that the coach and the other team members meant business," Hales, the daughter of Rod and Joby Hales, said. "I learned that if I did not have dedication and determination I would never make it in the horse judging world."

Hales said the first year, 1994, was a learning experience; but when the team started practicing in October of 1995, she got serious about the event.

"The practices got longer and harder," she said. "We then traveled to College Station and won fifth in State and our confidence started to increase."

The team and coach Scott Bagley started preparing again in October of 1996.

Hales said the team worked hard, and members were serious about judging.

"We were very confident all year long," she said, "and our coach, Scott, pushed us to the extreme



Kristin Hales

limit."

Just when Kristin started to get tired of the judging, the team began to improve.

They stopped to practice at horse farms on their way to state competition.

"The day of the contest came," Hales said, "and it was confidence that helped us to win more than anything."

"It was a long, hard, but rewarding journey to success."

The team plans to attend two national level competitions, and members are trying to raise funds to pay for expenses. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may contact any member of the team or Scott or Suanne Bagley, or call the Extension office at 647-4115.

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"portability provision." There is a current constitutional amendment that allows school property taxes on residential homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older to be "frozen" at the same dollar amount, as long as the dwelling is used as a homestead, or until the value of the property is increased significantly by making improvements.

If the person buys and moves to another house, he or she would have to requalify for the tax freeze.

Under Proposition 1, the tax freeze would be "portable." If the person moves to another house, the original tax freeze, with some adjustments, would apply to the new home.

The adjustment is made on a percentage basis, according to Dr. Judith Stallmann of College Station, an economist. She said if the tax bill on the original home is 60% of what it

would be without the freeze, the tax bill for the new home will be 60% of what the tax bill would otherwise be.

She noted that approximately 10% of the state's population is over 65 years of age, and added that the number of people over 65 who change homes in a single year is not significant.

If Proposition 1 is not approved, voters will have another opportunity to vote on the portability provision in the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election. The Aug. 9 election is necessary to allow school districts time to revise their tax rates if the proposition is approved.

Allowing the greater exemptions, of course, will cut into tax revenues available for school districts.

The legislature has set aside \$1 billion over the next biennium to help offset this loss of revenue for school districts.

More about

Farmers survive . . .

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lot of wheat come in under a 58 test weight, and Matthews said that the test weights in his area were on the light side.

Though the farmers have their crop out of the field, there still remains one obstacle to face.

"Prices are a little discouraging this

year," Sewell said. "They've gone back up a little to around \$3.20 earlier this week. Hopefully we've seen the low."

According to the Chicago Board of Trade, September wheat futures were at \$3.50 as of Wednesday morning.

"This is a weather driven market," Kleman said. "If it doesn't rain in the Midwest, then corn will go higher and that will make wheat prices go higher."

After all that farmers have been through in the past wheat season, surviving the markets should be no problem.

Now that all the wheat is out of the fields, farmers can concentrate their attention to the other crops, namely corn and cotton.

"Corn is looking real good," Royall said. "All of it should have been tasseling by late last week. We are starting to see insect pressure, especially some spider mite problems. Most farmers are starting to have their corn sprayed for these and other insects."

The cotton is a couple of weeks behind according to Royall.

"During the cool, wet weather, the cotton was not collecting enough heat units," he said. "Most should start blooming anytime. We could have a good crop, but we have not seen enough hot days for a bumper crop."

More about

Gonzales . . .

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other these seams started undoing," Gonzales said. "It's not my fault. I blame the chairs."

"I never said I wouldn't take care of it," Gonzales said.

Gonzales said no specific time was ever designated for him to make the repairs again, and he was waiting for the school to tell him when to come by. Repairs were scheduled for this week.

Gonzales said he is even taking it upon himself to re-do another carpeting project for the school that he was not happy with, at his own expense—the outdoor turf carpet on the entry areas on the north at Dimmitt Middle School.

Gonzales was not contacted for comment at the time the earlier story about the school board meeting was published. The News regrets the omission.

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AMARILLO DILLA CURT FORD signs autographs for kids Friday at the Gazebo as part of the Rhoads Library Summer Reading Program. Ford, a centerfielder, played five years in the major leagues with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Phillies. He played in two World Series with the Cardinals in 1985 and 1987. He said that playing in the

major leagues was "like Christmas every day." This is his first year with the Dillas. He is batting .373 as of this past weekend. The Dillas were the first half champions of the Texas-Louisiana League, but are struggling to get things going again in the second half due in large part to injuries. *Photo by Scott Brockman*

Local crops on the grow

By REBEL ROYALL and GRETA SCHUSTER
County Extension Agents

GENERAL CROP SITUATION

Local crops are really on the grow this week with the hot weather. It has really shot up in the last two weeks. The Dimmitt PET shows the ten day minimum soil temperatures averaging from 74°F at the two inch mark and 76°F at the six inch mark.

The accumulated growing degree days (Acc/GDD) for corn from the respective planting date is as follows: 04/01 = 1646, 04/15 = 1568, 05/01 = 1415 and 05/15 = 1228. Water usage for corn planted between April 1 to May 15 averaged 15.53 inches.

Area cotton is still producing squares. We are still looking for our first bloom. Around Castro County, cotton plant development is across the board. It ranges from match head to right at pre-bloom. You should probably see a few blooms in the next week, however the way this crop is acting, who knows?

Accumulated growing degree days for cotton planted is as follows: 05/01 = 914, 05/15 = 800, 06/01 = 649 and 06/15 = 492.

This could be termed "The Wheat Harvest That Won't Die." It seems like you guys have been going forever! However, it should be close to completion by now. In general, we were very pleasantly surprised at the outcome of our wheat crop. The dryland yields have been extremely high, and irrigated crops were good considering all the weather they have been through. It makes one wonder what things would have been like without the late freeze.

CORN

The majority of our corn fields range from tassel and silking with heavy pollen shed, which is at least two weeks behind. However, southwestern corn borers are still on target

and are beginning to pupate. Moth counts in area traps are still low.

Gregg Cronholm, Plainview IPM Agent, has run the SWCB prediction model as to when we should expect emergence of 2nd generation SWCB's.

Predictions in the Flagg area went as follows: 20% of the SWCB have emerged between July 7-15. Half will have emerged by between July 21-29, and 75% will emerge between July 23-30.

If we follow emergence predictions of the past, we generally begin to detect egg larvae in the field at the 50% to 75% emergence level. These predictions were based on historical temperatures and if cooler than normal temperatures continue, then these emergence dates could be 5 to 7 days later than the model predicts.

Bank-grass mites are gradually increasing in some area fields. Heavy infestations cause extensive webbing on the leaves. Periods of hot, dry weather favor rapid mite population increases. To decide whether or not banks grass mites should be controlled, the per acre control cost (insecticide plus applications costs) and the expected value of the crop (yield x value) should be estimated. Use the following table for control decisions.

