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By Don Nelson

When I think about our involvement in Haiti, I can't help thinking of a statement that a Norwegian elder made after Germany occupied Norway in about 1940:
"The flies have captured the fly-paper."

Candidates for county, state and federal offices have to declare their political party affiliation. But candidates for the city council, school board and hospital board don't.

If you want to sort out the Democrats from the Republicans in the next city, school or hospital election, I guess you'll have to take them dove hunting.

Fallout from previous columns:

Dear Don:

Enjoyed your 1:1 query about shaving methods and saving time.

I might suggest there's an even better way. If interested, see me.

Bill Sava

If you know our bestubbed postmaster, then you know he doesn't spend any time at all with a razor or an electric shaver. Maybe he uses the scissors once in a while. I can't tell for sure.

(Did he call me with this message? Or simply tell me when he saw me? Oh, no—he sent it by US Mail, on a USA 19 postcard. According to the postmark, I got it right away.)

I grew a beard once, and found out right off that I'd have to make a choice. I decided I'd rather kiss my wife.

And this from a retired school administrator who considers himself a fisherman and an expert on history and geography, who roots for the Aggies and carries the saddest-looking dog in town in the cab of his fancy pickup:

"Hey, has anybody told you yet that the Capitol Extension is NORTH of the State Capitol and not south?"

Who else but Elmer Berryhill? At least Elmer shaves. Once in a while, anyway. Probably when Helmer reminds him to.

In my column on the State Capitol Extension, we had to cut several paragraphs about what it cost.

Yep, the whole thing cost a lot of money: \$10,791,000 for the Capitol exterior renovation, \$63,944,986 for the Capitol Extension and an estimated \$70,874,000 for the Capitol interior renovation.

That's a grand total of \$145,665,000. It comes out to \$8.57 for every man, woman and child in Texas.

How are we paying for it? I asked State Sen. Steve Carriker while he was in town.

As it turns out, it's already paid for.

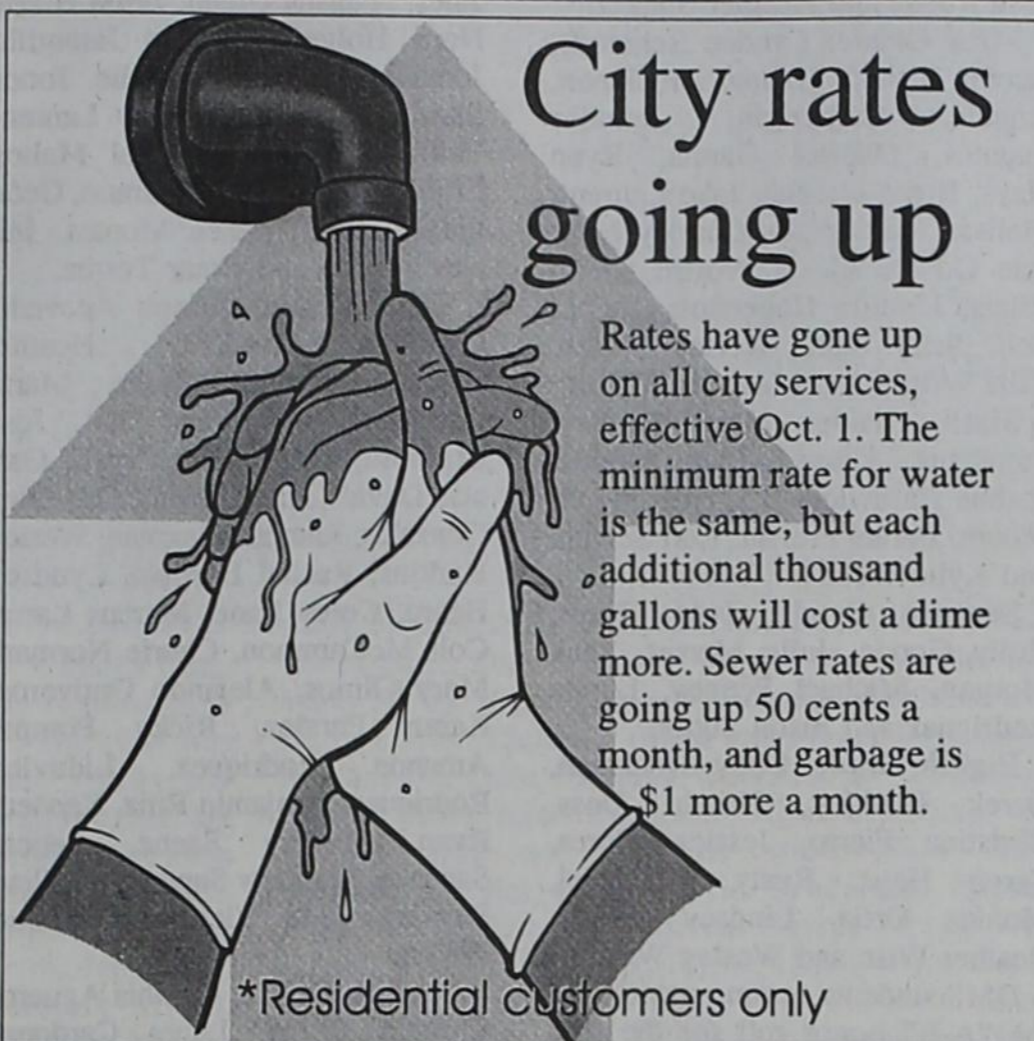
"It was in the budget," Sen. Carriker said. "We paid for it with current funds, and we were still able to come up with a good surplus, thanks in part to tight-fisted appropriations and an improving economy. Most of it came out of the general fund."

Sen. Carriker didn't like the idea of a Capitol Extension at first.

"I was one of the critics of the project," he said, "but I've had to eat my words."

He now concedes that the Capitol Extension is a real credit to the state, for several reasons.

"It's nice," he said. "It gives the impression and air of being part of the original Capitol—it has that motif. It's very serviceable . . . and it's helping to open up government."



City rates going up

Rates have gone up on all city services, effective Oct. 1. The minimum rate for water is the same, but each additional thousand gallons will cost a dime more. Sewer rates are going up 50 cents a month, and garbage is \$1 more a month.

*Residential customers only

City going up on rates

Charges paid by Dimmitt residents for water, sewer and garbage service are going up this month as the city tries to keep pace with increasing state and federal government fees, programs and intervention.

The monthly fee for the minimum amount of water, 2,000 gallons, will be unchanged: \$5.25 for residences in the city limits; \$9.50 for houses out of the city limits; \$5.75 for businesses in town; and \$10.50 for commercial users outside the city limits.

The fee for each additional 1,000 gallons a month will increase from 65 cents to 75 cents for in-town customers, and from \$1 to \$1.10 for users outside the city limits.

Rates will go up across the board for all sewer customers, from \$4.25 to \$4.75 per customer.

Garbage rates are going up too: residential users will be charged \$8 instead of \$7 per month for garbage service; commercial users with a 1.5 yard dumpster will see a \$2 per month jump to \$15.45, and commercial three yard dumpsters will go from \$23 to \$26 per month.

The fee increase should offset most additional charges anticipated from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. TNRCC is expected to charge the city at least \$20,000 for testing drinking water during the next 12 months. Those tests, done by a certified laboratory in Lubbock, used to cost the city about \$1,000 a year. The \$20,000 fee would cover only two tests during the year, and the city would be out more trouble to conform to the state's wishes.

Director of Public Works James Killough had earlier termed the TNRCC's water testing guidelines a nuisance. He explained to the Dimmitt City Council that the tests that had been done in Lubbock produced more results than the state examinations.

The city will also be spending at least \$65,000 to install a lift station to provide sewer service to newly-annexed portions of Western Circle Drive. The city has had its plans put on hold by TNRCC, which has forced the city to re-engineer the station at least twice. Meanwhile, the septic system in the subdivision is basically unusable and has caused the contamination of a domestic well that had been used for water. Persons living on the west side of Western Circle have to buy drinking water.



THOMAS IS HOMECOMING QUEEN--Dimmitt High School senior Kim Thomas (center) is surprised by congratulations from mascot Tiffany Smith after

Thomas was named 1994 Homecoming Queen at the DHS pep rally on Friday. Thomas was escorted by Tobin Bossett (left).

Photo by John Brooks

County mails new voter registrations

The Nov. 8 general election will feature several contested county races, and if you want to make sure your voice is heard, make sure your voter's registration is up-to-date so you can cast your ballot.

Voters have until Friday to register to vote, or to change their address with County Tax Assessor-Collector Billy Hackleman at his office in the courthouse in Dimmitt. Voters who wish to register or change an address by mail have to have their application postmarked by Tuesday.

The contested local races on the Nov. 8 ballot will include the offices of county judge, county clerk and commissioner in each of the four county precincts.

Early voting is scheduled to begin Oct. 19 and will continue through

Nov. 4 at the county clerk's office. Nov. 1 is the last day the early voting clerk can accept an application from individuals wishing to vote by mail. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Nov. 8.

Hackleman mailed new voter's registration cards to voters this week, and when you receive your new card, please be sure and dispose of the old one. The new cards are yellow, just like the old cards, but you will be able to distinguish between the two by looking at the precinct number box. On the old cards, this box held a single digit number. The new cards feature a three-digit number. The first of the three digits represents the voter's

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Haywood: Senate has work to do soon

Republican State Senate candidate Tom Haywood said Monday that incumbent State Sen. Steve Carriker and the senate have plenty to apologize for to the voters of the 30th District.

Haywood was on hand for the opening of GOP headquarters at 500 South US Highway 385. He refuted a statement by Carriker in last week's News that neither Carriker nor the senate owed anyone apologies for anything done.

"He (Carriker) may not feel he owes the public any apology but those who know his records know doggone well we would have a right to expect an apology," said Haywood, a Wichita Falls businessman. "If for no other reason, over the term limits issue."

Haywood said Carriker was the chairman of the committee of the whole which would have heard a term limits bill. A bill was introduced in the last legislative session but never came up for consideration in Carriker's committee.

"As chairman of that committee that is his prerogative," Haywood said. "That is one area in which 80% of the people of Texas agree: we need some type of term limits. Yet there was nothing done, not

even a vote. I would say Steve would certainly owe people an apology for that.

"It hacks me off when the public wants something and we can't even get a vote on it." Haywood also said he supported initiative and referendum.

"Some people say that could cause trouble for the government, but I think what has happened in California is proof that government is like a cockroach, that it can survive anything and it keeps multiplying," Haywood said.

Haywood also said that it was inexcusable for the state to increase its budget from \$48 billion to \$72 billion.

"Steve may not feel that is excessive, but every businessperson out there would feel it is excessive," Haywood said.

Haywood said the state must do more work on education finance and lawsuit abuse, with stipulations calling for plaintiffs to pay for defense costs if the plaintiffs lose a lawsuit.

"The legislature has done nothing to stem the tide of the large number of frivolous lawsuits filed in Texas," Haywood said. "These suits steal jobs and frankly they steal

access to the courts for lawsuits which have merit.

"We have to make changes so someone who is involved in a case only on the periphery doesn't end up paying most or all of the damages. That is the 'deep pockets' syndrome and is absurd. It's goofy to expect someone who is 10% involved to pay 100% of the costs."

"I'm not a lawyer so I don't know all of the answers to that

problem, but I know it's a problem we could fix. We need lawsuit reform just as we have had worker's compensation reform. I am determined to bring meaningful reform in our court system."

Haywood also called for a change in the way public schools are financed, calling the current system "Robin Hood II." Voters and the courts had turned back an earlier plan referred to as Robin Hood.



THANKS FOR BEING HERE--Emma Jean King (right) thanks Republican State Senate candidate Tom Haywood (left) for stopping in Monday at the grand opening of the county GOP headquarters in Dimmitt. The GOP will coordinate its campaign from a section of the building at South US Highway 385 and Lee.

Photo by John Brooks

Look! Up in the sky! It's a ...

By DON NELSON

The 1994 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta spilled over into Castro County Sunday.

The Fiesta included the World Gas Balloon Championship, and at least four helium-filled balloons—each piloted by a two-person crew and followed by a chase vehicle—completed their competition runs here.

Drifting on a brisk northwest wind, the lighter-than-air balloons made the trek from Albuquerque in seven to nine hours—not much longer than it takes to drive it at legal speed limits.

Two balloon crews—pilots, referee and chase group—ate at the Pancake House at noon Sunday.

The first crew was all Americans—from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Vermont and California—and the second group was all Germans except for referee Dallas Griner of Albuquerque.

The German ballooners included the two young pilots, Thomas Fink of Nuremberg and Rainer Hassold of Augsburg; Rainer's father, Horst Hassold of Augsburg; Fink's wife, Angelika; and Rainer's girlfriend, Renate Scherbel.

They're serious about their ballooning. The Hassolds run a family-owned balloon factory in Augsburg. Fink and Rainer Hassold are the current German gas-balloon champions and placed second in the last world championships in Austria. Fink placed fourth in hot-

air balloon competition at the Albuquerque festival last year. And the elder Hassold is the honorary president of the World Balloon Committee, headquartered in Paris.

Over a lunch of barbecued brisket, potato salad and beans, they explained the intricacies of gas-filled balloon competition. Their love of the hobby was apparent as they talked.

"There are 14 gas balloons from six countries in the competition," Horst Hassold explained. (There also were 680 hot-air balloons at the Albuquerque Fiesta, which drew an estimated 190,000 people for Saturday morning's mass ascension.)

"With a hot-air balloon, you go up by turning up your propane burners and you come down by turning them down," the elder Hassold explained. "In a gas balloon, you go up by throwing out sand and you come down by letting helium out of the balloon through an 'appendix'."

The two types of balloons are easily distinguishable: A hot-air balloon usually is shaped like a spinning-top and is always open at the bottom, while a gas balloon is closed and usually looks like a large, perfectly round ball.

In both types, the pilots ride in a basket suspended from the bottom of the balloon.

"The range of a hot-air balloon is

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First bale is ginned at Hart

Castro County's first bale of cotton was ginned last Wednesday afternoon at 2:20 p.m. at Hart Producers Co-op Gin.

The cotton was stripped by B&W Land & Cattle of Nazareth, owned by Leonard Wilhelm, Dean Wilhelm and Julius Birkenfeld.

The bale weighed 480 pounds and the seed weight was 700 pounds.

The Wilhelms and Birkenfeld planted Paymaster 145 certified seed about six miles northeast of Hart.

Kleman dairy barn destroyed in Tuesday fire

An early morning fire Tuesday destroyed Alvin Kleman's dairy barn at Nazareth.

The fire was discovered about 3:30 a.m. when Kleman's son arrived to help with milking the family's 300-plus dairy cows.

By the time the fire was discovered, it was fully involved.

The barn held milking machines, tanks and more, which also were lost in the blaze.

On Tuesday afternoon the Kleman dairy cows were milked at the Ralph Albracht dairy at Nazareth.

It was unknown at press time what caused the fire or where it started.



Do something Constructive

Join 4-H
National 4-H Week
Oct. 2-8, 1994

Nice weather

	High	Low	Pcpn.
Thursday	96	52	.12
Friday	95	53	
Saturday	88	52	
Sunday	84	51	
Monday	81	43	
Tuesday	87	43	
Wednesday	84	55	.24
September moisture	2.07		
October moisture	.24		
1994 moisture	18.83		

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



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Oct. 6-14.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of turkey and dressing, corn dog on a stick or *nachos with ground beef; *refried beans, potato au gratin or *Spanish rice; tossed salad with dressing, *fruited gelatin or fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, chicken and dumplings, or barbecued hot links on a bun; *macaroni and cheese, baked potato or potato rounds; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or coleslaw; *combread, whole wheat rolls or crackers and flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of taco salad, *soft beef tacos or turkey fajitas; *refried beans, Mexicali corn or *Spanish rice; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or fruited gelatin; *hot rolls, cornmeal twist rolls or crackers; apple, banana or orange; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of *hot dog on a bun with chili, pepperoni pizza, chili Fritos with picante sauce; *seasoned green beans, broccoli, cheese and rice or mixed vegetables; tossed salad with dressing *coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; hot wheat rolls, combread or flour tortillas; *apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *meat loaf with creole sauce, roast turkey with gravy or chicken fried steak; *mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or peas and carrots; tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad or cucumber/tomato salad; hot rolls, cornmeal rolls or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of Italian spaghetti, *grilled cheese with chili or oven fried chicken; *potato rounds, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked potato wedges; tossed salad with dressing, *carrot raisin salad or *fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger on a roll, chicken filet on a bun or *Chinese plate; *French fries, pork fried rice or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad, coleslaw; *combread, whole wheat rolls, and crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; *milk, punch or tea.

HART

THURSDAY: Smoked polish sausage (elementary) or corn dogs (secondary), macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, corn, bread, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary), or combread casserole or burritos (secondary), salad, fruit and milk.

MONDAY: No School

TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, sliced bread, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas, tostados, corn, salad, pineapple cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Oven-fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or barbecue on a bun, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fruit and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, combread, peaches and milk.