ECONOMIC INJURY LEVEL FOR THE BANKS GRASS MITE AND/OR THROATSPOTTED SPIDER MITES ON CORN, BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF INFESTED LEAVES PER PLANT / PERCENTAGE OF LEAF AREA DAMAGED

Corn (1)	Market value (\$ per acre)
100	200
100	250
100	300
100	350
100	400
100	450
100	500
100	550
100	600
100	650
100	700
100	750
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100	1800
100	1850
100	1900
100	1950
100	2000

COTTON

Cotton fleahopper numbers were up this past week. Infestation ranged from 3% to 30%, which includes both adults and nymphs. As plants increase in size and fruitload, larger fleahopper populations can be tolerated without yield reduction. In most

years treatment is rarely justified after first bloom. However, occasionally when cotton plants do not set an adequate square load during the first three weeks of squaring, fleahoppers can prevent the square set that is needed for an adequate crop.

Data collected from bollworm traps over the past several years indicate moth activity should be increasing at the end of this month and peaking around the first week of August.

Last year moth counts had greatly increased during the week of July 25. At this time last year, some area corn was drying down and egg lay was increasing in cotton near these fields. This year it may will be a different story.

Dr. Leser reported that isolated bollworm problems have surfaced in some blooming fields south of Lubbock. He cautions producers not to overreact to these infestations and pull the trigger too early.

If control is warranted, please do not use a pyrethroid. Think Bolster®, Curacron®, Larvin® and Tracer®. Because we have already seen small aphid populations, we don't want to cause any more problems than necessary.

According to Dr. Leser, "Without the guarantee of Furadan on a section 18 from EPA, we must be careful in approaching insect control this year."

PRE-BLOOM PLANT MAP FOR IRRIGATED COTTON

County	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant	Plant
BAILEY	84	11	7	11	100	1.43			
CASTRO	71	08	4	10	100	1.04			
HALE	112	09	5	12	100	1.25			
LAMB	99	11.75	6	10	100	1.29			
SPENCER	57	11	7	11	100	1.43			

UPCOMING EVENTS

A second turn-row meeting will be held Friday at J.C. Pohlmeier's. Discussed will be plant disease, weed and insect problems and control. The tour will begin at 9 a.m.

The Castro County Crop Tour will be held August 1, with registration at Flagg Fertilizer starting at 7:30 a.m. At the first stop, corn varieties, Bt corn and drought resistant corn will be studied.

The second stop will focus on ultra narrow row cotton. The last stop before lunch will go over cotton pre and post plant herbicides and their applications for weed control.

Lunch will then be served at Danny's Fens and Hens. The next stop will go over plant population and seed treatments vs. in furrow fungicides for seedling disease control. It will also discuss planting soil insecticide early for insect control in cotton and soil insecticide interaction with fungicide treated cotton seed.

The last stop will feature drought tolerant corn, Roundup ready cotton and white variety corn test.

On August 4, a farm worker pesticide safety training will be held August 4 in the Courthouse assembly room in the basement.

The Texas Country Clean Up will be held August 7 from 8 a.m. till noon at the Castro County Expo Building.

Pesticide safety training slated

The Texas Department of Agriculture will provide a free seminar for farm workers and pesticide handlers on how to safely work around pesticides beginning at 10 a.m. on Aug. 4 in Dimmitt.

The training will be held at the Assembly Room in the basement of the Castro County Courthouse. This training provides farm workers and other pesticide handlers the information they need to work safely around

chemicals and treated areas. Topics which will be covered in the sessions include the Texas Agricultural Hazard Communication Act, more commonly known as the Right-To-Know law, and the federal Worker Protection Standard requirements.

Agricultural employers who use pesticides are encouraged to send their employees to this session.

After completing the course, participants receive US Environmental Protection Agency cards verifying that the trainee has received both Worker Protection Standard and Right-To-Know training. In addition, one continuing education unit in the general category will be given to TDA pesticide license holders.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall at the Castro County Extension Office at 806-647-4115 or TDA in Austin at 512-463-7622.

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Managing Time - Is it really possible?

I would I could stand on a busy corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me their wasted hours.
Bernard Berenson

What would you do if I promised you a one-week vacation if you could get three week's work done in two weeks. Could you do it? How would you do it?

Think about the concept. Most of us accomplish a fairly set amount of work each week. Of course, some weeks are more productive than others, and some people can do more as well.

Would it matter if everyone had the incentive of a vacation for the time you could save? Would that concept change American business? Would U.S. productivity increase? Could we really manage our time more effectively and efficiently?

Controlling events

Frankly, I'm not certain we can manage time. I do believe we can control some events that consume time. Here are some tips for getting more accomplished.

◆**First, determine exactly what is to be done.** Use a "to do" list with dates and times. Focus on the desired outcome, not the activity. Your goal is results. Remember, though you have all the time there is, you'll never have time for everything.

◆**Next, plan and prioritize your events.** You must focus your efforts on the most critical and important tasks. Tackle the toughest projects first. Put all of your energy into them. You'll often find these tasks don't take as much time as you first thought.

Don't put them off. Procrastination is a vicious enemy. It leads to stress and pain. When we delay action, we become anxious. We lose our focus and often lose sleep as well. There is only one cure for procrastination: a strong dose of "do it now".

◆**Give yourself incentive.** We work for only two reasons: to gain a reward, or to avoid a penalty. I get more accomplished when I promise myself a reward. For example, when I'm writing columns, I promise myself a motorcycle ride if I finish writing by 4 p.m.

If I don't finish, I don't ride. However, with the incentive, I often get my work done and enjoy a relaxing ride. Often, I come back so refreshed I tackle another project.

◆**Eliminate distractions and time wasters.** Telephones, pagers, drop-in visitors, meetings and other interruptions can ruin the best laid plans. Schedule uninterrupted time for critical tasks.

Keep visits and phone calls short. You can usually end a phone call by telling the caller you know he or she is busy and you need to get back to work yourself. Make sure all meetings have a pre-set agenda and stick to it. Don't let others control your events.

◆**Stay focused on one project at a time.** It is so easy to become distracted. When I'm doing paperwork I clear my desk so I won't see other work that needs my attention. If I'm doing my quarterly tax returns, that will be the only file on my desk. When I finish, I put it away and select the next project from my prioritized list.

◆**Some tasks are best left undone.** I believe in keeping promises, but sometimes we shouldn't promise. Learn to say no. I could speak 200 days per year if I accepted all offers. For my personal, mental and physical well being I have to say no.

You must determine what tasks are essential to your business or job. Eliminate the non-essentials. You will have more time to accomplish your important projects.

Tomorrow, you'll get another 24 hours to use. Use them carefully. Plan, prioritize, stay focused and use the time you save to do something you really enjoy. It works for me.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Cotton Talks

High Plains cotton producers who face the possibility of increased pressure from aphids in 1997 will likely be denied the use of, arguably, the most effective aphid control tool available, Furadan.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) the Texas Department of Agriculture has not received any written confirmation about the status of its Furadan Section 18 request. EPA officials have verbally notified TDA that the request has been denied.