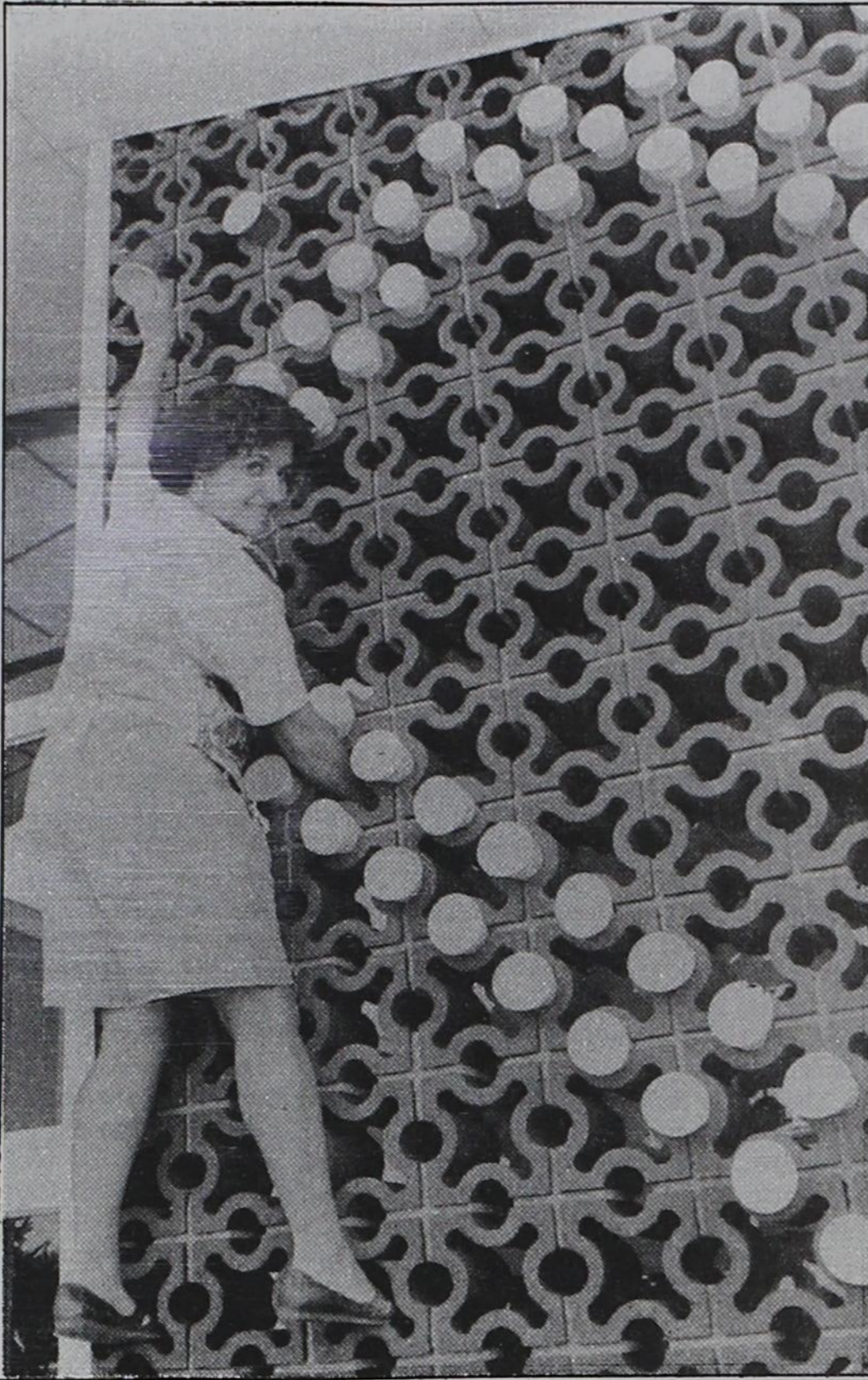
MONDAY: Burritos with chili, carrot sticks, Mexican salad, apple crisp and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburgers, fried okra, black-eyed peas, combread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onion, pickles, dessert and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, corn, pears and milk.



DON'T QUOTE ME--Ann Philpott Welch of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1974 takes out the quote marks that had been put up with the other cups Friday night at Dimmitt High School. The class had put up "SR 74" in the circular bricks in front of the main entrance of the school.

Photo by John Brooks

Nazareth

WITH VIRGIE GERBER. 945-2669

Isabell "Easy" Schulte was honored Sunday on her 85th birthday and enjoyed a dinner at the home of Fritz and Julene Gerber. All five of her children were there, including Etta Mae and Bill Sellers of Tahlequah, Okla., Jo Anne Bowen of Plainview, Denny and Dolores Heiman of Nazareth, Iona and Philip Taylor of Lubbock and Julene and Fritz Gerber, who hosted the event. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as several nieces also dropped by for cake and ice cream in the afternoon. Easy is a resident at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

Congratulations to San Juana and Butch Olvera who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday with a scripture service in Holy Family Church with Deacon Jerome Brockman officiating. A dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall for many friends and relatives enjoying the evening. Special out-of-town guests included their children, Juan and Alida Davila and their daughter of Dallas, Pete and Ofelia Olvera and family of Abilene, Margaret and Gabe Gamboa and daughter of Plainview, and San Juana's sister, Marcelina Sanchez and family of Raymondville.

Our sympathy to the family of Veronica (Lange) Brown of Amarillo in the death of her husband, Stephen Brown, 41. He was highly recognized as the Potter County Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Eric and Jared, both of the home. Services were held Saturday in Paramount Terrace Christian

Church with burial following in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

Rose Birkenfeld's family helped her celebrate her 85th birthday with a party Sunday at the home of Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld. Her children attending were Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld, Stephanie and Allen Dobmeier, Leslie Birkenfeld, and Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld, all of Nazareth; and Alverna and Gene Schacher of Lazbuddie. Several of Rose's grandchildren and great-grandchildren also helped her celebrate.

Congratulations to Raymond and Kimmie Huseman on the birth of a boy, Daniel Anthony on Sept. 30 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He has two big brothers, Ryan and Andy; and three sisters, Amber, Katie and Jena. Grandparents are Francis and Betty Wilhelm of Nazareth and Willie Faye Huseman of Amarillo.

Tony, Mary and Toby Gerber visited in Umbarger Sunday with Frances Gerber, who is home from St. Anthony's Hospital to recuperate from surgery. Her daughter, Sharon of Austin, is here with her.

Al and Leona Maurer and Paula and Kayla Acker visited with Al's family in Kerrville and Fredericksburg over the weekend.

Blood drive set Monday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The blood drive is open to all eligible donors, who are urged to join with the neighbors and the blood center in a "Commitment to Caring" to maintain a safe, reliable blood supply for the Texas Panhandle.

DMS honor students named

Dimmitt Middle School has named honor students for the first six weeks of school.

Students on the "A" honor roll were:

Fourth Grade: Elvis Birdwell, Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Elizabeth Cartwright, Isabel Garcia, Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Natalie Jimenez, Chelsea Lowance, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt, Melissa Rueda and Heather Snitker.

Fifth Grade: Lyndee Behrends, Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Angela Cartwright, Jennifer Fuentes, Gabriel Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselet, Jake Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Alexis Proffitt, Jason Riggs, Jennifer Robertson, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright.

Sixth Grade: Mary Bradley, Stephanie Casas, Lisa Goode, Joshua Hardwick, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Daniel Proffitt, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb.

Seventh Grade: Ivan Flores, Holly Goode, Julie Merritt, Zack Morgan, Michael Penney, Lupita Rodriguez and Justin Sutton.

Eighth Grade: Cody Brockman, Derek Buckley, Kristin Doss, Christina Fierro, Jessica Flores, Taryn Hays, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz, Lindsey Welch, Heather Wise and Wesley Wright.

DMS students earning mention to the "A-B" honor roll for the first six weeks include:

Fourth Grade: Robert Casas, Juan Delgado, Dalton Fisher, Gina Gonzales, Casey Jones, Guadalupe Maldonado, Maria Ontiveros, Steven Paz, Ricardo Ramirez, Ramey

Rice, Leticia Rodriguez, Cesar Ruiz, Roxie Saenz, Abraham Salinas, Sarah Sanchez, Jenna Steinle, Jody Stovall, Casey Villanueva, Brandon Webb and Colby Williams.

Fifth Grade: Amber Allison, Maria Arriaga, Sarah Bradford, Deacon Buckley, Eric Bural, Albert Campos, Justin Clay, Yvette Correa, Juan Diaz, Jose Garcia, Dana Gonzales, Natasha Green, Jason Harris, Nora Holguin, Sandra Jaramillo, Jonathan Jimenez, Sandie Jones, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Philip Lumbraera, Miguel Malto, Eric Martinez, Saul Medrano, Georgia Mireles, Jessica Montes, Michael Ojeda and Omar Torres.

Sixth Grade: Joseph Acevedo, Georgina Arredondo, Heather Black, Casandra Casas, Mario Castaneda, Eric Enriquez, Jose Espinosa, Jeremy Furr, Crystal Garcia, David Garcia, Laura Gil, Olga Gonzales, Ramona Guzman, Wesley Harkins, Rachal Harman, Lyndsey Heard, Corey Lane, Marcus Larra, Colt McCammon, Cherie Norman, Mary Olmos, Alejandro Ontiveros, Karen Peralez, Ricky Pompa, Amanda Rodriguez, Liduvina Rodriguez, Benjamin Ruiz, Kenneth Ryan, Audrey Saenz, Leticia Sanchez, Matthew Sandoval, Lillian Stewart, Jade Vick and Kristin Welch.

Seventh Grade: Cynthia Aguero, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, George Flores, Stephanie Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Edith Fuller, Shane Furr, Debra Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Maria Garcia, James Jackson, Norma Jaramillo, Van Jeter, Lacy Loudder,

Marcelino Martinez, Taylor Matthews, Cameron McGowme, Jacob Medrano, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Myra Pena, Britany Porter, Randy Porter, Felicia Sanchez, Kevin Sanders, Leah Scarborough, Carol Summers, Ironica Traylor, Sonia Vasquez and Kyle Wood.

Eighth Grade: Adam Abrego, Ben Coleman, Ashley Davis, Rafael Enriquez, Valerie Gonzales, Beau Hill, Omar Juarez, Shawna Kenworthy, Lezly Martin, Mario Melendez, Russell Rickert, Daphanie Rivera, Allison Roberson, Emily Robertson, Robert Sepeda, Ebony Swain, Jana Sweet, Jerry Thomas, Sandra Torres, Stacey Villanueva, Kurt Webb and Rusty Wooten.

Eighth graders receiving special awards were Heather Wise in English and science; Taryn Hays in reading; Brenda Arce in math; Jerry Thomas in pre-algebra; Christina Fierro and Rusty McDaniel in Algebra I; Miranda Turner and Wesley Wright in history; Jessica Flores in industrial arts; Russell Rickert in mechanics; Delfina Gripp in band; Valerie Gonzales in choir; Kurt Webb and Turner in computer; and Lindsey Welch in health.

Seventh graders earning achievement awards were Michael Penney, Zack Morgan and Julie Merritt in English; Ivan Flores and Holly Goode in reading; Shane Furr in math; Kyle Wood in pre-algebra; Van Jeter in Texas history; Goode in science; Penney and James Jackson in industrial arts; Penney in mechanics; Merritt in band; and Larissa Fuentes in choir.

Nazareth recognizes honor students

Nazareth Independent School District has named its "A" and "A-B" honor students for the first six weeks of school.

Students named to the "A" honor roll are:

First Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, J'Lae Merritt and Kasey Wood.

Second Grade: Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, Jordan Hampton, Garrett Kleman, Tyson Schulte and Jason Wilhelm.

Third Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb.

Fourth Grade: Craig Birkenfeld, Zak Morris, Eric Schilling and Ross Schulte.

Fifth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld, Lesley Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Daryl Pohlmeier and Trinity Robb.

Sixth Grade: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsie M. Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Brooke Moyers and Holly Myers.

Seventh Grade: Melanie Book, Mindi Etheridge, Lisa McLaurin, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

Eighth Grade: Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber and Jessica Kern.

Freshmen: Billy Don Cannon, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

Sophomores: Justin Bingham, Heather Braddock, Marjorie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Sarah Olvera and Jill Ramaekers.

Juniors: Robin Schulte.

Seniors: Scott Brockman, Colby Pohlmeier, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

Students on the "A-B" honor roll are:

First Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Dawn Cameron, Kendra Huseman, Kris Ross and Lacey Sanders.

Second Grade: Jenna Acker, Jeremy Acker, Michael Acker, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Melina Braddock, Michael Horn, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte and Sierra Wilcox.

Third Grade: Andrew Brockman, Misty Burton, Sarah Ellison, Monty Hoelting, Adam Hunter, Darlene Morales, Rebecca Olvera, Cassie Price, Cassie Sanders and Lindsey Wood.

Fourth Grade: Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Karen Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Carson Gerber, Erica Gerber, Reece Hales, Kody Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Laci McLaurin, Justin Myers, Luke Price, Kristi Ramaekers, Teri Ramaekers, Kalissia Robertson, Chase Schulte, Megan Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

Fifth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Miranda Burton, Laura Gerber, Shana Huseman, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Jase Merritt, Danette Ramaekers, Chris Reynolds, Kyla Schacher, Ky Wilcox and Jennifer Wilhelm.

Sixth Grade: Sage Annen, Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Shawna Gerber, Nichole Huseman, Mark Lange, Matty McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier, Wade Price, Joe Sanchez and Adam Schulte.

Seventh Grade: Cassie Birkenfeld, Dawn Ramaekers, Da-

vid Verkamp and Karen Wilhelm.

Eighth Grade: Mandy Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Kristin Hales, Susan Jones, Matthew Kern, Lori Maurer, Jessica McGilvray, Tiffany Schmucker, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.

Freshmen: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Sara Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Darren Huckert, Josh Merritt and Kourtney Robertson.

Sophomores: Misti Ball, Marcus Brockman, Nick Gerber, Mindy Hoelting, Nathan Hoelting, B.J. Kern and James Whitte.

Juniors: Jaimye Bingham, Leroy Birkenfeld, Quentin Dobmeier, Allyn Garza, Casey Hoelting, Courtney Hoelting, Kelly Jones and Carie Wethington.

Seniors: Ron Backus, Bryan Charanza, Denia Durbin, Alston Farris, Rhonda Maurer and Judith Nieves.

Medical fund is established for Mayhew

A medical fund has been established at Hale County State Bank, Hart Branch, for Shelly Mayhew of Hart.

Mayhew is a senior at Hart High School and she has been hospitalized in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, undergoing treatment for a blood clot.

VFW Auxiliary to mark bikes

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a special "light-a-bike" event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the west side of the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Ladies from the Auxiliary will use reflective tape to mark bicycles, tricycles and other children's "wheels" Saturday. The purpose is to make the bikes more noticeable, especially at night.

All children are invited to bring their bikes to be marked, free of charge.

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343



DHS CLASS OF 1974--Dimmitt High School's Class of 1974 gathered for its 20th year class reunion over the weekend in Dimmitt and Lubbock. The class was honored at the Homecoming pep rally Friday, ate together at the FHA's annual Fiesta supper, and sat together at the Dimmitt-Slaton game. Saturday, class members played golf, enjoyed a picnic at the DHS patio and had a night of activities in Lubbock. Class members pictured included (front row, from left) Minerva Acevedo Ortiz, Debbie Dannevik Myres, Rhenea Baker Webb, Ann Welch Philpott and Jo Smith Wright; (middle row, from left) Juanita Zuniga Hernandez, Joe Hernandez, Liz Murphy, Lisa Simpson Switzer, Ginia Sheffy Malone, Flo Lust

Touchstone, Dan Jefferies, Donna Hudson Newton, Vada Kirby Wilcox, Sherri Burrous Matthews and Hally Fuller Thomas; (back row, from left) Roger Allison, Lee Cole, Florence Acevedo, Jeff Lantz and Nancy Robertson Benham. Also attending the reunion but not pictured were Alice Rush McRoberts, Jim Glenn, Kyle Broderson, Sulema Balderas Oltivero, Elsa Tijerina Garcia, Debbie Dove Annen, Darrell Buckley, Roger Underwood, Delese Kay Ellison, Nacola Conner Furr, Fidela Saenz Everett, Sondra Jones Hastings, Linda Stone Heck, Van Hopson, Ronda Welch Neighbour and Gary Wise.

Photo by John Brooks

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1959 held its 35th class reunion last weekend with 15 attending. They met at the Senior Citizens Center for visiting on Friday afternoon, then went to the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria for a fiesta supper. After the supper they returned to the center for more visiting and snacks. They met at the center on Saturday morning for breakfast of fruit, donuts and coffee. The men cooked hamburgers for lunch and the women furnished all the trimmings and delicious cakes. There was more visiting and planning for another reunion in five years.

Class members and their spouses attending were Glenn and Beth Odom, Norman and Sandra Nelson, Donald Shelton, Don Warren and Dee and Bill Brisco, all of Dimmitt; Ron Elder of Garland; James and Brenda Rogers of Carrollton; Joyce Messenger Ellis and husband Darrell of Wellman; Myles Sadler of Lubbock; Marilyn Campbell Ginn of Flower Mound; Don and Jacque George of Spanaway, Wash.; Tommie Sheffy Bills of Earth; Brenda Dollar Allen of Anchorage, Alaska and Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Mary Lynn Hendrix Lankford of Amarillo.

The class received letters from Elmer and Hazel Hershey and Brenda Ramsey Truett and her husband Jim of Dallas. Parents who visited with the class were Raymond and Mozelle Odom, Lucille Dollar and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Ron Elder is a landscape contractor and his wife, Dee, is a housewife in Garland. Dee Brisco is a housewife and Bill is retired. Don Warren is associated with Warren Feed Co. and his wife, Carlie, is a housewife. James Rogers graduated from Texas Tech in 1968 and he is a systems engineer with General Electric. He and his wife Brenda have four children, Cathy, Scott, Mike and Kelli, all living in the Dallas area.

Darrell and Joyce Ellis live in the Wellman community where Darrell is a farmer and Joyce is a housewife. They have two children. Todd and his wife, Carol, live in Levelland where Todd is with the City of Levelland and Carol teaches fourth grade at Whiteface. They have one son, Landon, who is 3 1/2. Darrell and Joyce have a daughter, Kelly, who lives in Lubbock where she works for Parker and Associates. She has a daughter, Kristen, who is in kindergarten. Joyce's mother, Mrs. Messenger, lives directly behind them.

Myles Sadler is a dentist in Lubbock.

Donald and Janis Shelton live in Dimmitt where Donald is a farmer and Janis is a secretary.

Norman Nelson is engaged in farming and Sandra Nelson is a teacher in Nazareth. They have four children: Jay, Jill, Jan and Jim.

Marilyn Campbell Ginn is married to Alton Ginn and they live in Flower Mound. They have three

children. Lelon is in Groton, Conn., is married and has two children. Kevin is in North Augusta, S.C. Monica is married, has one child and lives in Flower Mound.

Don and Jacque George have a daughter, Sheree, who is 25 and works for Alaska Airlines, and a son, Keely, who lives in Wisconsin with his wife, Pam, and their son Kyle Woody, 2 1/2. Don and Jacque have lived in Spanaway for 25 years. Don works for Tacoma City and Light and Jacque is secretary for the transportation department for Bethel school district.

Glenn and Beth Odom still live in Dimmitt. Glenn is a farmer and Beth is a housewife. Their son, Greg, and his wife, Jacque, have a son, Eric, and they live in Dimmitt. Their daughter, Cara, lives in Dallas.

Tommie Sheffy Bills lives at Earth and has two grown children. Randy is married to Joyce Wooten and they have three children. Tommie's daughter, Elaine Brown, is married to Dickie Brown, and

they have three children. Elaine teaches at Springlake-Earth School. Tommie works in Muleshoe.

Brenda Dollar Allen lives in Anchorage, Alaska and Scottsdale, Ariz., with her husband, Bill. They have three children and four grandchildren who all live in Alaska.

Mary Lynn Hendrix Lankford and husband, Bill, live in Amarillo and they have two children: Kevin and Neely and their children, Adria, Matt and David, and a daughter, Lauren and Dale Fezell and their little son Caleb, who live in Houston. Mary Lynn and Bill are still in the flower business.

Elmer and Hazel Hershey sent a letter and he is with the international contract drilling business, the Forasol-Foramer Group. Elmer represents the US in a French company working worldwide for clients in the oil and gas industry. He travels mostly within the US with occasional trips to France, South America and Canada. Hazel is a homemaker and stays busy with volunteer work.

Brenda Ramsey Truett wrote that she and her husband, Jim, were leaving on an 18-day cruise from Montreal, Canada, ending in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Jim is an attorney and Brenda is active in the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary, and they are both active in the Dallas Theater Center.

Jo Beecher Prather called from Jackson, Miss., that she was sorry she was unable to come to the class reunion and Ben Holcomb called from South Texas that he couldn't come.

Bob and Mildred Sheffy attended his World War II ship reunion in Eureka Springs, Ark., on Sept. 23-26. There were 96 who attended, the biggest crowd ever to attend. They had concerts, banquets, a barbecue, and they attended the Passion Play.

Dale and Marie Winders have returned from a trip through the southern states. They attended the

International Blue Grass Music Festival in Owensboro, Ky. While they were in that area they went to the Grand Ole Opry. After the performance they were invited to go backstage to visit with The Whites, a singing group of a father and his three daughters, and several other celebrities. They also drove through the Smoky Mountains National Park where they saw an old farm setting where several old buildings had been moved in--a house, a barn, a smokehouse, apple house and a bee gum (an old gum tree had been hollowed out and bees made a hive inside). On top of one mountain three states come together where one can stand in Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee at one time.

Irene Carpenter gave the devotional at the Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning and her subject was "Prayerful Heart." We need to pray to God often. Others singing were Don Newman, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix, pianist.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Freddie Lynch, Joe Synder and Carolyn from Denton.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served a delicious caramel cake and cookies for snacks. Wanda Kay won high score and Ina Rae Cates won second high score. Others playing were Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay, Edith Graf, Ferne Dickey, Loranell Hamilton, Louise Mears, Dude McLauren, Bernice Hill, Alma Kenmore, Emily Clingingsmith and Mary Small.

Several from Dimmitt attended the first Community Concert of the season in Plainview last Thursday. The association presented the London Piano Duo featuring David Nettle and Richard Markham. They take their own Steinway grand pianos on tour with them.

Bea Hawkins was in Dimmitt one day last week visiting friends including Ed and Betty Freeman. Bea is living in the Lubbock Village and her niece, Doris Hawkins, brought her to Dimmitt.

Amy Hubble visited with me Saturday afternoon. She and her family are living in Wheeler now.

Last week, Ed and Betty Freeman received a surprise telephone call from Mark Henslee, the former manager of the Dimmitt Agri Industries farm store. Mark is the new minister of the Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Alaska. He was installed by the Presbytery of Alaska on Oct. 2.

Mark and his wife, Kathy Graham Henslee, and their two children, Will (10th grader) and Rachel (eighth grader) send their greetings to all their friends in Dimmitt.

Mark served the Presbyterian Church in Monte Vista, Colo., for five years after being graduated from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Alaska will be quite a change for the Henslee family, but they look forward to a new challenge to serve Christ and His church. Their address is Box 712, Petersburg, AK 99833.

The Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries District I meeting was held Sept. 23 in the McInturff Conference Center at University Medical Center in Lubbock. "All Things Bright and Beautiful" was the theme with lots of sunflowers as decorations. Nita Hibler, new state president from Lubbock, spoke on this theme.

Yearly reports were given by the 19 representatives of those auxiliaries attending. There were 137 persons present. Retired Lubbock County Judge Rod Shaw gave a very humorous and encouraging talk. He is the brother of Aural Davis. Those representing the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were Mary Small, Lucille Drenup, Irene Blanton, Mattie Seale, Ethel Fry and Betty Freeman.

Sunnyside

Rev. Ron Redding of Lee Street Baptist Church began a revival meeting Sunday for Sunnyside Baptist Church. He was to preach through Wednesday night. Dinner was served at the church at noon Sunday and enough was left to put with the pickup sandwiches Sunday night; it made plenty for supper. The singer, Roy Martin, and wife, Tammi, both Wayland students, were present.

Most if not everyone is having to wait a little longer to start cotton harvest. Everyone is holding their breath lest it should rain while waiting.

Clara Vick told me of the Italians who sent word to me and the messages they had given. It was surprising how many of them are still lively. Some have died. The little man on Sardinia was well enough to stay home but not well enough to travel.

Goldie Thompson found a large rattlesnake near her well house recently. David Sadler came and killed it for her. It had four rattlers and one button. This should be a warning for everyone to watch out for snakes.



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People



Schacher is honored with bridal shower

Becky Schacher, bride-elect of Gregory Sava, was honored with a bridal shower on Sept. 24, in the home of Judy Brockman of Lazbuddie.

Refreshments of assorted cheeses and hams, melons, crescents and punch were served to guests. The serving table was covered with an antique crocheted tablecloth.

The 19 hostesses assisting Mrs. Brockman with the shower presented the honoree with a set of Samsonite luggage along with other gifts.

Special guests were Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie, mother of the bride-to-be; Jacque Sava of Dimmitt, the prospective groom's mother; Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth, the honoree's grandmother; Barbara Sava of Dimmitt, the prospective groom's grandmother; Cathy Schacher of Lubbock, the honoree's sister; Debra Bridenbaugh of Amarillo, sister of the prospective groom; and Stephanie Dobmeier of Nazareth, aunt of the bride-to-be.

Sarpalius' office coming to town

US Rep. Bill Sarpalius will have his mobile office in Dimmitt on Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on the courthouse square.

The mobile office travels to each town in the 13th District on a periodic basis.



MRS. KYLE WADE WILLIAMS
... nee Ann Morris

Morris weds Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Wade Williams are home in Canyon after enjoying a wedding trip to Puerto

Vallarta, Mexico. The couple was wed Sept. 21 in a formal, double-ring ceremony in the First United Methodist Church at Canyon with Rev. Beals officiating.

The bride is the former Anita Louise (Ann) Morris, daughter of Larry and Jean Morris of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Harve and Betty Williams of Clarendon.

An arrangement of spring flowers decorated the altar. Music was provided by pianist Dwight Joiner, who accompanied soloist Chuck Braafladt in performing *Sunrise, Sunset* and *The Lord's Prayer*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white shantung silk gown fashioned in a long, straight design. She wore a pill box hat accented with sequins and pearls and she carried a nosegay bouquet of spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Kelley Kelly of Clarendon, sister of the groom. She wore a black and white chiffon "after-five" gown.

Best man and usher was Scott Morris of Dimmitt, brother of the bride.

Brittany Kelly served as flower girl.

After the ceremony, the couple was feted with a reception at the Amarillo Club.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1993 with a degree in speech and hearing sciences. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority at Texas Tech. She is working toward her certification in elementary education at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The groom graduated from Hereford High School in 1983. He graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville in 1989 and is currently employed with Monfort, Inc.

Newlyweds establish new home in Nazareth

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wethington are home in Nazareth after their Sept. 24 wedding and a honeymoon trip to Aspen, Colo.

The bride is the former Nikki Schulte, daughter of Kenneth and Cynthia Schulte of Nazareth. The groom is the son of Melvin and Joy Wethington of Nazareth.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Father Neal Dee in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth.

The altars were decorated with large bouquets of white flowers accented with greenery and green votive candles. The candelabras held white candles and were entwined with greenery. Green and white bows marked the pews.

Organist Marcia Hoelting accompanied soloists Nicole Kleman and Noreen Carson in performing the couple's musical selections.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white bridal satin. The open, slightly off-the-shoulder styled gown featured short sleeves. The princess bodice was accented with Schiffler lace embellished with pearls and sequins. A fitted basque waistline allowed the ballgown skirt to float gracefully to the floor and sweep into a mid-cathedral train. The skirt and train were adorned with motifs of lace encrusted with the beading. The hemline was finished with scalloped lace.

She carried a bouquet of white roses accented with babies' breath.

For "something old," the bride carried her paternal grandmother's rosary entwined in her bouquet. "Something new" were the matching pearl necklace and earrings which she wore. She also wore a "blue" garter.

Serving as maid of honor was Jill Pohlmeier of Nazareth, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids included Tami Albracht of Lubbock, Stephanie Schilling of Dimmitt and Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth, all friends of the bride; and Kaci Wethington of Nazareth, sister of the groom. Keli Schulte of Nazareth, cousin of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid. Flower girl was Macee Schulte of Nazareth, cousin of the bride.

The attendants wore straight, off-the-shoulder, floor-length dresses of emerald green taffeta. They carried long-stemmed white roses accented with babies' breath and white ribbon.

The junior bridesmaid and flower girl wore short dresses made from the same material as the gowns worn by the bridesmaids.

Best man was Justin Wethington of Nazareth, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Todd Nolen, uncle of the groom; Heath Schulte of Nazareth, brother of the bride; and Bob Wilhelm and Steven Lange, both of Nazareth, friends of the groom. Tyler Ehly of Nazareth, cousin of the groom, was the junior groomsman and Jake Hoelting of Nazareth, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Blood pressure clinic planned

A blood pressure clinic is planned in Dimmitt Oct. 13 at the Senior Citizens Center.

The clinic will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and is sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Health. The clinic is held the second Thursday of each month, is free and is open to the public.



MRS. JASON WETHINGTON
... nee Nikki Schulte

Candles were lit by Lora Hoelting of Amarillo and Gwen Hoelting of Canyon, cousins of the bride.

Guests were seated by Kyle Schilling of Dimmitt, Wade Hoelting of Lubbock and Travis Schulte of Nazareth, cousins of the bride.

A reception honoring the newlyweds was held in the Nazareth Community Hall after the wedding.

The bride's four-tiered wedding cake was accented with green and white flowers. The groom's German chocolate cake was decorated with miniature John Deere combine, tractor and planter.

The bride is a graduate of Nazareth High School and West Texas A&M University and she holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The groom graduated from Nazareth High School and he works as a custom harvester.

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Brad Sadler and Kristi Petty

Petty to wed Sadler

Doris Petty and Arlie Petty, both of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristi, to Brad Sadler, son of Jerry and Karen Sadler of Clifton.

The couple are planning a Jan. 14, 1995 wedding at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in May 1993 with a degree in merchandising. She is employed as account representative for Kelly Temporary Services in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Clifton High School. He will graduate from Texas Tech University in December with a degree in ag communications. He works at the Federal Building in Lubbock.

Martinez to attend leadership meet

Jennifer Martinez, daughter of Elias and Angelita Martinez, will be one of 350 national scholars attending a leadership conference in Washington, D.C. Tuesday through Sunday, Oct. 16.

Martinez is a junior at Hart High School and she will attend the National Young Leaders Conference, which is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Theme for the conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." During the conference, Martinez and other youths attending will have an opportunity to interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps. Martinez also will have an opportunity to meet with Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison; and Rep. Bill Sarpaluis, or appointed members of their staffs, to discuss important issues facing the nation.



Brittini Jones

Jones places at area event

Brittini Nicole Jones, five-year-old daughter of Virgil and Liz Jones of Dimmitt, placed in the 1994 Junior Miss Amarillo Area Pageant, Saturday at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Brittini was fourth runner-up in the Petite Miss category. Competition included sportswear, talent and party dress wear.



Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday is Laity Sunday. It is also HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday and Access Sunday, the beginning of Disabilities Awareness Week.

Sunday Church School classes will meet at 10 a.m. Lay people will lead the entire Sunday service at 11 a.m. Steven Hoggard will be in charge and will preach the sermon. He will be assisted by other lay people.

The Session will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

"Christ and the New Creation," Romans 8:6-27, will be the subject of the midweek Bible study,

Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse. Ministerial Alliance

The Rev. Ed Freeman will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 7:1-8:5, Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

Museum group to meet tonight

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the museum. All members are urged to attend.

Wedding date set

Veronica Estrada and Abel F. Mendoza plan to exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Friona.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Maria Estrada of Friona and the late Reyes Estrada. Parents of the prospective groom are Hector and Juanita Baldwin of Friona.

The bride-elect graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992 and will study radiology at Amarillo College this spring.

The prospective groom graduated from Marble Falls High School in 1994. He is employed with West Friona Grain.

The couple plan to live in Dimmitt after their wedding.

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Genesis 27:15-17



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Sports



Tigers roll in second half for 34-0 victory

By JOHN BROOKS

Slaton reeled off 20 quick points in the third quarter Friday to down the Dimmitt Bobcats 34-0 in Dimmitt's last non-district game at Bobcat Stadium.

"Well, we've run the gauntlet, and we're still alive," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum after his Bobcats completed their tough pre-conference schedule. The teams Dimmitt faced in the first five games are a combined 14-11, and Springlake-Earth, River Road and Slaton are a combined 12-3.

Freshmen edge Idalou

Dimmitt scored on a reverse in the second quarter and kept Idalou contained throughout the game for a 6-0 win Thursday at Bobcat Stadium.

The win improved the freshman record to 3-2 in non-district play.

D.J. Fleeks took a reverse near Dimmitt's goal line and rambled for a touchdown on a play that covered 90 yards from scrimmage. He was sprung by a great block by Charley Sanders. The PAT failed, and Dimmitt hung on to down the Wildcats.

"Our offensive line blocked very well," said coaches Cory Lynch and Bobby Feaster. "John Paul Ramos was unblockable on the defensive line and Stuart Sutton made several big tackles from the secondary."

"They beat us 7-6 the first week of the season so this was an important win for us."

The freshmen will play today at Floydada at 5:30 p.m.

7th graders bop Tigers

Dimmitt's seventh graders scored four touchdowns in the first half en route to a 36-0 win Thursday over Slaton at Bobcat Stadium.

The win drove the seventh grade's record to 2-0-1.

Sergio Navarro scored on a 69-yard run on the game's first play from scrimmage. A missed PAT left Dimmitt with a 6-0 lead.

Navarro had a 55-yard run called back on Dimmitt's third play of the game, but came back to score on a 60-yard run on the next play. Frederick Traylor scored the two-point PAT for a 14-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Navarro scored on an 18-yard lead play, and Traylor again ran for the two-point conversion to give Dimmitt a 22-0 advantage.