Mississippi agriculture officials have already received written notification from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) denying a Section 18 request under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide ACT (FIFRA) for Furadan, whose active ingredient is carbofuran.

The EPA letter denying the Section 18 request states that the reason for the denial is the inability to make a determination of "a reasonable certainty of no harm," primarily for infants and children under the age of 12.

Cotton industry organizations throughout the cotton Belt are pulling together through the National Cotton Council in an attempt to reverse this decision.

PCG has signed on to a letter being sent to Lynn Goldman, MD, EPA Assistant Administrator, laying out points of disagreement concerning EPA's decision.

The industry letter takes EPA to

task for decisions made under the auspices of implementing the Food Quality Protection Act and the ever changing criteria EPA uses to make these decisions. The letter also asks for justification of the standard used to make the determination regarding carbofuran.

The loss of Furadan for aphid control means cotton producers who experience severe infestations may be left to fend for themselves. Finding effective control strategies for cotton aphids is difficult because of the explosive nature of infestations and the aphids ability to rapidly reproduce.

Often, producers forced to use less effective products must apply higher rates of the aphicides currently available more often in an attempt to gain the level of control possible with use of Furadan.

Plains Cotton Growers, in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Council, continues to fight against some of the most onerous tax issues that have ever existed in the United States.

Key parts of the current effort are to revise the Death Tax and Capital Gains Tax, to allow income averaging for farmers and ranchers for the next three years, to allow health insurance costs top be deductible for the self-employed, and to allow weather related forced livestock sales to be considered involuntary conversions.



GETTING IT IN GEAR—(From left) Edith Graef and Velma Lambright try out the feel of this 1956 Thunderbird owned by Doug Proffitt. The ladies are members of the Castro County Senior Citizens Association in Dimmitt, which will benefit from the proceeds of the annual DATA Club Car Show, scheduled for Aug. 9 at the Expo Building. Photo by Linda Maxwell

DATA Club sets annual Car Show

The annual Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association Club Car Show has been set for Aug. 9, and will be preceded by the Poker Run on Aug. 8.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Castro County Senior Citizens Association.

Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Expo Building. Admission to view the show will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for 12 and under.

A luncheon of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 per plate, with carryouts available. Members of the Senior Citizens Association will be admitted free to the show and can enjoy the meal for only \$4.

Entries in the show will be accepted up until show time. Each

entry in the car show will be \$15, with trophies awarded for first, second and third places in several different classes. Competition will also include motorcycles and customized bicycles.

Entries in the model car division will be \$3 each, and radio-controlled vehicles will have a \$7 entry fee. Trophies will be awarded.

Those wishing to enter in advance may call Alene Thomas at 647-2208 or Don Moke at 647-4264.

The Poker Run will begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 at the west parking lot of Dimmitt High School and will conclude at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Registration cost is \$5 per player. Players follow a specified course and draw playing cards at designated stops along the route. The entrant with the best poker hand wins a prize, and so does the one with the worst hand.

Local doctor retains membership in AAFP

Bill (B.D.) Murphy, MD of Dimmitt has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The AAFP, which has more than 75,000 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require members to keep up with medical advancements through regular continuing medical education.

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Annual crop tour scheduled Aug. 1

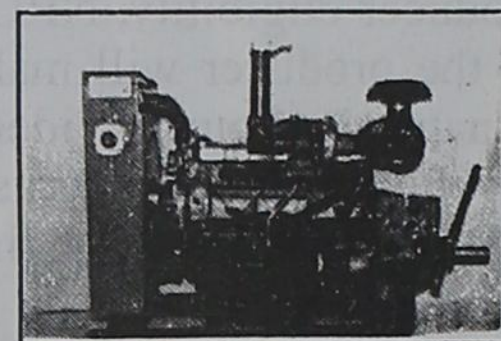
The 1997 Llano Estacado Crops Tour is scheduled for Aug. 1 and will begin with registration between 7:30 and 8 a.m. at Flagg Fertilizer. Sponsored by the Castro County Agricultural Committee, the Castro County IPM Committee, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the tour will feature 10 speakers.

Six continuing education units are available for commercial, non-commercial and private applicators.

Speakers will include Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist of Amarillo; Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist of Amarillo; Randy Boman, Extension Agronomist (cotton) of Lubbock; Peter Dotray, Asst. Professor (weeds & herbicides) of Texas Tech and Texas Ag. Extension Station; Wayne Keeling, Research Weed Specialist of Lubbock; Harold Kaufman, Extension Plant Pathologist of Lubbock; Jim Leser, Extension Entomologist of Lubbock; Greta Schuster, Castro/Lamb Co. Extension Agent IPM; Bob Robinson, District 1&2 Extension Director; and Rebel Royall, Castro County Extension Agent-AG.

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 - 10:40 Leave
 - 11:00-12:00 Dotray/Keeling
 - Cotton Pre & Post Plant Herbicides. Application for Weed Control
 - Lunch- Danny's Fens & Hens
 - 1:00-2:30 Boman/Kaufman/Leser/Schuster
 - Plant Population
 - Seed Treatments vs. In Furrow Fungicides for Seedling Disease Control
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 - 2:30-2:45 Break
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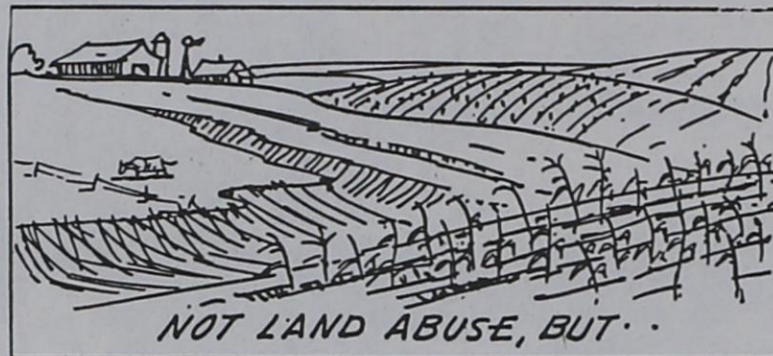
BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Sign up for new conservation program

Farmers and ranchers may apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) July 14, 1997, through Aug. 1, 1997. The new conservation program, a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, offers a limited number of producers who have serious soil, water and other natural resource problems with technical, financial and educational assistance.

According to John P. Burt, State Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), "EQIP is not like the former Great Plains Conservation Program (GRCP) or Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). This program is extremely limited and is for persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production who would provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least cost to the program.

"Applications will be prioritized after Aug. 1, 1997, according to specific criteria," Burt continued. "After Farm Service Agency (FSA) determines producer eligibility, NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resources problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land man-



agement and structural practices the producer will install."