Daniel Flores scored on a two-yard run on a counter play to put Dimmitt ahead 28-0 at halftime.

Late in the game, Dimmitt scored its final touchdown. Kyle Wood caught a 30-yard pass from Justin Sutton, who nailed Wood on stride at the 10. Randy Porter carried for the two extra points.

Dimmitt rolled up 230 yards on the ground and the 30-yard pass play while limiting Slaton to 85 yards. Offensive standouts included Wood, Sutton, Navarro, Flores and Traylor. Coach Dean Price also praised the offensive line for doing extremely well.

Price also lauded the defensive unit for allowing less than 100 yards in its second shutout in three games. In three games the seventh graders have scored 56 points and allowed only eight.

"We opted for a tougher schedule this year because we thought it would take that for us to ever compete at a higher level," Chisum said. Friday night, the Bobcats saw the team that will probably win District 3-3A; since Slaton is on the weaker half of the bracket, the Tigers could easily go to the regional finals, or beyond.

Dimmitt played even with the Tigers in the first half and just missed a chance to score early in the game.

On Slaton's first possession, quarterback Chris Hammons was pressured from the backside and lost his grasp on the ball. Linebacker Chris Everett recovered for the Bobcats at the Tiger 42. Dimmitt moved to the Slaton 7 in just four plays, with an 18-yard run by Derrick Thomas and a 14-yard pass play from Jason Wooten to Joe Juarez putting the Bobcats in good shape. On first down at the seven, Wooten mishandled the ball and Slaton recovered the fumble to end Dimmitt's only scoring chance of the night.

"If we had scored then it could have put a different look on the game," Chisum said. "The good part about it was we stayed in there and didn't let that get us down. The big difference between last year and this year is that last year we would have had people throwing their helmets and yelling and doing other things. This year, we are a lot better about that and that's a credit to the kids. In the past we would have given up right then, but we didn't give up then; we didn't even give up when it was 34-0."

The teams traded punts--four apiece--for the majority of the first half until Slaton recovered a second Dimmitt fumble at the Bobcat 41 with 2:47 to play in the first half. The Tigers marched to the end zone in four plays, with Oskar Soliz carrying the final nine yards with 1:30 to go in the period. Dusty



TOUGH YARDS—With the Bobcats backed up to their goal line near the end of their game against Slaton here Friday night, Dimmitt's Joe Juarez (33) earns a little breathing room with a seven-yard gain. Making the tackle is Slaton's Roderick

Farris (81). In background are Dimmitt's Drew Musick (79) and Chris Everett (55), and Slaton's Stephonz Williams (22). The state-ranked Tigers won the nonconference game, 34-0.

Photo by Don Nelson

Smith's PAT kick gave the Tigers a 7-0 halftime lead.

Slaton didn't punt again until the last three minutes of the game as the Tigers scored on its first four possessions of the second half. The Bobcats, meanwhile, went nowhere in the second half, picking up just 60 yards in 23 plays.

Soliz, the leading rusher on the South Plains, scored on the fifth play of the second half when he went 33 yards on a third-and-five play with 9:52 to play. Smith's PAT kick gave Slaton a 14-0 lead.

After a 34-yard Chad Ellis punt, the Tigers moved 82 yards from their 18 to score again. On third-and-eight, quarterback Chris Hammons found split end Roderick Farris over the middle. Farris outraced everyone to the end zone, and Smith's PAT gave the Tigers a 21-0 lead with 3:20 to play in the third.

Slaton struck again quickly when Wooten's screen pass was intercepted at the Dimmitt 21. Soliz carried from the one with 54

seconds to play; Smith's PAT was wide, and the Tigers ended the quarter ahead 27-0.

Slaton marched 68 yards on five plays early in the fourth quarter. Hammons connected with Farris on a 51-yard pass play with 8:43 to play. Farris caught the ball along the left sideline, then eluded two Dimmitt defenders for the touchdown. Smith connected on the PAT for the 34-0 final score.

"They wore us down in the second half," Chisum said. "As the game progressed their strength was

Game at a Glance



Score by quarters:

Slaton	0	7	20	7	34
Dimmitt	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring summary:
 Second quarter—Slaton: Oskar Soliz 9 run (Dusty Smith kick), 1:30.
 Third quarter—Slaton: Soliz 33 run (Smith kick), 9:52.
 Slaton: Roderick Farris 28 pass from Chris Hammons (Smith kick), 3:20.
 Slaton: Soliz 1 run (kick failed), 0:54.
 Fourth quarter—Slaton: Farris 51 pass from Hammons (Smith kick), 8:43.

Statistics:

	Dimmitt	Slaton
First Downs	8	16
Yards Rushing	121	244
Yards Passing	19	79
Total Yards	140	323
Passes C/A	2/5	5/8
Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Punts-Avg.	5-38	5-37
Penalties-Yards	6-34	8-50

Individual rushing: Derrick Thomas 22-78; Joe Juarez 9-36; Dagon Newton 3-7; Stephan Villanueva 1-1; Jason Wooten 5-(-1).
 Individual receiving: Joe Juarez 1/14; Brandon Smith 1-5.

a real big difference and they wore us down at the line of scrimmage. Both of their defensive tackles bench press over 300 pounds. They're much stronger than we are, and we can take care of that with another off-season in the weight room.

"We had some good points. Chad punted the ball well (38 yard average) and our coverage teams played as well as they have since I came here two years ago. I was also pleased with our sophomores. We had several of them who came in and did a good job.

"Our fullbacks (Joe Juarez and Dagon Newton) played well, and we're going to continue to make them an important part of our offense."

At Abernathy Invitational

Bobbies win team title; Hoelting wins boys' race

Amy Ethridge posted the winning time of 12:48 in the Abernathy Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday to boost the Dimmitt Bobbies to a first-place team finish in the girls' division; while Nazareth's Casey Hoelting had the top time in the boys' race, 16:30, for the gold medal.

The Nazareth Swiftettes finished the meet just behind Dimmitt, recording 67 points to Dimmitt's 47. Other teams and their places were Muleshoe, third; Sudan, fourth; Shallowater, fifth; Bovina, sixth; Tahoka, seventh; Abernathy, eighth; Whitharral, ninth; Springlake-Earth, 10th; Lockney, 11th; New Deal, 12th; Littlefield, 13th; Loop, 14th; Happy, 15th; and Hale Center, 16th.

The Bobbies placed three runners in the Top 10. Ethridge was the

gold medalist, Summer McLean finished fifth in 13:10, and Kim Thomas was 10th in 13:23.

Nazareth's top girl was Misti Ball, who placed sixth with a time of 13:12. Carie Wethington was a second behind her, finishing seventh in 13:13.

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton said the boys' three-mile race was a two-man race between Hoelting and Paul Ruiz of Abernathy, who was second in 16:35.

"Casey beat him (Ruiz) by about seven yards, and those two were a minute ahead of everyone else," Hampton said.

The Bobbies also ran Laura Torres, who finished 16th in 13:35.68; Rochelle Harman, 20th, 13:44.62; Amy Matthews, 22nd,

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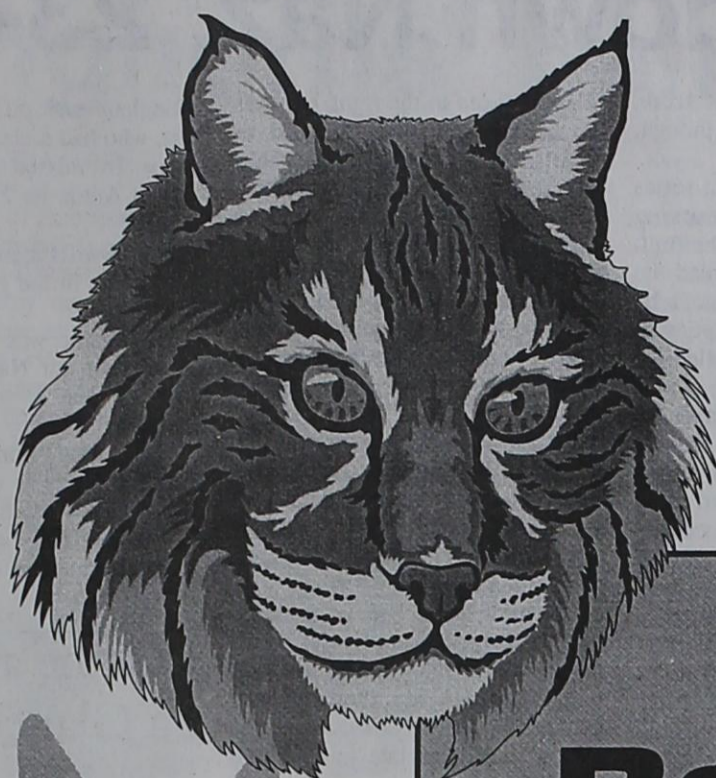
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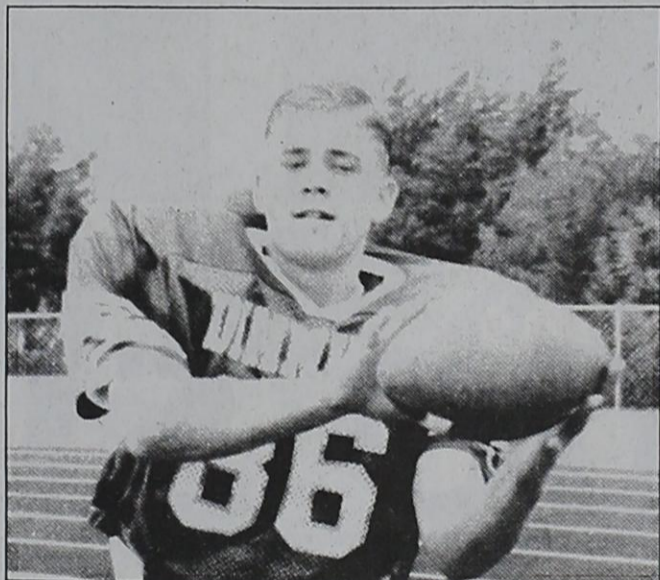
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 Bobcats 20, Sanford-Fritch 0
 Bobcats 7, Tulia 14
 Bobcats 20, River Road 31
 Bobcats 0, Slaton 34

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October 14	• Shallowater	There	7:30
October 21	• Friona	Here	7:30
October 28	• Muleshoe	Here	7:30
November 4	• Littlefield	There	7:30

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

JV 6, Springlake-Earth 7; Freshmen 6, Idalou 7
 JV 20, Sanford-Fritch 6; Freshmen 21, Sanford-Fritch 16
 JV 20, Tulia 0; Freshmen 42, Tulia 18
 JV 10, River Road 28; Freshmen 7, River Road 12
 Freshmen 6, Idalou 0

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November 3	• Littlefield	Here	5:30-7:00

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Stewart does it all as 'Dogs down Naz, 23-7

By SCOTT BROCKMAN
He runs 77 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the game. He jukes defenders out of their shoes for another later in the game. Then he picks off a pass and returns it 25 yards for another TD. He kicks a field goal and runs in a two-point conversion. He also makes several tackles on defense.

Is it Superman achieving these successes? Not quite. It's Anton's tailback James Stewart, and al-

though he's not Superman, he played like the genuine article Friday night.

Stewart scored all of Anton's points in a 23-7 Homecoming victory over Nazareth Friday in Anton. Stewart finished with 135 of Anton's 167 total offensive yards. Tackling Stewart when he was tackled, were probably Nazareth seniors Ron Backus, Jon Johnson and Adam Johnson, who had five tackles each to lead the Swifts.

"We just allowed the big play too much," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "That's something we definitely have to work on. We didn't play all that bad; there were some positives."

Nazareth's offense wasn't one of the positives, though. The Swifts outgained the Bulldogs 195-167 in total yardage and had 13 first downs to Anton's 5. But Nazareth only crossed the goal line once.

and rumbled 77 yards for the score. He missed the extra point, though, leaving the score 6-0.

After both teams traded a series of punts, Nazareth came knocking at Anton's end zone door. The Bulldog defense dug in and forced the Swifts to attempt a field goal by Cody Annen. The attempt was short, and Anton still controlled the game with a 6-0 lead.

Anton took over, but gave the ball back to Nazareth when Stewart fumbled the ball on his first carry.

Nazareth's lone touchdown came when Coby Schacher pushed through the defense and found paydirt from 10 yards out. Annen put Nazareth ahead by a point when he nailed the extra point with 7:57 left in the first half.

That was the only lead and the only touchdown Nazareth would see.

Anton regained the lead on its next possession, driving down to the Nazareth 35 before Stewart took over. Chased by two defenders,

Stewart faked to the right, exploded to the left, and then outraced the Swifts for his second TD. He added the two-point conversion to give Anton a 14-7 lead.

Nazareth's offense moved the ball into Anton territory and threatened to score two more times in the first half, but came away empty each time. From that point things started going from bad to worse for the Swifts.

In the second half, Stewart received a Brockman punt and returned it deep into Nazareth territory. After a third down conversion failed, Stewart booted a field goal to give his team a 17-7 lead.

Nazareth again had an opportunity to score, but the Swifts' penetration deep into Anton territory was stopped when they couldn't convert a fourth down play and Anton took over late in the third quarter.

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Bingham was picked off by Stewart, who had a clear road to the end zone. He missed the PAT, but had given Anton its 23-7 lead and victory.

The Swifts again had chances to score late in the game, but nothing panned out.

The game was the last non-district game for Nazareth, and Price said it was a good one for the Swifts.

"This tough non-district schedule is good for us as we enter district," Price said. "We may be 2-2 on record, but now we start the real thing, and we're 0-0, just like everyone else."

Bobcats, Swifts open district play

The real season starts this week for the Nazareth Swifts and the Dimmitt Bobcats, while the Hart Longhorns hope to keep their unbeaten streak alive in District 3-AA as they face the tough Hale Center Owls on Friday.

Nazareth takes on Vega for the NHS Homecoming game at 7 p.m. The Floydada-Dimmitt game and the Hart-Hale Center contest start at 7:30 p.m.

Floydada at Dimmitt
Dimmitt is through with its tough pre-district slate and can put its 1-4 record on the shelf as it prepares to host the Whirlwinds at Bobcat Stadium.

"The good part is that the new season, the real season, starts this week," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "There will be three teams

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More about Cross-country...

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13:48.20; and Jacy Buckley, 24th, 13:48.83.

Rounding out Nazareth's varsity squad were Tanya Wethington, 15th, 13:35; Melinda Schmucker, 17th, 13:36; Amy Pohlmeier, 28th, 13:58; and Denia Durbin, 33rd, 14:04.

"The girls got off to a slow start, but then they caught back up and finished okay," said Hampton.

15:33.74; Tina Williams, 28th, 15:35.89; Teresa Robertson, 58th, 17:05.24; Amy Garcia, 60th, 17:28.58.

Dimmitt and Nazareth will compete in the Lubbock Invitational Meet Saturday, with the junior varsity races starting at 9 a.m. and the varsity races beginning at 9:20. This will be the last race for Nazareth before the district race on Oct. 17 at the Littlefield Country Club.

Nazareth's and Dimmitt's junior high girls also ran at Abernathy Saturday. The Bobbies won the meet and Nazareth finished fifth overall.

Dimmitt was paced by Shawna Kenworthy, whose time of 13:03.39 was best in the meet for the gold medal. Other Dimmitt runners were Stephanie Hinojosa, third, 13:24.87; Sandra Torres, fourth, 13:41.24; Lilia Dominguez, ninth, 14:13.47; Stephanie Flores, 18th, 14:47.27; Carol Summers, 20th, 14:54.08; Lindsey Welch, 21st, 14:55.81; Jessica Garcia, 28th, 15:25.94; Alta Reyna, 29th, 15:29.72; Taryn Hays, 34th, 15:40.33; Janina Puente, 47th, 16:08.71; Holly Reyna, 49th, 16:12.36; and Jackie Bebout, 50th, 16:15.74.

Representing Nazareth were Kira Ball, 11th, 14:33; Tiffany Schmucker, 25th, 15:08; Lori Maurer, 27th, 15:18; Sara Schulte, 63rd, 17:13; Cassie Birkenfeld, 67th, 17:22; Mindi Etheridge, 74th, 17:35; and Meredith Braddock, 76th, 17:42.

In the boys' junior high race (which was two miles), two Dimmitt runners earned medals. They were Tyrell Bebout, a sixth grader who ran the race in 14:10.43; and Matthew Wright, a fifth grader, who finished in 14:19.78.

The junior varsity meet was almost the same as the varsity, but the Swiftette junior varsity captured the team trophy at the meet, winning with 27 total points and the Bobbies were second.

Jessica Vasquez of Dimmitt won the meet with a time of 13:25.95 and Nazareth runners Trina Johnson and Lynsey Hoelting were second and third, respectively.

The team "ran well," according to Hampton, and finished six of their runners in the Top 10. "They've run well all year," Hampton said, adding that the junior varsity has only lost to Canyon and Amarillo schools this season.

Top Nazareth runners were Johnson, second place, 13:50; Hoelting, third, 13:54; Celina Braddock, fifth, 13:57; Sara Birkenfeld, eighth, 14:25; Margie Durbin, ninth, 14:26; Kaci Wethington, 10th, 14:27; Judith Nieves, 18th, 15:15; Jill Ramackers, 40th, 16:05; K'Lynn Gerber, 42nd, 16:09; Kourtney Robertson, 51st, 16:49; and Whitney McLain, 57th, 18:26.

Dimmitt's runners included Sabrina Olvera, fourth, 13:55.76; Amber Matthews, seventh, 14:19.77; Jana Nelson, 16th, 15:03.07; Carrie Bradley, 25th,

Gaylon Schilling completed 12 of 22 passes for 93 yards, completing four passes each to Colby Pohlmeier and Scott Brockman, who tallied 42 and 37 yards, respectively. Nazareth's ground attack accounted for another 102 yards, led by Jon Johnson, who rushed for 49 yards.

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Game at a Glance

	NAZ	ANT
First Downs	13	5
Rushes-Yards	37-102	26-167
Passing Yards	93	0
Total Offense	195	167
Passes Comp./Att.	12/22	0/3
Passes Int. By	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Punts-Avg.	4-35	4-41
Penalties-Yds	4-30	13-135
Nazareth	0	7
Anton	6	8

SCORING SUMMARY
First Quarter:
ANTON: James Stewart 77 run (kick failed)
Second Quarter:
NAZ: Coby Schacher 10 run (Cody Annen kick)
ANTON: Stewart 35 run (Stewart run)
Third Quarter:
ANTON: Stewart field goal
Fourth Quarter:
ANTON: Stewart 25 interception return

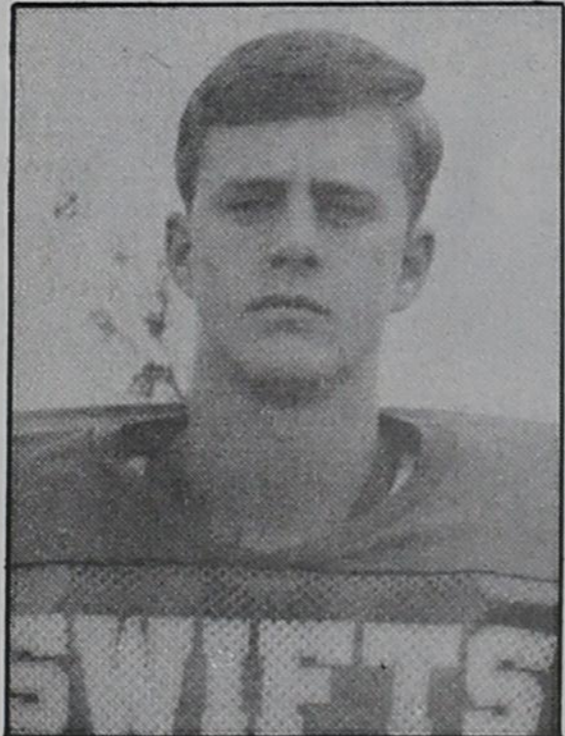
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—NAZ: Jon Johnson 11-49; Quentin Dobmeier 6-36; Coby Schacher 9-24; Gaylon Schilling 10 (-2); Colby Pohlmeier 1 (-5).
Passing—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 12/22 for 93 yards.
Receiving—NAZ: Colby Pohlmeier 4-42, Scott Brockman 4-37, Justin Bingham 3-9, Nathan Hoelting 1-5.
Fumble Recoveries—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 2.
Interceptions—NAZ: None.
Tackles—NAZ: Ron Backus, Jon Johnson and Adam Johnson 5.



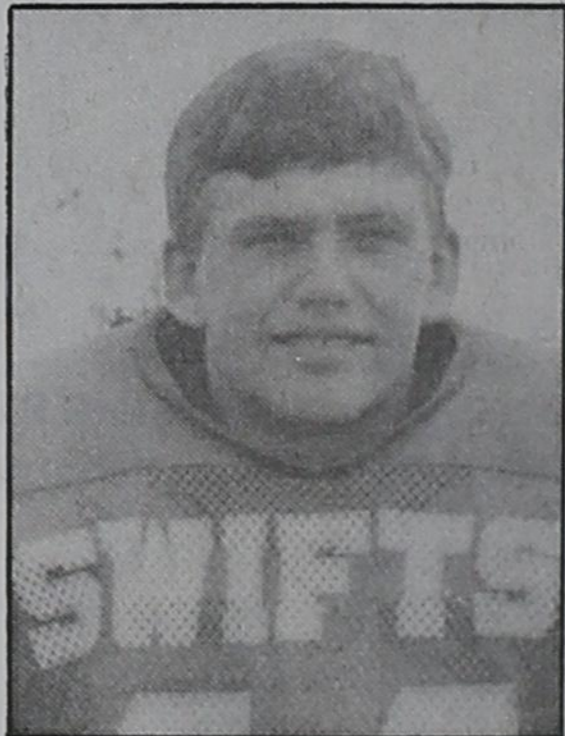
ANTON'S CLINT CONKIN (15) was no match for Nazareth's Coby Schacher (44) on this play. Schacher broke through the line, then shoved his way past Conkin to score from 10 yards out during

second quarter action Friday in Anton. Schacher's touchdown run was the only one Nazareth would get, and the Swifts fell to the Bulldogs, 23-7.

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Longhorns hammer New Deal for 35-0 win

By GERALD AALBERS

Hart continued its early district play domination of its opponents as the offense stampeded to a lopsided victory while the defense continued to refuse to allow the opponents into the end zone in a 35-0 win over New Deal at Hart.

The ball-carrying chores were spread primarily among three backs: Raynea Garcia, Joe Longoria and Jeremy Card. The Longhorns amassed 219 rushing yards and Valderaz added another 110 yards passing.

"I'm just tickled to death with Jeremy Card and Joe Longoria at tailback," said Hart coach Danny Wilhelm. "Alan (Valderaz) had his best game running our offense. We didn't have near as many mistakes."

Meanwhile, the stubborn Longhorn defense was led by Clint Emery and Chris Hernandez, who both had 9 1/2 tackles. Helping to keep the Lions caged were Card, who intercepted a pass, and Travis Bennett and Hernandez, who recovered New Deal fumbles.

"What can I say (about our defense)? They've played solid all year long," said Wilhelm.

Hart scored in every quarter as Raynea Garcia ran five, 10 and three yards for scores while adding another on an eight-yard pass from Valderaz. The scores by Garcia sandwiched a 29-yard touchdown pass from Valderaz to Jeremy Card.

Valderaz credited the offensive line for the new birth of the Hart passing attack. "I had all day to

throw the whole game. I didn't get sacked one time. The line blocked the whole time. I was surprised."

For New Deal, the song made popular in the early sixties and revitalized by Disney in *The Lion King* proved prophetic. "Don't fear, Hart Longhorns, the lion sleeps tonight." Maybe New Deal wasn't napping, but the cats had certainly lost their tongues because they didn't roar either. Crossing midfield only three times all night, New Deal threatened only twice (both drives aided by Hart infractions), and the Lions penetrated the 20 once before their drive halted at the Hart 12.

Hart's first score was set up when Chris Hernandez recovered a New Deal fumble at the Lion 15. In three plays, Garcia lit up the scoreboard.



OUTTA BOUNDS--Hart defenders Raynea Garcia (2) and Chris Hernandez (50) ride the New Deal quarterback out of bounds during action Friday at Hart. The Longhorns shut out the Lions, 35-0, and Garcia scored four touchdowns. Coming in to help on the play is Felix Rocha (1). Photo by Shawn Thomas

Hart runners strong Saturday at Floydada meet

Hart's varsity girls were second and the varsity boys were third Saturday at the White River Run at Floydada.

"We really ran well this week," said coach Chelle Wilcox. "Our times were really good."

Hart's girls had 48 points, trailing only Petersburg (29 points). The Longhorn girls topped a field including Sands, Hedley, O'Donnell, Samnorwood, Silverton, Motley County and Kress in Division I.

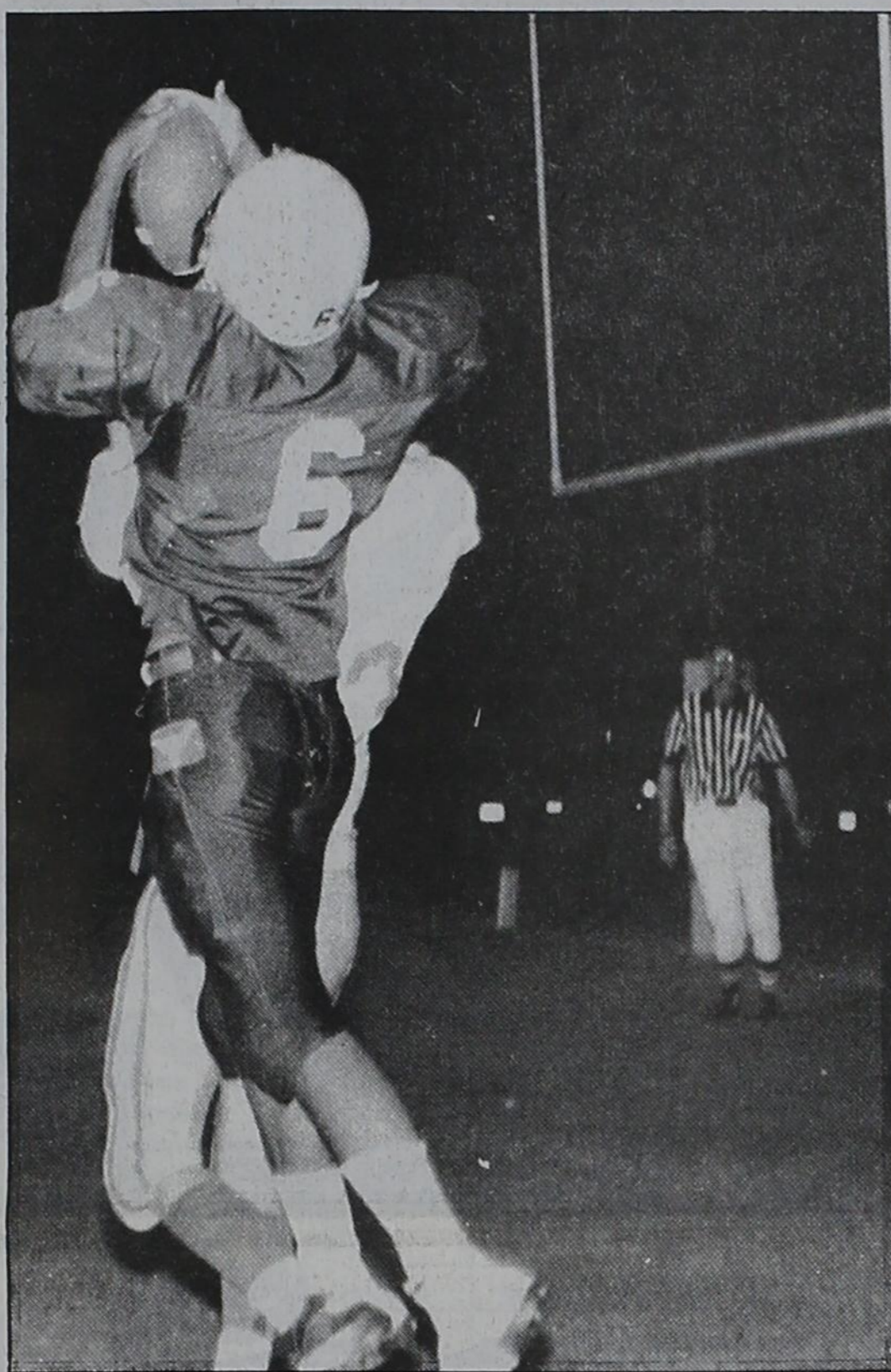
Tops for Hart was Christina Robledo, fourth in 14:04. Also running were Lisa Rincon, fifth in 14:34; Tylene Garcia, eighth in 14:39; Isela Minjarez, 14th in 15:06; and Bonnie Reyna, 20th in 15:24.

For the JV girls, Claudia Guzman was 11th in 16:02; Sandra Lopez was 12th in 16:03; and Celina Carrasco was 14th in 16:18.

For the varsity boys it was a tough field behind Fort Elliot (30) and Petersburg (58). Kress was fourth with 72 points.

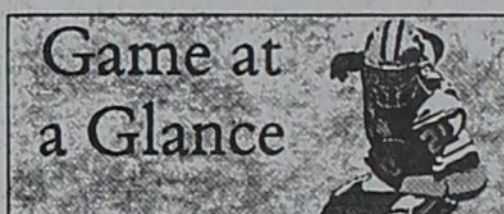
Mario Guzman led Hart with a fourth-place finish in 19:07; Miguel Gonzales, ninth in 20:07; Eric Montemayor, 11th in 20:19; Erasmo Castillo, 16th in 21:02; and Angel Pantoja, 35th in 23:58.

Both Hart teams will join most of the other teams in the region at the tough Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park.



ALMOST SIX--J.R. Lee (6) of the Hart Longhorns outfought a New Deal defender but dropped this pass from Alan Valderaz in the end zone Friday at Longhorn Stadium. Hart cashed in on five scoring opportunities Friday for a 35-0 win in the District 3-AA contest. Photo by Shawn Thomas

Aggressive.' And that's the way we play the game."



Score by quarters:

New Deal	0	0	0	0	--	0
Hart	14	7	7	7	--	35

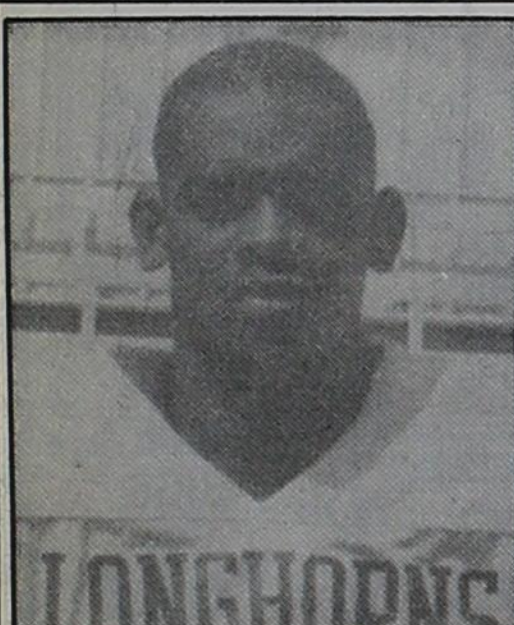
Scoring summary:

First quarter--H: Raynea Garcia 5 run (kick failed)
 H: Garcia 10 run (Jeremy Card pass from Alan Valderaz)
 Second quarter--H: Card 28 pass from Alan Valderaz (Garcia kick)
 Third quarter--H: Garcia 8 pass from Valderaz (Garcia kick)
 Fourth quarter--H: Garcia 5 run (Garcia kick)

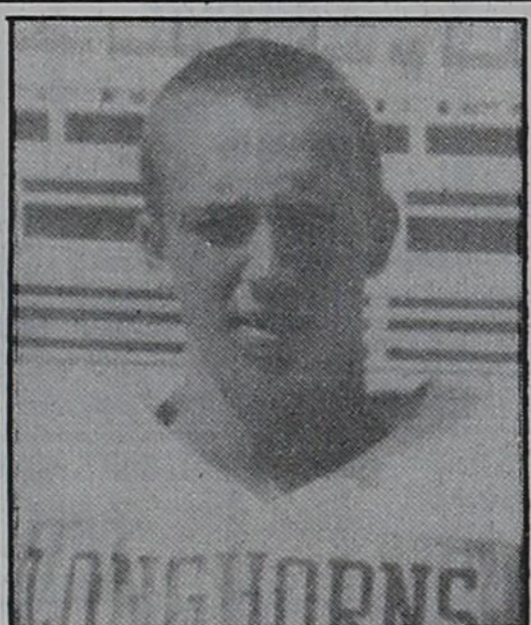
Statistics:

	New Deal	Hart
First Downs	8	16
Yards Rushing	45	219
Yards Passing	29	110
Total Yards	74	329
Passes C/A	5/17	7/12
Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-1
Punts-Avg.	5-26	3-32
Penalties-Yards	1-5	7-60

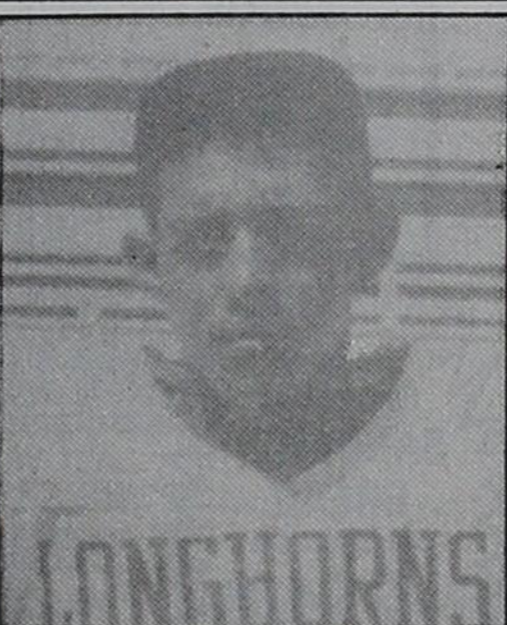
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at 1-0 and three at 0-1 after Friday night, and it's all pretty wide open right now in the district. We just need to stake our claim."