Burt added that the extent of the conservation practice, fields and acres to be treated, and cost-share rate and incentive payment levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payment, are included in the ranking formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPA), encompassing 167 counties, are the primary targets for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Castro County is a high priority county that will share \$605,738 of cost-share assistance funds with 13 other counties in the Southern High Plains. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPAs.

Producers in counties outside of GPA are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million EQIP funds provided it will solve identified statewide

natural resource concerns, such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality.

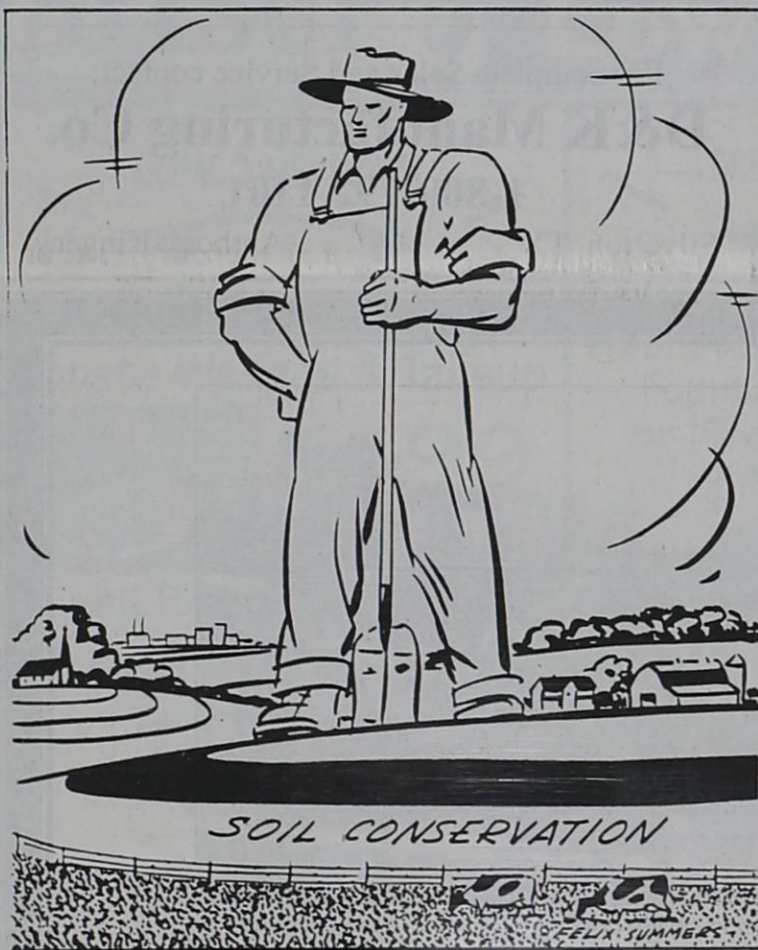
Each application will compete with other applications in their GPA, while those outside of the GPAs will compete against each other.

"Contract will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of location," cautioned Burt. "That means that some counties may not have any contracts, even though they are located inside a GPA," he said. Burt added that applications for a single conservation practice on an individual field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns.

Acceptance into EQIP will require a 5- to 10-year contract, even if only one year of cost-share is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum of 75% cost-share. Though entire farms or operating units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets the goals and objectives of the GPA or statewide natural resource concerns.

Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a lower than maximum cost-share rate, enrolling entire operation units in the contract, and by agreeing to fully meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm or ranch.

For more information about EQIP, contact your local USDA-NRCS office in your county or call (806) 647-3695. We will be happy to serve you.



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Proposed tax cuts would impact cattle producers

Members of the U.S. Congress got back to work last week to iron out differences in House and Senate versions of the first bill to cut Federal taxes substantially since 1981. Prior to a week-long Fourth of July break, both houses approved tax cuts that would total about \$135 billion over five years. The reductions will be paid for in part by new or extended taxes—\$50 billion in the House bill and \$55 billion in the Senate bill.

The House vote of 253-179 was bitterly split along party lines, while the Senate vote of 80-18 was broadly bipartisan. Texas Sen. Phil Gramm was one of four Republican senators who voted against the bill. "Everything we are doing in balancing the budget is based on assumptions," he said.

He feels the economic projections are questionable and the guarantees to cut spending are loose. Texas Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, said, "The cost of this bill will explode in the next century, sending the deficit back up again." He said the harm from that would overwhelm any short-term benefits of the tax bill.

Of particular interest to members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association are measures to provide relief from death taxes and to reduce the capital-gains tax rate. The Agricultural Dept. estimates that estates of ranchers and farmers are six times more likely to face estate taxes than other states.

TSCRA was one of organizations in a Texas coalition formed to support repeal/reform of the death tax, and blizzed news media and Congressional leaders during the last week in June with information on its devastating effect on ranchers. TSCRA President Coney Burgess sent letters to President Clinton, the Texas Congressional delegation and newspapers, magazines, broadcasters and wire services.

TSCRA joined more than 100 associations with 6 million members in asking Speaker of House Newt Gingrich to support estate tax relief. A letter sent to the Speaker June 24 from the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition pointed out that only 30 percent of family businesses make it beyond one generation, 13% beyond two.

TSCRA Past President Jimmie Powell chaired a subcommittee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association which released a study June 23 at the U.S. Capitol on the negative impact of death taxes on cattle producers.

The study, produced by Kennesaw State University, said cattle producers are particularly vulnerable to the death tax because 98% of all farms and ranchers are family-owned businesses. With most of their equity invested in land, they must assume additional debt or sell off property to pay estate taxes.

Other members of NCBA's Alternative Tax Reformation Subcommittee from Texas and Oklahoma are TSCRA Director Len Mertz and NCBA President-Elect Clark Willingham from Texas, and Fred Drummond and Bill Reeds from Oklahoma.

The current estate tax exemption has not changed in 10 years. The first \$600,000 is tax-free; larger estates are taxed at 37% up to \$1 million; 40% over \$1 million; and 55% over

\$3 million. Estate taxes last year added \$17.2 billion to the U.S. Treasury, about 1% of total receipts.

The House bill would increase the \$600,000 tax-free exemption to \$1 million, over 10 years, starting next year. The Senate would start next year to gradually increase the exemption to \$1 million by 2006, and would provide an additional \$1 million exemption for many family-owned businesses and farms.

In addressing the capital gains tax, the House bill would reduce the top rate from 28% to 20%; set a bottom rate of 10% for people with incomes of less than \$24,000 for single filers or \$41,000 for joint filers; allow investors to subtract the effects of inflation, starting in 2001; allow profits on a sale of a primary home to be exempted up to \$500,000 for couples filing jointly and \$250,000 for single filers; and gradually reduce the top corporate rate from 35% to 30%.

The Senate bill would reduce the rates for capital gains taxes in the same way as the House bill, but would not allow indexing from inflation and would not reduce the corporate rate. It would include the same provisions for sale of a home. It would also provide special capital gains reductions for small businesses and venture capital.

The capital gains plan unveiled by President Clinton June 30 would set the top rate at 27.7%—a marginal cut—and provide more of the benefits to middle- and low-class individuals. Clinton has also said he will not sign a bill that includes a provision to adjust capital gains taxes for inflation.

Fourth quarter state sales and use tax analysis released

The Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts has announced the 1996 fourth quarter state sales and use tax analysis for all industries and for the retail trade division.

For all industries, Castro County had 248 reporting outlets in the 1996 fourth quarter compared to 271 in that 1995 time frame.

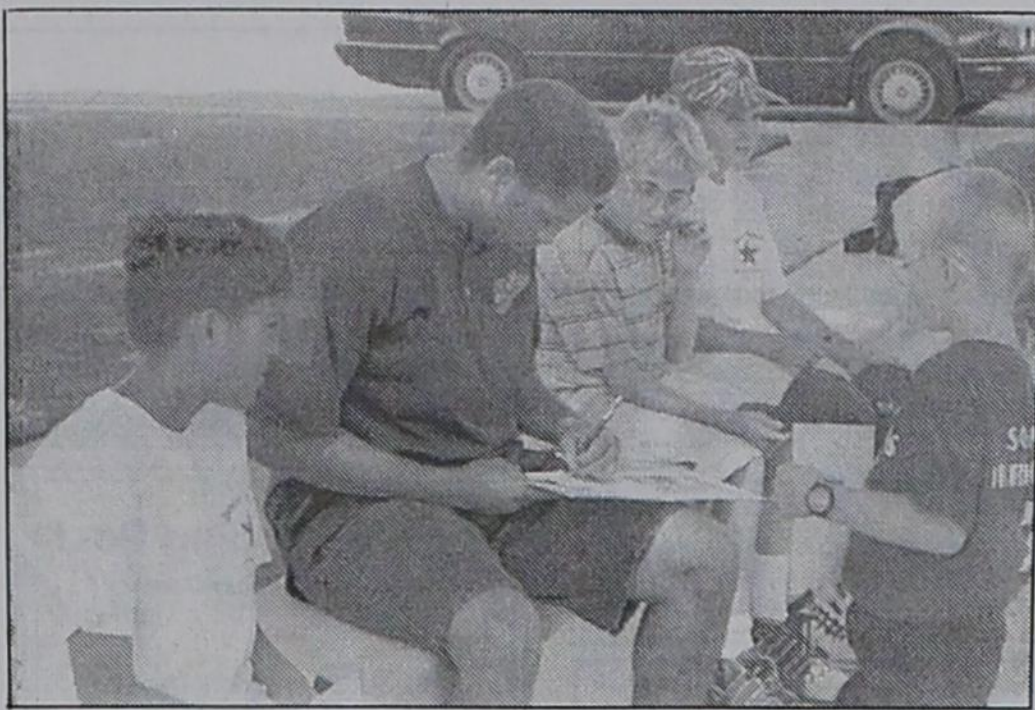
The gross sales for the fourth quarter in 1996 was \$36,843, 973 up 2.4% from the gross sales for the 1995 fourth quarter reporting period which was \$35,975,739.

The use tax purchases totaled \$34,795 and the amount subject to state sales and use tax for the 1996 fourth quarter reporting period for all industries was \$4,797,267.

For the retail trade division, Castro County had 139 reporting outlets compared to 160 for the 1995 fourth quarter period.

Gross sales was up 10.5% from \$21,123,403 in 1995 to \$23,336,428 in the 1996 fourth quarter.

Use tax purchases for the fourth quarter were \$11,418, and the amount subject to state sales and use tax for the retail trade division in the 1996 fourth quarter was \$3,729,720.



CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?—Amarillo Dilla Lonnie Maclin was in Dimmitt Friday to sign autographs for the kids of the Summer Reading Program. The left fielder said that he enjoys these autograph sessions. "The fans are what keep this game going," he said. "They are the people who support you. A lot of them have just as much fun as I do and sometimes they can't see us up close. This is a good opportunity for the fans, especially the kids, to meet us and get our autographs." Maclin spent 1993 with the St. Louis Cardinals in the major leagues and has been playing for the Dillas for three years. He is third in the Texas Louisiana League in batting with a .379 average. Photo by Scott Brockman

Dimmitt's Weaver wins science award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Jace Weaver of Dimmitt has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

Jace, a student at Dimmitt Middle School was nominated for this national award by Rose Ball, a teacher at the school.

This prestigious award recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance,

interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jace is the son of Eddie and Virginia Weaver. His grandparents are Frank and Georgia Bartlett of Abernathy and Gary and Madge Weaver of Lubbock.

Jace will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Castro County citizens urged to vote Aug. 9

Joyce Thomas, Castro County Clerk, encourages the people of Castro county to get out and vote in the upcoming August 9 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Early voting for the election began Monday and will continue through Aug. 5. People can vote in the clerk's office on the first floor of the Castro County Courthouse.

"Voter turnout in Castro county for the last Constitutional Amendment Election in 1995 was 11%," Thomas said. "We need to improve this number."

Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza added that it is difficult to achieve high voter turnout for proposition ballots.

"Historically, a ballot with propositions does not generate as much voter excitement as a ballot featuring candidates and contested races," Secretary Garza said. "Even though the August 9 ballot will contain only one proposition, that doesn't make this constitutional amendment election any less important to Texas."

For more information, contact Joyce Thomas at 647-3338.

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Texas fed cattle numbers up 12%

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.45 million head on June 1, up 12% from a year ago, according to a report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Producers placed 570,000 head in commercial feedlots during May, up 14% from a year ago and up 58% from the April 1997 total.

Texas commercial feeders mar-

keted 500,000 head during May, unchanged from a year ago. Monthly marketings were down 6% from the April 1997 total.

Cattle and calves on feed slaughter market in the United States with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 9.61 million head on June 1, 1997, 12% above June 1, 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.89 million, 22% above 1996.

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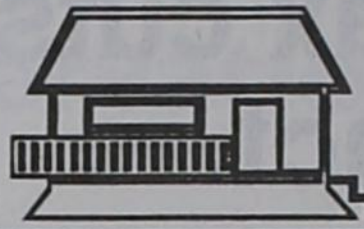
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THREE BEDROOM, one bath, large storage and nice yard. \$28,000.