Chisum is confident that those tough games in the pre-district schedule will help the Bobcats against Floydada this week.

"We've played some real tough opponents and we know what it takes to play at a higher level," Chisum said. "Now we need to play at that higher level, beginning this week."

Floydada started the year in an odd-man defensive front but has gone back to its traditional split-six defense that was a staple under coaches L.G. Wilson, W.T. Stapler and Dean Bates.

"Their kids are comfortable with that defense and play it pretty well," Chisum said.

Two speed merchants, Pete Cooper and Vernon Cooper, are the main threats for the Whirlwinds. Pete Cooper, a senior, is a three-year starter for Floydada and will man the tailback spot most of the game. His younger brother, sophomore Vernon, will see time at tailback, wingback and flanker for new coach Bryan Davis, who moved to Floydada this summer from Olton.

At quarterback is last year's all-district selection Sammy Rodriguez.

"He runs the offense well and has thrown the ball real well in the past," Chisum said. "We need to try to keep him under control. He is very unpredictable and pitches the ball at any time. We need to do a good job against him and make sure we contain the option."

"Of course the best way to contain the option is to keep the football. If they don't have it they can't score, and we need to maintain possession and put points on the board."

In other District 2-AAA games this week, Friona hosts Shallowater and Muleshoe hosts Littlefield.

"I really believe Muleshoe will play Littlefield tough and Shallowater-Friona will be a good game," Chisum said. "It is important for us to win against Floydada, and then all kinds of good things can happen from here out."

Vega at Nazareth

Nazareth is optimistic about its chances in District 2-A this season with the new realignment, but it will still take a solid effort each week for the Swifts to contend for a playoff berth.

The Swifts will have to turn out the first of five solid performances Friday night when they host Vega for homecoming and the District 2-A opener.

Pre-game homecoming activities will begin about 6:30 p.m., with kickoff in the game slated for 7 p.m.

Vega fields an experienced team and has compiled a 2-3 record this season. The Longhorns have posted wins over Lubbock Christian (12-0) and Valley, and have lost to White Deer, Boys Ranch and Sunray.

"Vega's done okay this season, but I don't think they've played their best game, yet. They've had to overcome a lot of injuries," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "If Vega can put it all together, they'll be tough."

The Longhorns have 10 defensive starters back, and they run a split 6 with six linemen up and two backers.

"They like to shift people around, and sometimes they'll use a nine-man front," Price said. "They've got some huge linemen; they're probably the biggest team we've played."

Anchoring the defensive line will be tackles Jarrett Spinhime (6-1, 200) and David Newkirk (6-2, 225). Other top defenders will be tackle Joaquin Segovia (5-9, 220), and defensive ends Jeremy Kinsey (6-0, 170) and Victor Rascon. Linebackers also have good size, including Lance Sides (5-10, 190) and Luis Martinez (6-1, 215). The secondary features Bret Arho and Keith Broman.

Broman pilots the Longhorns'

offense, and he likes to run with the pigskin, Price said.

"Vega's been running the wishbone, but lately it looks like they're trying to get away from that and go more toward a Wing-T formation. They like the option and want their quarterback to run with the ball."

Broman is also capable of throwing the football, and Price said Vega has been known to try and get receivers behind the defense and headed deep.

He's also worried about Vega's special teams, which have "had a lot of success returning kickoffs and punts. We're going to have to pay special attention to those guys."

Hart at Hale Center

Hart will face its biggest District 3-AA test to date when it travels to Hale Center Friday night to take on the Owls, who are 1-1 in conference play.

Hart has yet to lose a district game, beating Abernathy and New Deal. Hale Center lost a close game to Olton, then came back to beat Morton with ease last week. Olton is the only team to have beaten Hale Center this season. Before district, Hale Center sported a 3-0 record with wins over Roosevelt, Crosbyton and Petersburg.

"Hale Center has been scoring a lot of points this season," said Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm. "They lost to Olton 10-7, but we watched that film and they had an opportunity to score and couldn't. Other than that game, I think they've been averaging about 30 points per game."

Wilhelm's main concern is stopping Hale Center's fullback, Dereck McGill (6-2, 190).

"McGill carries several times a game and he usually has more than 100 yards per game," said Wilhelm.

He said Hale Center had been without their tailback, Angel Aguirre, for a while, but he'll be back for this week, and Hale Center will be at "full strength."

McGill and Aguirre have combined for more than 1,000 yards rushing already this season, with McGill averaging over 10 yards per tote and Aguirre picking up about nine yards per attempt.

"This is going to be a big challenge for our defense. They throw

well, but they prefer to run an option-type of offense. Off of that they'll come out with some play-action."

Quarterbacking the Owls is returning starter Fernando Vaquera (6-1, 150) and receivers are Joe Jimenez (5-8, 150) and Jeremy Hooks (5-8, 150). The offensive line has some good size players including tackles Robert Gamez (6-0, 210) and Lupe Flores (6-1, 250).

On defense, Hale Center runs a basic 5-2 and the unit is led by a

very quick noseguard, according to Wilhelm. That noseguard is Willie Rodriguez (5-8, 150).

"Their noseguard is very quick. They like to send him on slants, one way or another. Then they've got two big kids at tackle and McGill is one of their linebackers. Their defensive front is very solid. We're going to have to execute our offensive game well," Wilhelm said.

"Hale Center can hang with just about anybody if given the chance,"

said Hart's Clint Emery. "If we don't play our game, we could be in trouble."

Hart beat New Deal Friday with two new tailbacks, Joe Longoria and Jeremy Card, who took the place of Eddy Chavers, who left the team last week.

The duo did well, with Longoria gaining 57 yards and Card picking up 60. Wilhelm was pleased with their performance and said they did a good job picking up the slack.

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RES first graders earn awards

Awards have been presented for the first six weeks to first graders at Richardson Elementary School.

Students receiving awards were:

Mrs. Myatt's Room
 Citizenship: Jordan Bell, Haley Heard, Jennifer Montes, Ashlee Nino, Laura Rasor and Tucker Self.
 Perfect attendance: Frank DeLaPaz, Heard, Ryan Hunter, Clarissa Herrera, Mark Melendez, Montes, Nino, Shauna Nutt, Bobby Prieto, Tucker Self and Natasha Rodriguez.
 Writing: Ester Velasquez, Nino, Rasor, Herrera and Melendez.
 Most improved: Bianca Torres, Elias Porras, Fabian Diaz and Maria Ramos.

Miss Ponce's Room
 Citizenship: Sergio Cuevas, Jr. Limas, Samantha Neri, John Medrano, Vincent Casas, Janette Galvan, Lupe Castaneda and Valerie Ledesma.
 Perfect attendance: Cuevas, Neri, Jessica Pena, Ruben Rodriguez, Kelly Ruiz and Ana Sias.
 Writing: Valerie Ledesma.
 Most improved: Janette Galvan and Ruben Rodriguez.

Miss Barretero's Room
 Citizenship: Luis Dominguez, Jaime Esqueda, Pedro Ramos, Adrian Trevino, Alma Reyes, Lisa Marrufo, Teresa Sanchez and Sergio Ontiveros.
 Perfect attendance: Angelica Reyes, Maribel Hernandez, Ramos, Fernando Aguero, Vicente Diaz, Dominguez, Norma Moran, Edwin Hernandez, Alejandra Silva, Trevino, Jorge Quintana, Reyes and Maria Quintana.
 Writing: Maria Quintana, Ontiveros and Moran.
 Most improved: Johnny Ramirez.

Mrs. Feaster's Room
 Citizenship: Alexis Rodriguez, Hayli Wise, Isela Velo, Sean Hunter, Sabrena Patlan, Ricky Guerra, Jennifer Fuentes, Olivia Galindo, Ross Hunter, Sarah Lopez, Stephanie Enriquez, Gregory Calderon, Melissa Campos, Rebecca Bryan, Nicholas Ortiz, Jacob Ruiz and Christopher Velasquez.
 Perfect attendance: Calderon, Campos, Jason Corlis, Fuentes, Galindo, Ross Hunter, Sean Hunter, Lopez, Julian Ortiz, Ruiz, Velasquez, Velo and Wise.
 Writing: Velasquez, Ross Hunter, Ruiz and Ortiz.
 Most improved: Enriquez.

Mrs. Roberson's Room
 Citizenship: Martin Alvarez, Vanessa Caballero, Jonathan Flores, Jeremy Gamez, Krystal Martinez, Jessica Ortega, Rocio Rodriguez, Ivy Sanchez, Ka Shondra Sherman, Brittany Williams and Shenea Wright.
 Perfect attendance: Caballero, Monica Dozal, Bryan Hall, Martinez, Casey Maurer, Cesar Mejia, Emilio Mendoza, Ortega, J.J. Pena, Rodriguez, Sanchez, Williams and Wright.
 Writing: Alvarez, Caballero, Gamez, Martinez, Mejia, Ortega, Pena and Chris Saenz.
 Most improved: Sherman.

Mrs. Keith's Room
 Citizenship: Marisa Allison, Kathy Amador, Amber Enriquez, Joshua McAlister, Tabatha Sullivan, Kimberly Saenz, Nicole Tarango and Bridgette Velasquez.
 Perfect attendance: Allison, Cindy Alvarado, Amador, Aaron Herrera, Kolby Pillow, Saenz, Diego Salinas, Zjhon Smothermon, Tarango, Gerald Thomas, Velasquez, Angel Diaz and Daniel Perez.
 Writing: Amador and Tarango.
 Most improved: Alvarado, Orlando Olvera and Diaz.

Mrs. Matthews' Room
 Citizenship: Garrett Behrends, Daniella Covarrubia, Darcy Fisher, Anthony Navarro, Kristy Reyes, Sergio Saucedo, Ashley Sears and Bo Sifuentez.
 Perfect attendance: Behrends, Mandi Ebeling, Fisher, Luis Lopez, Kendra Puente, Reyes, Saucedo, Sears and Asia Spencer.
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Eighth graders swamp Slaton

Dimmitt's eighth graders scored 26 first half points in racking up a 38-0 win Thursday at Bobcat Stadium over the eighth graders from Slaton.

Beau Hill scored the first three touchdowns of the game, two in the first quarter, on sweeps around end. Jaime Lafuente, who had 70 yards on two carries, scored at the end of the first half on a reverse. Rafael Enriquez, who had six carries for 52 yards, scored on a sweep in the

third quarter. Stacey Villanueva scored in the fourth quarter on a dive play after a long drive. Villanueva had four carries for 40 yards. Quarterback Derek Buckley had three carries for 11 yards and Brandon Allison had two carries for 15 yards.

Coach Don Bell singled out Rusty Wooten (four tackles) and Dirkston Sherman (two tackles and two fumbles) for their work on defense.

HHS gears up for Homecoming

Hart High School will crown its 1994 Bonfire King next Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Longhorn Stadium.

The coronation is one of the highlights of the school's 1994 Homecoming celebration, which gets underway Tuesday, with the first of four dress-up days.

The celebration is set to conclude Friday, Oct. 14, with the Hart-Lockney game.

Bonfire King candidates are Joe Longoria, Chris Hernandez, Manuel Minjarez and Alan Valderaz.

Hart's Homecoming Queen will be crowned during the game, with candidates being Sheila Aalbers, Shea Bennett, Kim Gossman and Sandra Lopez.

The different dress days planned during the week include "Maroon and White Day" on Tuesday, "Wake Up the Longhorns" or "Pajama Day" on Wednesday, "Support Your School Day" by wearing a cap and shirt from your favorite college on Oct. 13, and "Dress-up Day" on Oct. 14.

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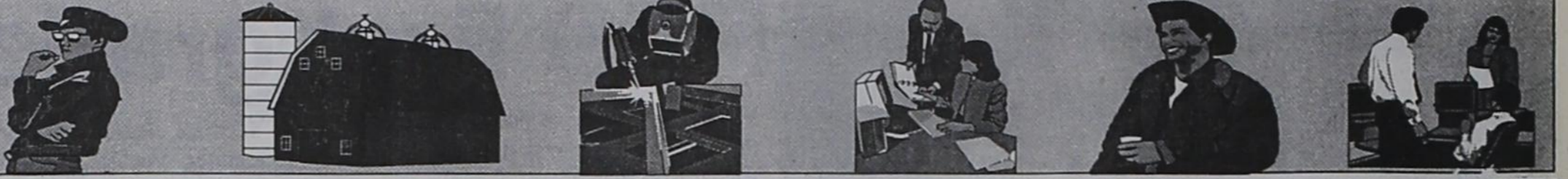
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By DON TAYLOR

Staying young

How beautiful is youth! How bright it gleams. With its illusions, aspirations, dreams!—Longfellow

According to folklore, Ponce de Leon traveled inland from the Florida coasts in 1513 in search of the fountain of youth. I assume he did not find it. If he had, I'm certain we would have seen his "Eternally Young" infomercial on television by now. He'd still be alive, you know.

Like de Leon, some folks are still looking for the secret of youth. Every year millions spend their hard-earned dollars on gimmick products aimed at extending their youth. They color their hair, moisturize their skin and gobble bottles of pills and liquids for the sake of slowing the aging process.

I do not mean to condemn those products or anyone who uses them. What I want to offer in this column are some serious thoughts on staying young. No gimmicks, no hype and no charge.

Youth is an attitude

Gen. Douglas MacArthur made this observation about youth: "Youth is not entirely a time of life, it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

I agree with MacArthur. Youth is a state of mind—an attitude. I know people who are still young at 80 and 90. Yes, their bodies are bending a little under the weight of years, but they are still young at heart. They have confidence, hope and faith. They are still accomplishing their goals, living their dreams and enjoying life.

To these fortunate ones, life is sweet and full of promise. Even as their health erodes, they retain the attitude of youth. They have learned that life is not the circumstances we face, but what we make of them.

Youth is habit

No one would argue that feeling good can help you feel young. And, just like we can control our attitude, we can also affect the quality of our health.

Dr. Peter Walters, director of life services at West Texas A&M University, says youth is a habit. Actually several habits. "We can improve our quality of life and extend our youth by developing healthy habits," Walters contends.

The evidence he presents is strong. He cites research on the aging process that shows that the average American loses about 50% of optimum body function between the ages of 30 and 65. Reaction time slows, muscle strength deteriorates and we become less flexible. However, by developing healthy habits, we can slow the aging process significantly.

Walter suggests making changes in three areas: Diet, exercise and rest. "God created our bodies to do work. To work efficiently, the body needs fuel (food) and periods of recuperation (rest)," he said.

Walters recommends a diet low in sodium and fat, and high in fiber. "You can eat most foods in moderation," he said, "but fresh fruit and vegetables are great fuel for your body."

For exercise Walters suggests walking and swimming. "Get your physician's approval and then gradually increase your activity level," he said.

On the subject of rest, Walters advises using common sense. "Don't think you can cheat the rest cycle. Rest is every bit as important as food and exercise. If you don't allow the body to recuperate naturally, you'll pay the price later," Walters said.

I've decided to follow Dr. Walters' advice. Won't you join me? As we work to develop healthy habits, I'll say a special prayer for both of us: That as the years roll by we'll stay young at heart, full of faith and hope and enjoy lasting health.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

SCS director election slated Oct. 13

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election to place directors from Zone 1 and 2 on the district's board of directors.

The election will be held next Thursday, Oct. 13, at Home Mercantile Grocery Store in Nazareth, according to Bob Phipps, chairman of the SCS board.

The election will begin at 8 p.m. State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must live in a county all or part of which is in the district and the voter must be 18 years of age or older.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for SCS director must own land in the subdivision he represents. The candidate must be 18 years of age or older and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The candidate also must live in a county which is included in the district.

Soil and Water Conservation District directors serve four-year terms of office.

Current members of the Running Water SCS board are Phipps; Coby Gilbreath, vice-chairman; Louis Huseman, secretary; and Richard Hunter, member.

The Running Water SCS, headquartered in Dimmitt, promotes sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters. The board coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs managed by the district are voluntary to the landowner or operator or other potential users.

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(Continued from Page 1) county precinct (Pct. 1, 2, 3 or 4). The last digit represents the location of the voter's box in that precinct.

Here's a list of the new precinct boxes, and where you vote if your registration card has this number. Voters are asked to check their cards and match the number in the precinct box with one of the following numbers, then vote at the corresponding location.

101: Hart Golden Group Building.

105: Sunnyside Fire Dept.

Election ...

201: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

206: Flagg Fertilizer.

301: Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt

307: Easter Community Center.

401: District Courtroom in the courthouse at Dimmitt.

408: Nazareth Community Center.

★ When you cast your ballot, either under early voting rules at the courthouse, or in the Nov. 8 general

election, County Clerk Joy Jones said it will be necessary for you to show your new voter's registration card to the voting clerk.

The Nov. 8 general election will be held under the new redistricting plan, and there will be confusion among several voters as to where they are supposed to vote, and in which precinct election they are allowed to vote.