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WELDER FOR SALE. Miller Thunderbolt 225, fully equipped, with instruction book. Used about six months. Still under warranty. (806) 647-5526. 6-15-3tc

7—Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE. 9-2 Saturday, 1008 Cleveland. Lots of teen and adult clothing, clothes dryer and miscellaneous. 7-16-11p

GARAGE SALE Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m., 301 W. Halsell. 7-16-11c

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NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

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- Household goods for sale
- Farm equipment and supplies
- Agricultural services
- Feed, seed and grain for sale
- Farm produce for sale
- Livestock and pets
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- Business opportunities
- Services
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- Help wanted
- Wanted, Misc.
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- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

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HELP WANTED: Experienced water well rig helpers, or will train. Call Big T Pump Co., (806) 364-0353, or apply in person at Big T Pump Co., East New York Avenue in Hereford. 20-15-2tc

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On the main entrance side, the structure extends over a four-lane street, providing access from three sides and three levels via stairs, elevators and ramps. Inside, it's all bold colors and functional design. It's available for conventions, concerts, meetings, weddings, receptions, bar mitzvahs, you name it. But it isn't your basic meeting hall.

Frank Lloyd Wright designed the center, for that specific lakeshore location, in 1938. His architect's fee from the City of Madison was \$1,000.

They couldn't build it right away. The Depression, you know. Then came World War II.

After the war, the cost estimate was something like \$350,000.

No way, the people of Madison decided.

They voted it down several more times during the next four decades. Madison had to suffer a reputation as

"the city that can't lay a brick."

Finally, in the '90s, they approved a bond issue, 53% to 47%, to build it—for sixty-something-million dollars.

The architects at Taliesin, the school that Wright founded in his hometown, nearby Spring Green, saw to it that the construction followed the design and concept as envisioned by the late master.

During the outdoor ribbon-cutting Friday, lots of city and state officials, planners, committee chairmen and other notables felt obliged to make speeches in the 85-degree heat. Being from out of town, we opted for the air conditioning inside.

The center had something for everyone during grand opening weekend—rock bands, brass bands, folk singers, Scottish bagpipers and dancers, three symphony concerts, video programs, lectures, receptions, ceremonies. It was all local talent (counting the University of Wisconsin groups).

Muleshoe plans annual production

The Muleshoe Production Company is planning the third annual presentation of "Keepers of the Legend" for Aug. 8-11 at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Performances will begin each evening at 8:30, and tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 if purchased in advance, \$5 for children 12 and under, and lap children are admitted free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25.

Groups may call for special discounts and accommodations. Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance or needing more information may call 806-272-4405 or 272-5612 or 272-5476 or 272-3770.

"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early 20th Century Bailey County and its settlers, presented through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians. Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment and laughter for all ages.

Over 1,500 people annually have attended the previous two productions of "Keepers of the Legend."

The 1997 season is going to be the best yet, according to promoters of the production.

More about

Hart Days . . .

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The annual Hart Days parade, sporting the theme "Nifty Fifties," will begin at 10 a.m. Parade participants are asked to line up at the school.

A sand dig, sponsored by Hale County State Bank, will be held south of the Fire Station. It will begin after the parade.

Also after the parade, Hale County State Bank will sponsor a train ride at its west parking lot.

The Castro County 4-H will sponsor a mini health fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hale County State Bank Community Room.

At 12:30 p.m., the W.I.T.H. Association will hold its annual duck race south of the Fire Station.

The pedal tractor pull for youngsters ages 4-12 will begin at 1 p.m. at the east bank parking lot.

Naz to honor teachers

The Nazareth community will host a farwell party for teachers leaving the school system at 7 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria.

Those being honored include June Parker, who taught English and Spanish for 12 years at Nazareth; Mark Makeever, who coached basketball and taught P.E. for eight years; and his wife Kim, Title I teacher; Cathy Lane, English teacher and coach for three years; and Penny Rich, a six-year kindergarten teacher.

Parker has accepted a teaching position (Spanish) at Weatherford. Makeever will be coaching boys'

basketball in Graham. Rich has accepted a kindergarten position at Hardin. Lane is pursuing a career outside the education field.

The public is invited to attend.

Local teachers attend TCTA conference

Dimmitt ISD teachers Amy Feaster and Sue Rita Myatt were among more than 400 Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) members who attended the TCTA Leadership Conference held July 10 and 11 in Austin.

The district educators are local officials of the Dimmitt Classroom Teachers Association. TCTA is a statewide professional association representing more than 36,000 classroom teachers throughout Texas.

Conference participants received training on how to run a successful local association for teaching professionals. They also were able to attend sessions dealing with the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, handling legal problems, and understanding the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

A half-day conference on the new Professional Development and Appraisal System also was offered.

Meanwhile, outside, die-hard opponents of the project blew horns, beat on drums and rattled noise-makers, a la Joshua at Jericho.

(A local columnist claimed that the 53-47% vote for the new center was a virtual landslide; that you couldn't get 60% of Madison's residents to agree on whether the sun should continue rising in the east. In that, Madison is not unique.)

The opponents had pointed out many times that Frank Lloyd Wright was a deadbeat. Not only did he stiff his creditors, he left his wife and kids and ran off to Arizona with the wife of one of his clients. The people of Madison should not honor such a curmudgeon by turning this old design of his into a reality. The center could lose up to a million dollars a year.

What they meant was that they didn't want to pay the taxes.

Those favoring the project noted that Wright never expected to see the center built during his lifetime; that his concept for Monona Terrace was a good, far-sighted idea; that the center's design was ageless, typify-

ing Wright's genius; and that the center would further enhance Madison's national reputation as a great place to live and visit.

What they meant was that they wanted this new monument—even if it would lose a million dollars a year—to prove that Madison can, too, lay a brick.

There are some lessons here.

One is that the public will tolerate and forgive a genius, no matter how eccentric or irreverent he may be, as long as we can identify with him.

Early Americans proved that with our nation's first acknowledged genius, Ben Franklin. Sure, he was a womanizer and an agnostic, but look at all of his scientific discoveries, his inventions, and his contributions to the birth and survival of our republic.

Another lesson is that a building design that was good in 1938—before television, before the computer age—is still good today. (I find that personally comforting. The News building was designed and built in '38—not long after I was designed and built myself.)

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Happy Birthday!
From All Your Family



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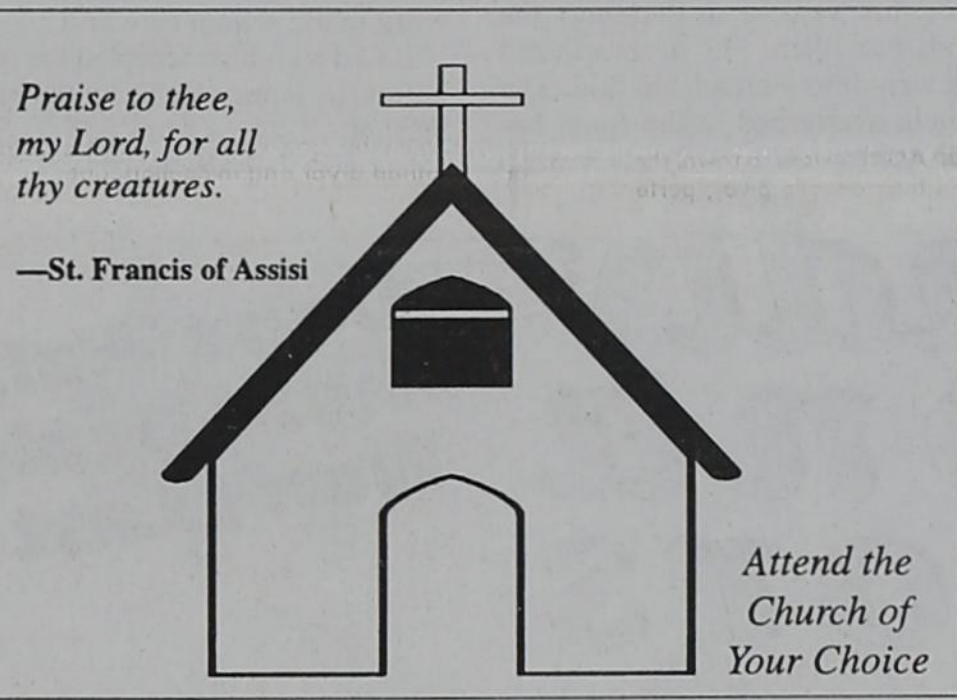
At 1 p.m., a horseshoe tournament will be held at the Fire Station. Cost is \$20 per two-person team and those wishing to enter should contact Gerald Aalbers at 938-2332 or Alan Birkenfeld at 938-2111.

The Zealot Club will sell homemade ice cream before, during and after the parade in front of Ed Harris Lumber Co.

The celebration will conclude with a dance in the east bank parking lot at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by County Nites.

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Saturday, July 26, 1997 • 10:00 AM
Restaurant & Club, Real Estate, Mobile Home
Castro County, Dodd, Texas

From Earth, TX—7 miles North on FM 1055, 4 miles West on CR 629

Legal Description: 2.346-Acre Tract of Land in Northwest Corner of Section 22, Block 2, W.E. Halsell Subdivision, Castro County, TX

REAL ESTATE: 2.346 Acres 40x100 Steel Building (Restaurant & Bar), 30x50 Corrugated Steel Building (Shop), Natural Gas and Water Well, 14x70 FAIRMONT MOBILE HOME and Furnishings to be moved. Furnishings include: Central Heat • Evaporative AC, Built-in Cook Top and Oven • Dishwasher • Trash Compactor • Microwave • Side-by-Side Refrigerator • Dinette Suite • Living Room Suite • 2-Bedroom Suite. **CLUB FIXTURES:** 1—26 ft. American Shuffle Board Table Wood-type, 1—8 ft. Dynamo Pool Table Bar-type with Balls, 1 Rock-Ola jukebox with 45 RPM Records, 1 Dish, 40 ft. Rotating Radio Antenna, 1 Emerson Television. **RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT:** 1 Scottman Ice Machine, 3-Drawer Bun Warmer, 30 ft. Char-Broiler, 1 Tyler 2-Keg Beer Cooler, 2 Deep Fryers, 10 and 5 gal., 1 Garland Double Oven 4-Burner 3 ft. Grill Stove, SS Meat Slicer, 1 Freezer Chest-type, 1 Rae Tone Double Door SS Refrigerator, 3 Double Door Refrigerator-Freezers, 1 Freezer upright, 1 10 ft. SS Vent Hood, 1—4' Con Cooler, 8 Bar Stools, 70 Chairs, 25 Tables, 2 Booths, SS Work Table, 1 Lot Folding Chairs, 2 Portable Ice Bends, 1 Waitress Station, 1 Upright Coke Machine, 1 500 gal. BBQ Smoker with 200 gal. Burner Box, Clean and Dirty Side Tray Tables for Dishwasher, 2 Microwaves, 2—3 Compartment Bar Sinks, 2 Coke Dispensers with Ice Blocks, 1—20 ft. Bar Formica Top, 1—20 ft. Bar Formica Top, Dish, Pots and Pans, Beer Pitchers, Coffee Maker, Cups, French Fry Cutter, Steamers, Bread Rack, Silverware, Refrigerator Racks, Fire Extinguishers, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Ash Trays, Vacuum Cleaners, High Chairs and Buddy Seats. **ANTIQUES • SIGNS • MUSIC INSTRUMENTS:** Cream Separator, Wagon Wheels, Wagon Axle, 6 String Guitars, Bass Guitar with Amp, P.A. System, Old Saddle, 2 Longhorn Wall Plaques, 1 Cast Iron Stove, 3 Ceiling Fans, Beer Mirrors, Signs, Clocks, Lights, Wall Decorations, etc. 190 ft. Interior Antique Walls, 1 Antique Barn Door, Light Fixtures, 9 Antique Windows, 1 Rattlesnake Skin, 1—8 ft. Antique Back Bar, Bar Mugs and Glasses, 1 Large Wall Hung Mirror with Treaded.

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High Plains Ag Reporter starts publishing in August

The *High Plains Ag Reporter* will start circulation the first week of August by being inserted into six area newspapers, as well as being made available at several ag locations throughout the area.

The six newspapers include *The Castro County News*, as well as *The Abernathy Weekly Review*, *The Canyon News*, *The Idalou Beacon*, *The*

Tulia Herald, and *The Plainview Daily Herald*.

The *High Plains Ag Reporter* is a tabloid-size newspaper that will be distributed the first week of each month. It will focus on agricultural news and issues and offer an area-wide forum for advertisers as well.

The six participating newspapers have a total paid circulation of

19,100. Ag locations will distribute another 1,500 for a total of 20,600. Using the conservative estimate of two people reading each copy of the paper, 41,200 readers will be reached in a 10-county area.

Features will include farming, cattle and swine industry features, timely articles specific to this area, commodities and futures analysis, local stories of interest to readers, a page for opinions and letters to the editor, and monthly columns and tips from area Ag Extension Agents.

Classified advertising will be available at the rate of 50 cents per word with a 15-word minimum (\$7.50).

Display advertising costs \$9.75 per column inch, with a minimum size of 10 column inches (\$97.50).

Advertising space must be reserved by the 20th of each month, and copy must be turned in by the 24th. Those wishing to submit articles or advertising may call *The Castro County News*, 647-3123, for more information.

The publication was the idea of Brad Tooley, publisher of *The Canyon News*, and Rollie Hyde, publisher of *The Plainview Daily Herald*. Tooley said it is a "spin off" of the *West Texas Country Trader*, a weekly insert product that had been distributed in 1993-95.

Tooley said they felt a weekly publication was just too much for the project, so they set a monthly sched-

ule, with the Canyon paper doing the editorial and layout work and the Plainview paper doing the printing. The other four "partner papers" in the venture will insert the *High Plains Ag Reporter* into their newspapers and contribute advertising and articles.

"The magic part of it is that we have 20,000 paid circulation," Tooley said. "This is a way that small newspapers can compete in a big marketplace. It is a way we can offer a product to rival the circulation of the really large ag publications. We already have a larger circulation than most ag publications in the country, and it is concentrated in a 10-county area."