By viewing a voter's registration card, voting clerks can determine if you are voting in the correct location.

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Up in the sky! . . .

(Continued from Page 1) about 20 miles—that's about as far as they can go before their propane runs out," the elder Hassold said. "Gas balloons can go much farther. All the long-range balloon flights you read about are made with gas balloons."

Part of the gas-balloon competition is to set up a number of tasks, or goals, for each team," explained Griner, a retired military man who serves as an official observer for the Albuquerque Fiesta.

(Griner's main pastime is scheduling appearances for the "Smokey Bear Balloon," which is operated by a non-profit corporation of volunteers to promote forest safety and conservation.)

A "goal" is a drop-point. It can be a highway intersection, a landmark or any other point on the map. Precise timing also comes into play in the judging.

"For this flight, they had one judge-declared goal and the pilots established their other goals as they progressed along the course," Griner said.

"They drop a bean-bag with a streamer at each goal site. But before making their drop, they check the wind velocity and direction, log their next goal and attach it to the bean-bag."

Griner added, "This team came real close—within a hundred yards of the exact spot on two of their goals, which is very good when you consider they're in a non-motorized vehicle and at the mercy of the wind."

★ "This was my most difficult gas balloon flight ever, I think," Fink

said. "There was a new moon, so not much light. We had to tell the chase vehicle to flash its lights so we could tell it from any other vehicles. And when we made a drop, we kept a flashlight beam on the bean-bag as it went down so the chase crew could see it."

The ballooners use three different methods to maintain contact—two-way radio, visual contact (eyesight by day and strobe lights by night), and the Global Positioning System (GPS), a precise method that utilizes communication satellites.

The Germans lifted off in Albuquerque at 1 a.m. Saturday, our time, and touched down near Dimmitt at 10:49 a.m., they said.

The American team lifted off

and touched down about an hour ahead of the Germans.

★ The Germans didn't realize that they had touched down within 40 or 50 air miles of the world's only source of helium, at Amarillo.

"So we brought the helium back!" Horst Hassold exclaimed.

"Our balloon holds 1,050 cubic meters of helium," he explained. "In Germany, helium is expensive. We pay for our helium by taking people for rides. Our balloon can carry five passengers plus a pilot."

"I guess it's not so expensive here. Our helium was included in the entry fee."

"Everyone here has been very helpful," he added. "Thank you for the hospitality."



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held Monday afternoon at The Fabric House, 113 SE Second Street in Dimmitt. Owner of the new business, which will handle fabrics, notions and more is Connie Wilhelm. The store will be managed by Dawn Bell. On hand for the ribbon cutting were (in front of ribbon) Connie's children, Jennifer, Heath and Brandon. Others (foreground, from left)

on hand were Avery Thrasher, Bell, Ronnie Wilhelm, Henry Wilhelm, Connie Wilhelm, Carolyn Jones and Reta Welch; and (background, from left) Don Nelson, Delores Heller, Wayne Collins, Jerome Brockman, Paula Reynolds, Ysleta Ball, Marilyn Neal and Carolyn Watts. The business is set to open on Oct. 10.

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FLAME KING AND QUEEN for 1994 at Dimmitt High School are seniors Cody Fry and Holly Wise. The two were crowned Sept. 28 at the pinning ceremony, part of Homecoming week activities. Fry is the son of Carole and Van Hopson; Wise is the daughter of Ronda and Gary Wise.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

NHS students plan Homecoming events

The Spirit King and Queen at Nazareth High School will be crowned tonight (Thursday) during the '94 Homecoming pep rally, which is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field.

Candidates for Spirit Queen and King are seniors Denia Durbin and Jaret Schulte, juniors Jaimye Bingham and Quentin Dobmeier, sophomores Jill Ramaekers and Cody Annen, and freshmen Lynsey Hoelting and Shane Etheridge.

A chili supper will be held from 5:30 p.m. until the pep rally begins, then will continue after the pep

rally. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during pre-game ceremonies at the Nazareth-Vega game on Friday. Queen candidates are seniors Kelley Boyd, Denia Durbin and Tara Johnson. Members of the Princess Court are junior Carie Wethington, sophomore Misti Ball and freshman Kaci Wethington.

Students at Nazareth have been celebrating Homecoming all week and raided closets in search of different clothing to wear this week.

A different "dress-up" day was planned for each day of the week,

beginning with "Backwards and Inside Out" day on Monday, "Strike a Pose" day on Tuesday, "Sunglasses Day" on Wednesday. Today (Thursday), will be "Blue and Gold Day." On Friday, students are asked to wear nice clothing for "Dress Up Day."

City buys three new patrol cars

City police officers will be driving in new, more dependable cars in the near future after the city council bought three new cars Monday.

The cars were bought on a three-year lease purchase plan from Nichols Ford in Fort Worth through Western Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in Hereford. The dealerships have the same ownership and submitted the low bid.

Bids were submitted from seven dealerships around the state. Some of the bids were for 1994 models, others for 1995 cars.

"I think it would be wise to get 94s that meet the specifications," said Police Chief Dewayne Haney. "We would get immediate delivery and the 95s are significantly higher."

The cars are Ford Crown Victorias and will be similar to vehicles purchased two years ago by Castro County for the sheriff's department.

The council also accepted changes in the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance that will require all out-of-town residents who sell goods to obtain a permit from the city. City residents will be exempt from the permit requirement.

The revised law will go into effect immediately. Out-of-town peddlers of any items will be required to register, post a bond and pay a required fee.

The law is not designed to preclude non-residents from selling goods, but to have recourse in case of problems with merchandise or companies.

The city also heard from Gloria and Ramiro Esquivel, who live on North Broadway. They complained that there was standing water that was stagnating along the curb in front of their house.

"The water has been there since the (First State) bank built the park," said Ramiro Esquivel.

Apparently, the street has not been cleaned in some time and water has been standing along the curb, allowing algae to grow. A bucket of algae, allegedly from standing water along N. Broadway, was brought to the meeting.

The council said they would look at problems with the street, including the possible need for new curb work by the State Dept. of Transportation. The city will also clean the curb area from the bank's mini-park to Halsell by hand to help the flow of water.



Mayor Wayne Collins signs a proclamation designating October as Spinal Awareness Month in Dimmitt. Looking on is Dr. Lee Baggett, owner of Baggett Chiropractic Center.

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County health fair to feature free testing and flu vaccines

If you plan to get a flu shot this fall, you have a perfect opportunity to do so Saturday.

And while you are getting that vaccination, you might as well have your blood pressure and hearing tested, have your height and weight recorded, have a glaucoma screening and have your blood typed, too.

The best part of all is you can have all of these services performed at one place—the Dimmitt High School gymnasium.

Each of these services and more will be offered during the annual Castro County Health Fair, which will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school's gym.

This year's fair is sponsored by the Castro County Extension Home Economics Committee and Plains Memorial Hospital.

Free flu vaccines will be offered, along with free testing, including those mentioned above. The hearing tests will be performed by High Plains Hearing Clinic, anemia testing will be performed by officials with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and the glaucoma screening will be performed by Dr. Morris Webb.

The Eye Bank of Amarillo will be at the fair and representatives from the organization will be collecting used and broken glasses to be fixed and distributed to the needy. If anyone has old glasses, lenses or frames they would like to donate, they may bring them to the fair and give them to the Eye Bank during Saturday's event.

Glucose tests and cholesterol tests will be offered for \$4 and pulmonary function (breathing) tests will be administered for \$2.

For children, there will be "well child exams" offered for youngsters ages 2 and up. These tests include an overall physical assessment, height, weight and blood pressure checks, and an ear and throat exam. There is no charge for the "well-child" examination.

Another new activity at this year's fair will be a child identification program co-sponsored by the Castro County 4-H and K-Bob's Restaurant. Pictures, fingerprints and vital statistics will be gathered on children, and an identification packet will be made for each child. There is no charge for this service.

AeroCare will have a medical helicopter at the fair and will offer those interested an opportunity to

Juhl-Lopez is named Hart's new postmaster

Hart has a new postmaster. David Juhl-Lopez, formerly postmaster at Edmonson, has been named the new postmaster at Hart. He replaces Larry Ward, who transferred to Edmonson.

Juhl-Lopez lives in Lubbock and commutes to Hart each day. He has lived in Lubbock since 1985.

Juhl-Lopez served in the Air Force for 27 years before working for the US Postal Service, first as a carrier, then as maintenance supply clerk, supervisor of building services, and finally as postmaster at Edmonson in February 1993.

see the copter with its modern medical equipment.

Castro County Emergency Medical Service, which is a volunteer organization serving the emergency medical needs in the county, will have an ambulance on hand to "bandage" and "splint" children, in an effort to demonstrate some of the minor services EMS performs.

A number of other agencies will be represented with many more exhibits.

For more information about the fair, contact Marilyn Neal, county Extension agent at 647-4115 or Linda Rasor, director of nurses at Plains Memorial Hospital, 647-2191.

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The Company proposes to increase its customer charge by 89 cents per month with no other changes to its gas rate schedules. The change would apply to General Service (residential and commercial) and Small Industrial Service. The Company also proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	19.00	28.50
Turn on service (meter read only required) and miscellaneous service calls	10.50	15.75
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	29.50	39.00
Dishonored check charge	25.00	

The proposed changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately 1.9% and therefore do not constitute a "major change." The proposed changes could affect approximately 217,000 gas consumers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79408-1121, and your local Energas Office. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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builders, and large tractors pulling "fold-up" plows with row markers. If you have a question about whether equipment will clear a power line, assume it won't and take action to avoid contact.

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22--Notices

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

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office in the Nov. 8 general election. The candidate's party affiliation is designated by a (D) for Democrat, (R) for Republican or (I) for Independent. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Incumbent office holders are designated by (i) following their names.

For County Treasurer:
Oleta Raper (D) (i)

For County-District Clerk:
Shirley Hollums (R)
Joyce Thomas (D)

For County Judge:
Robert L. Hawkins (R)
Irene Miller (D)

For Commissioner, Pct. 1:
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For Commissioner, Pct. 3:
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Phil Lemons (D)
Jeff Robertson (D) (i)
Jerry Stump (R)
Hank Warren (D)

For Commissioner, Pct. 4:
Carroll Gerber (R)
Vincent Guggemos (D) (i)

For State Senate, 30th District:
Steven A. Carriker (D) (i)

For Judge, 64th District Court:
Jack Miller (D) (i)

For Justice of the Peace:
Marshall Young (D) (i)

Political Adv. Pd. by Candidates

23--Lost & Found

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24--Card of Thanks

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25--Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK MERGER

Notice is hereby given that the First State Bank of Dimmitt, 201 North Broadway, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. 20429 for its written consent to merge with Shadow Hills National Bank, 4th Street at Frankford Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79490. It is contemplated that all of the offices of the above named institutions will continue to be operated following the merger.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following either the date of the first required publication or the date of receipt of the application by the FDIC, whichever is later. It is expected that processing will be completed no earlier than Oct. 29, 1994. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause.

The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the FDIC's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids for instructional supplies for the 1994-95 school year. Sealed bids must be received by 3 p.m. on Oct. 12, 1994, at the DISD Administrative Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Bid specifications may be obtained at Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-25-2tc

25--Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids on maintenance supplies for the 1994-95 school year. Sealed bids will be received until 3 p.m., Oct. 11, 1994, at the Dimmitt ISD Administrative Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and waive all formalities. 25-25-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Code that an Unincorporated Association of Persons has applied for a Private Club Registration Permit doing business as The Candlelight Club, located at 320 North Broadway, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The officers are as follows: Sam Christan Ramirez, President; Stephan Reyes Villanueva, vice president; Ismael Garza Flores, Secretary; and Jose Munoz Ortiz Jr., treasurer. 25-25-2tp

RES presents six weeks awards to second graders

Awards were handed out recently for the first six weeks at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt for the second grade.

Students receiving awards were:

Miss Thames' Room

Top spellers: Stephen Bueno, Chuck Cruz, Niccole Heard, Samantha Hernandez, Jeremy Norman, Estela Garcia and Darrell Reyes.

Perfect attendance: Weldon Allison, Vicente Alvarez, Bueno, Steven Caballero, Cruz, Garcia, Heard, Hernandez, Cindy Martinez, Adam Mendoza, Norman, Reyes, Willie Thomas and Camille Vasquez.

"A" Honor Roll: Bueno, Cruz and Norman.

Hardest worker: Robin Beames.

Mrs. Evan's Room

Top spellers: Amy Carter, Angel Castillo, Apolonia Flores, April Morgan, Jose Ontiveros, Matthew Ruiz, Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentes.

Perfect attendance: Casey Alaniz, Daniel Coleman, Ryan Miller, Morgan, Raul Olvera, Ontiveros, Trisha Reyes, Maribel Rivera, Ruiz, Jeremiah Sanchez, Roy Sanchez, Yvonne Sifuentez and Michael Diaz.

"A" Honor Roll: Ignacio Sifuentez and Flores.

Hardest worker: Ignacio Sifuentez.

Mrs. Brown's Class

Top spellers: Liliana Aguilar, Ben Birdwell, Carlos Chavez, Rosa Marrufo, Viktorya Navarro, Kelly Reyes, Charley Saenz, Stuart Sheffy and Jonathan Welch.

Perfect attendance: Aguilar, Raynee Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Chavez, Lesly Hinojosa, Megan Lemons, Marrufo, Navarro, Reyes, Javier Rodriguez, Albert Ruiz, Saenz, Sheffy and Birdwell.

"A" Honor Roll: Bradley, Lemons and Reyes.

Hardest worker: Navarro.

Mr. Soliz's Room

Top spellers: Nyssa Martinez, Nayelli Reyes, Felisha Starling, Sharette Johnson, Rigo Presas, Christina Ramos, Elias Zepeda, Kayla Acker, Lori Garza and Fabian Pena.

Perfect attendance: Acker, Cory Back, Corrie Kate Black, Garza, Jose Fernando Lopez, Nyssa Martinez, Shaun Martinez, Fabian Pena, Presas, Ramos, Reyes, Rudy Salinas, Starling and Elias Salud Zepeda.

"A" Honor Roll: Black, Garza, Reyes, Acker, Starling, Zepeda, Nyssa Martinez and Presas.

Hardest worker: Black.

Mr. Luna's Room

Top spellers: Jorge Alvarado, Delilah Barrios, Rosina Ornelas, Susana Ornelas and Alejandra Velasquez.



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County members celebrate 4-H Week

4-H has been an important part of Castro County for several years, and the organization is still going strong.

County 4-H'ers are celebrating National 4-H Week this week and have planned several special activities.

4-H has joined with K-Bob's Steakhouse of Dimmitt to provide a Child Identification Program during the Castro County Health Fair Saturday.

Pictures, finger prints and vital statistics will be gathered on a child, and an identification kit will be made for each child requesting one. The service will be provided free of charge to those interested.

In another special event during National 4-H Week, K-Bob's will donate 25¢ to the Castro County 4-H Scholarship Fund for each entrée purchased during the week.

A booth depicting 4-H activities is on display at the store.

The 4-H rolls in the county currently list 60 members in six clubs. Those clubs are the Dimmitt-Bethel Club, Nazareth Club, Hart Club, Flag Club, Horse Club and Trap Club.

Those 4-H'ers are preparing for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet, which will be held on Oct. 24 at the Expo Building. The News also plans to publish its annual tribute to the county's 4-H program, and it will be published in the Oct. 20 issue, just before the banquet.

Sheffy named to Who's Who

Carrie Sheffy, a senior at Dimmitt High School, has been nominated to be included in the 28th annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Sheffy is the daughter of Don and Karen Sheffy of Dimmitt. Inclusion in *Who's Who* is an honor reserved for only about 5% of the nation's high school students each year.



Carol Petty

Petty receives degree at Tech

Carol Petty, daughter of Doris Petty and Arlie Petty of Dimmitt, received her bachelor of science degree in speech-language pathology in August from Texas Tech University.

Petty graduated with honors. She is currently attendin the Health Sciences Center in Lubbock working towards her master's degree.