Angie Welch has been named the assistant editor of the *Reporter*.

More about Acevedo . . .

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council that he was able to obtain a 1996 police car from Fisher Ford of Fort Worth through Western Ford of Hereford on a state bid. The cost of the vehicle was \$18,400. Permission was given for Sheffy to advertise for bids to sell a 1988 Ford Galaxy that has been used by the police department.

Council members gave approval of a resolution that will update the city employees' retirement program, which had not been updated since 1977, according to Sheffy.

Sheffy told the council that new green dumpsters are being placed in alleys around town for disposal of grass clippings, leaves and small branches.

He said that in the past, the city trash crews have picked up clippings that were dumped beside of regular dumpsters. However, he said the crews will no longer pick up the clippings if green dumpsters are available, but property owners fail to make use of them.

Sheffy said it will take a while for the trash crews to place the new dumpsters and clean up any current clippings, but from now on, property owners should make sure to put their grass clippings in the special dumpsters if they are available.

Obituaries

Laura J. Broadstreet

Funeral services for Laura J. Broadstreet, 67, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at South Plains Christian Fellowship with the Rev. Hugh Harris, pastor, and the Rev. Van Perryman, associate pastor officiating.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

She died on Wednesday, July 16 in South Park Hospital.

She was born on October 6, 1929 in Stamford, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1938 and married Harold E. Broadstreet on April 12, 1948 in Brownfield. They moved to Dimmitt in 1970 and back to Lubbock in 1987.

She was a member of the South Plains Christian Fellowship, and the American Legion's Ladies Auxillary #575.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Gary of Carlsbad, N. M., Dale and Curtis both of Lubbock; two daughters, Teresa Parsons of Amarillo, and Barbara Sears of Lubbock; five brothers, Ed Putman of Castlerock, Colo., Dr. John Putman of Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca., Charles Putman, Jr., Joe Putman, Doug Putman all of Lubbock; a sister, Eva Todd of Lubbock; twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the South Plains Christian Fellowship, 3602 Frankford Ave. Lubbock, Tx. 79407.

Alvin Kelton Cates

Alvin Kelton Cates, 53, died Saturday, July 19.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in United Methodist Church in Ulysses, Kan. With the Rev. Ron Thrasher and the Rev. Pat Thrasher officiating.

Additional services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church at Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhoades officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Cates was born in Hereford. He was an employee at Meza Inc., and was the superintendent of the Satanta Meza Plant. He was a veteran of Vietnam. He had moved to Ulysses, Kan. From Binger, Okla.

He married Janice Lynn Baldrige in 1966 in Dimmitt.

He was a member of Faith Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ty of the home; two daughters, April Loftis of Ulysses, and Robin George of Hinton, Okla.; and a sister, Darlene Walters of Dimmitt.

The Cates family requests memorials be to either the Faith Fellowship Building Fund or the Kansas State Center for Basic Cancer Research in c/o Phillips Mortuary Inc., of Ulysses, Kan.

Mary Lou Frazier

Mary Lou Frazier, 92, died at 9:05 a.m. last Thursday at Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers and Honorary pallbearers were the First Baptist Church Deacons.

She was born December 14, 1904 in Cleburne, Texas. She lived in Lamesa until 1930 when she moved to Castro County.

She married Glover Frazier February 21, 1921 in Alvarado, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1986. Her sister, Emma Brinker, also preceded her in death on June 9, 1997.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church (for 50 years), the Home Demonstration Club and the Castro County Senior Citizens. She was active in Alvin's Cleaners from 1978 to 1988 and was postmaster at Flagg for 10 years and postal clerk at Dimmitt for five years.

Survivors include two sons, G.B. Frazier, Jr. and Alvin Frazier, both of Dimmitt; one sister, Nell Davis of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman, 28, told police Monday afternoon that a suspect assaulted her. Investigation is continuing.

A suspect escaped from Dimmitt police after being placed under arrest for DWI. He was apprehended around 3:25 a.m. Saturday in the 400 block of Southwest Fifth. Police listed charges of DWI, escape, and assault of a peace officer against the suspect.

Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia charges were listed against a 22-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed at 12:04 p.m. last Thursday.

The USDA Rural Development office in Amarillo told police July 14 that someone had damaged doors on a house in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth in Dimmitt in an apparent attempt to gain entry. Damages were estimated at \$650.

Workers with Amarillo Road Co. told deputies Friday that someone had taken digital surveying equipment valued at \$3,000 from a storage building belonging to the company. The company is working on a construction project on SH 194.

A 44-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Friday morning on felony charges of possession of a firearm.

DWI, first offense, charges were listed against an 18-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed at 7 a.m. Sunday.

A Dimmitt man, 35, was jailed early Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Three Dimmitt men were arrested on outstanding warrants: a 40-year-old last Thursday stemming from DWI, third offense charges; a 23-year-old, early Sunday, stemming from theft by check and bond forfeiture; and early Tuesday, a 27-year-old for parole violation.

Lucina Garcia Gamez, 67, of Dimmitt was ticketed for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign as the result of an accident Sunday evening at the intersection of Lee Street and South US 385. Police reported that Gamez had been driving a 1986 Chevy Caprice and was stopped at the stop sign at the southwest corner of the intersection. The report said Gamez pulled out onto US 385 and struck a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Rachel Vigil West, 26, of Dimmitt, who was driving south on US 385. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

July 16 at 6:45 a.m., a 1987 Ford pickup driven by Roberto Fuentes, 35, of Earth was involved in a one-vehicle roll-over on CR 629 southwest of Dimmitt. Fuentes and three passengers, Sylvia Fuentes, and Lora and Valeri Fuentes, both 13, all were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital. The DPS report said that the pickup was heading west when it stuck a large pot hole and lost control. It went into the north bar ditch and the driver overcorrected, causing the vehicle to cross into the east-bound lanes and on into the south bar ditch. The vehicle flipped once then came to rest. The damage rating was listed as 12L&T3.

At 3:34 a.m. Sunday a 1986 Chevy pickup driven by an 18-year-old Dimmitt man was involved in a one-vehicle roll-over. He was charged with DWI. No injuries were reported and damage was rated at 3L&T6. The DPS report stated that the man had been heading east on CR 617 when his vehicle drifted into the south bar ditch. He overcorrected and went into a broadside skid. The vehicle overturned in the south bar ditch.

Nazareth ISD hires two new employees at special meeting

In a special meeting Tuesday, the Nazareth School Board hired two new employees and accepted the resignation of one teacher.

Janelle Brown, a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School and Lubbock Christian University, was hired to teach English.

Brown, who has taught one year at a private school, will teach sixth, seventh, eighth and Section II high school English.

Eric Reynolds had been offered the English position at the board's previous meeting, but did not accept. Vera Huseman was employed to work in the school cafeteria.

Board members accepted the resignation of Penny Rich, kindergarten teacher.

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