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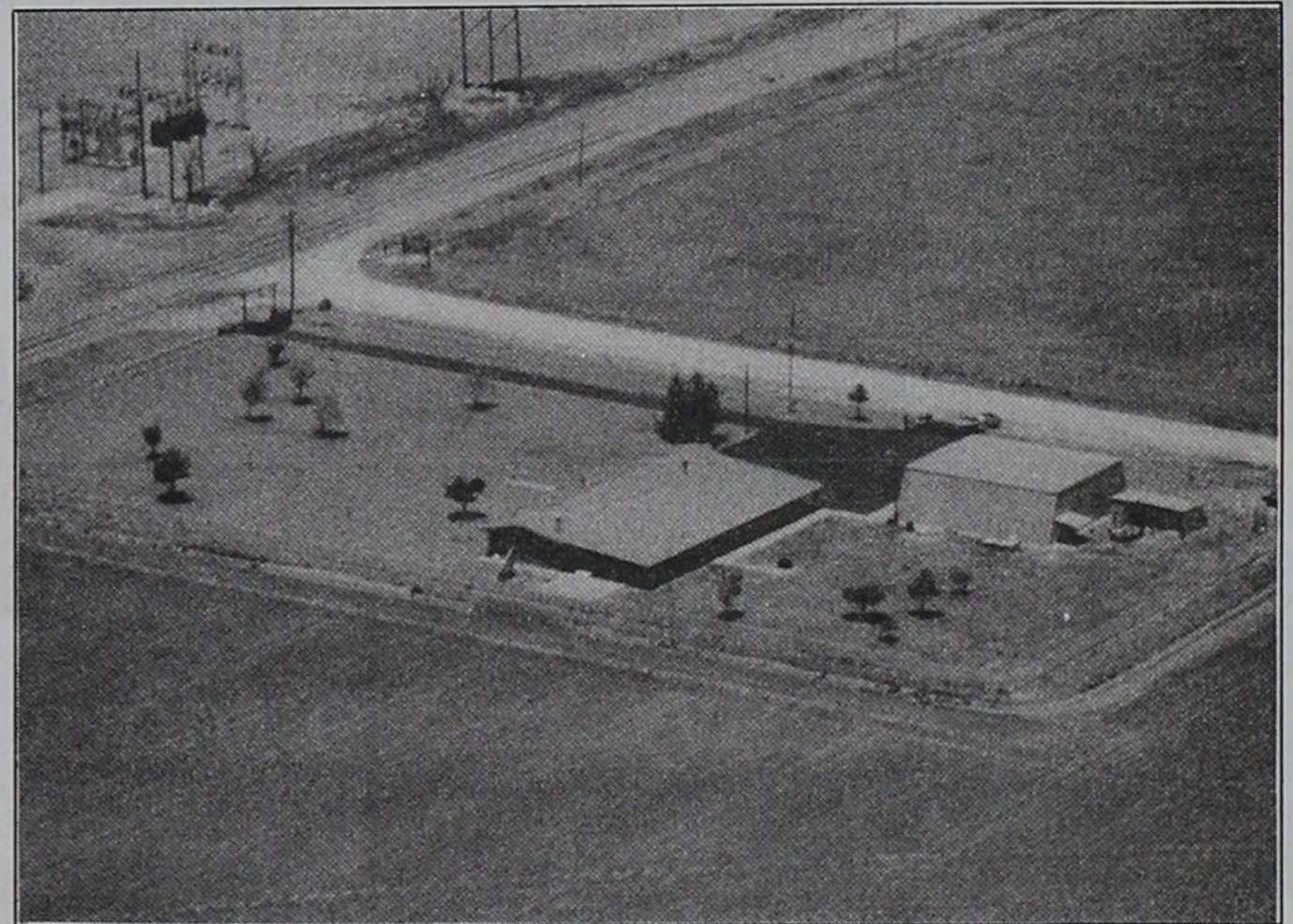
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I WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-1tc

Obituaries

Steve Brown

Stephen G. Brown, 41, of Amarillo, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo with Roy Wheeler officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown was born in Pecos. He was a 1971 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He moved to Amarillo in 1972. He married Veronica Lange in Amarillo on June 15, 1974. He had worked for Potter County since 1986 and was fire chief of the Potter County Volunteer Fire Dept. He was a member of the Amarillo Emergency Service and had served on the Red Cross board. He was a member of Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pat Brown, in 1978.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Eric Brown and Jared Brown, both of Amarillo; his father and stepmother, Don and Marlene Brown of Hobbs, N.M.; his sister, Tonya Goldston of Mesquite; and two brothers, Jeff Brown and Andrew Brown, both of Austin.

The family requests memorials be to funds at Bank One, PO Box 231, Amarillo 79105; the Potter County judge's office; or the Paramount Terrace Christian Church building fund.

Maria Cordova

Maria Luisa Cordova, 57, of Olton, died Friday.

Services were Monday at the First Baptist Church in Olton with the Rev. Valentine Martinez, pastor of Living Faith Christian Church in Olton, officiating. Burial was in Olton Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cordova was born June 30, 1937 in Karnes City. She moved to Olton from Fieldton in 1954. She married Manuel Cordova on Feb. 14, 1961 in Olton. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and was a director of the Olton Housing Authority.

Survivors include her husband, Manuel Cordova of Olton; four sons, Ray Rodriguez of Panhandle, Jessie Rodriguez of Amarillo, Martin Cordova of San Antonio and Manuel Cordova Jr. of Amarillo; two daughters, Elsa Carrera and Gracie Castaneda, both of Plainview; two stepsisters, Nate Casarez of Morton and Elisa Pena of Mission; two brothers, Raymundo Franco of Fort Worth and Abel Franco of Olton; and 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Royce McFadden, Mark McFadden, Dewey Hukill, Coby Gilbreath, Matt Gilbreath and Lance Loudder.

The family suggests memorials be to Hospice of the Plains, 4416 Olton Road, Plainview 79072.

Henry G. Fernandez

Henry Genaro Fernandez, 79, of Hereford, died Sept. 27.

Services were Friday in West Park Cemetery in Hereford with the Rev. Hilda Cavazos, pastor of San Pablo United Methodist Church,

officiating. Arrangements were by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Fernandez was born in Crystal City. He married Rosa Silva in 1970 at Seminole. He moved to Deaf Smith County in 1972. He was a retired farmer and a member of San Pablo United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; 12 sons, Henry Fernandez, David Fernandez and Richard Fernandez, all of Hereford, Genaro Fernandez of McAllen, Sammy Fernandez of Dimmitt, Fernando Fernandez of Muleshoe, Herman Fernandez of Beeville, Arnold Fernandez and Albert Fernandez of Wisconsin, Gilbert Fernandez and George Fernandez, both of Houston, and Paul Fernandez of Westbrook; six daughters, Erminia Fernandez of Hereford, Eva Medrano of Mathis, Lina Keith of Plainview, Linda Moyers and Susie Fernandez, both of Dimmitt, and Angie Barrandy of Wyoming; a brother, Domingo Fernandez of Wisconsin; 40 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jim E. Lane

Jim Edward Lane, 67, of New Home died Sept. 26.

Services were Sept. 28 at First Baptist Church in Wilson with the Rev. Kenny Platte officiating assisted by the Rev. Hank Scott. Burial was in Green Memorial Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Lane was born June 13, 1927 in Dustin, Okla. He attended school in O'Donnell. He married Billie Inez Spruiell on Nov. 8, 1948 in Lubbock. He was a Merchant Marine and served in the US Army in the Korean War. He was a barber in Wilson and Lubbock, a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Vicki Morton of Fort Worth, Susan Zant of New Home and Jimmie Lane of Lubbock; his mother, Ollie Lane of Dimmitt; two brothers, Bill Lane of Lubbock and Charles Lane of Dimmitt; three sisters, Rosa Nell Raines of Monahans, Frances Gatz of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Sammie Lance of Hereford; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lynn County Ambulance Fund or to Hospice of Lubbock.



Emilia R. Mares

Emilia Rojas Mares, 56, of Dimmitt, died Tuesday.

A vigil service was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the ICC Activity Center in Dimmitt. Mass was scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mares was born April 5, 1938 in Anson, and moved to Dimmitt from Spur in 1964. She married Thomas Mares on March 19, 1985, in Clovis, N.M. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Danny Jimenez and Ricky Jimenez, both of Dimmitt; three daughters, Janie J. Alcantar of Abilene, Delores Dimas of Dimmitt and Christina Jimenez of Cleveland, Ohio; four sisters, Rita Solis and Concha Solis, both of Bertram, Sara Jimenez of Georgetown and Petra

Salazar of Lampasas; three brothers, Ambrosio Rojas of Wichita Falls, Gregorio Rojas of Bertram and Pete Rojas of Santa Maria, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Sam Ramirez, Edward Alcantar, Jesus Mares, Isidro Rodriguez, Andres Montes and Jose Angel Lopez.

Horace Sides

Horace Sides, 93, of Lubbock, died Friday.

Services were Monday in the Canyon United Methodist Church with the Rev. Madoc Thomas, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Sides was born Nov. 9, 1900 in Van Zandt County. He moved to Lubbock on Jan. 1, 1917. He married Ethel McLean on March 10, 1926 in Post. She died May 5,

1982. He was a member of the Canyon United Methodist Church. He had farmed in the Canyon/Roosevelt community since 1924.

Survivors include three sons,

George of Dimmitt, and Jack and Benny, both of Lubbock; a brother, Lawrence of Lubbock; a sister, Geraldine Cox of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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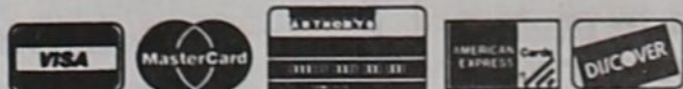
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PLAINVIEW — Oilfield jacks and irrigation wells, each providing their own wealth, are familiar sights in the South Plains area.

Vernon Ramsower of Plainview has developed a reciprocating water pump that joins the technology of the two. Believing in the possibility, coupled with years of trial and error, and prodded by comments of "that can't be done" has paid off, he says.

"We have been told many times even by engineers and oilfield people, that it is impossible to pump irrigation water with an oilfield jack," Ramsower said.

He has been working on the project for many years.

"At first we built a small pump and put it in a well with a small jack," he recalls. "Then we put it on a windmill and it displaced water both ways. Now we have a larger pump that does the same thing."

The pump displaces water, pumping on the downstroke as well as on the upstroke.

Although the pump will not throw a steady stream due to the stroke change, it will average 400 gallons per minute, Ramsower claims.

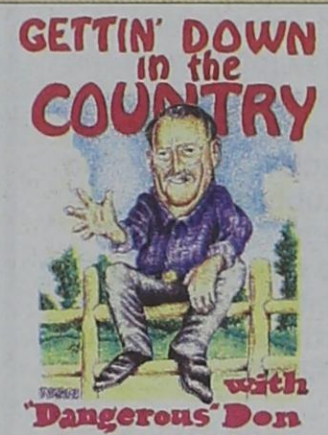
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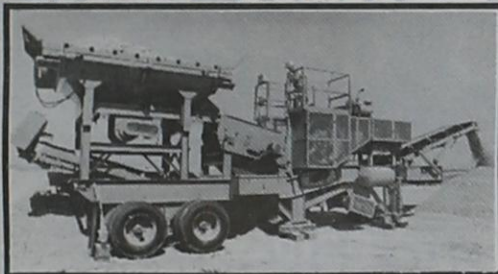
"Wit & Wisdom of Dangerous Don"

weekly column is appearing in an ever-growing list of publications across the country. A radio feature under the same heading is heard every morning on the 52-station INTERSTATE RADIO NETWORK out of Chicago and is now being syndicated to a number of local radio markets.



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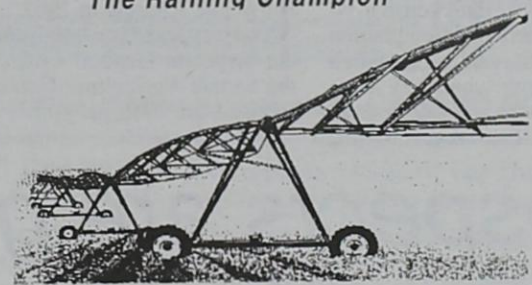
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Cattle group says slow down endangered species act

FORT WORTH — Congress must reform the federal endangered species law to protect property owners from agency regulators that have gone wild with power, a spokesman for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association told elected officials at a congressional field hearing

in Cleburne Sept. 16.

TSCRA is a livestock trade association based in Fort Worth with 15,000 members who own or control approximately two million head of cattle on millions of acres of land primarily in Texas. "Our land and our livelihoods are impacted by the feder-

al Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended," said Chaunce Thompson, a Breckenridge, Texas, rancher who serves as TSCRA's first vice president.

The hearing, chaired by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, chairman of an agriculture subcommittee, was also attended by Reps. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, Chet Edwards, D-Waco, Joe Barton, P-Ermis and several state officials. The purpose of the hearing was to learn how the endangered species law is impacting farmers and ranchers in Texas and how the U.S. Department of Agriculture may be involved.

TSCRA believes that "the protection of endangered species is a legitimate and worthwhile function of society which can be achieved without driving Texas cattle producers out of business," Thompson said. However, the current law is broken and "things are going to get worse for ranchers, not better, unless something is done by Congress..."

Cattle producers will experience financial hardship if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designates "critical habitat" in 33 Central Texas counties to further protect under the endangered species law the golden-cheeked warbler, a migratory songbird, Thompson said. He gave several examples where landowners in these counties have already been harmed financially since the warbler was declared endangered in 1990.

The law requires federal agencies to deny landowners access to federal programs if the wildlife agency determines such activities might harm species and their habitat, Thompson said.

Report cites fraud, misuse in disaster aid program

By ROBERT GREENE

AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two investigations have uncovered fraud and misuse in an Agriculture Department aid program that gives billions of dollars to farmers who lose crops to weather disasters.

Farmers have inflated crop losses, lied about acreage they planted and failed to harvest crops when prices fell below what they were getting in disaster aid, say investigators at the Agriculture

Department and the U.S. Senate.

"Producers can earn more in a disaster year than they earn in a normal year," the department's Office of Inspector General said in a report.

The aid program has paid billions of dollars to farmers who suffered crop losses caused by the Midwest floods of 1993 and Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

The separate investigations by the Inspector General's office and the Senate Agriculture Committee focused on "non program" crops like fruits, melons, tomatoes and

squash, and ornamental crops like trees, flowers and turf.

Those crops were singled out because no farm support program exists for them that would enable the government to keep records of acres planted and harvested.

Many overpayments occurred because the producers never harvested crops. Harvesting is the highest cost of production for most of those crops, while disaster payments are based on market prices. In some cases, producers claimed disaster losses rather than harvesting or marketing their

crops when prices had fallen.

One group of owners got \$200,000 for crop losses from last year's Midwest floods, despite the fact that just three weeks before the damage, they had paid only \$138,000 for the property.

The Senate Agriculture Committee's report looked at just eight crops in nine states, and uncovered \$92.5 million in questionable payments between 1988 and 1993.

The report looked at disaster payments for cantaloupes, blueberries, cucumbers, peaches,

squash, tomatoes, turnip greens and watermelons in nine states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

The report noted that Texas, for example, was the third-ranked watermelon producer in this country, accounting for 17 percent of the nation's crop. But the state was the top recipient of disaster payments for watermelons, accounting for 45 percent of payments.

Grant B. Buntrock, the adminis-

Prospects are good for a record cotton crop

Prospects remain good for a record 19 million bale U.S. crop, world production close to expected consumption of 86 million bales, with stocks sufficient to meet market needs. As a result, seasonal price weakness seems likely this fall during peak harvest.

September weather has been generally favorable for cotton in the Southeast, Delta and Western growing regions. In the Delta, early harvested acreage indicates exceptionally good yields.

Acreage was increased by 40,000 acres in Georgia to 890,000 in September, up from 600,000 acres in 1993. However, the Southwest, Texas cotton yields were lowered by the dry, hot summer weather.

The August rains came too late. The rains delayed harvest in the Central and Coastal regions and reduced cotton quality and yields in the Upper Coast and Blacklands areas.

West Texas dryland cotton has suffered from too little



COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

moisture with abandonment of large acreages and low yields across about 2-3 million acres. However, Lubbock irrigated cotton of almost 2 million acres remains good.

The U.S. crop may turn out close to the 19 million bales estimated in September with total use about 18 million. This

leaves room for both production and consumption to change a little and still have 4.5 million or more bales to carryover to the 1995 crop.

With stocks-to-use currently about 24 percent, the target for 1995/96 crop will be 29.5 percent. Thus, a lower ARP than this year's 11 percent appears likely for next season.

If price moves seasonally lower this fall, a "storage hedge" using a call option in March, May or July futures is a strategy that you may wish to consider. In recent years, the average seasonal price change has been 8 cents per pound from the low in November to a high in July.

Although it is early and much uncertainty lies ahead, the price for 1995/96 crop may be somewhat lower than it was for this year's crop.

(Dr. Carl Anderson, Cotton Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the cotton markets.)

Dangerous Don

"A Cotton-pickin Episode"

Howdy, neighbors!

Dr. I.M. Smart, Windy Valley's most illustrious product, lectured we local yokels the other night about the wonders of the fantastic computer we all have up here in our craniums.

Fact is, he said that we are all like a programmer feedin' a computer, except that, we are both the programmer and the computer. Then he really jangled my juices. He said, "We perceive, believe and then behave!"

It all got me to reminiscin'.

When I was a boy, my favorite thing was visitin' Grandpa and Granny DeBord's farm out on Tate's Creek, about halfway between Windy Valley and Quail Creek.

One afternoon, I sat on the big front porch overlookin' the mesquites and shinnery patches scattered willy-nilly down the hillside, windin' their way to the edge of the creek. In the care-free breeze of that summer's afternoon, I was readin' a sports article in one of Papa's magazines.

I remember the article, "Will We Ever Break the Four-Minute Mile Barrier?", like I read it only yesterday. Way back then, no mere human being had ever run a mile in under four minutes. The thrust of the article was that it is quite unthinkable that the human animal will ever run a mile in under four minutes, unaided.

That ole boy was dead wrong. What had reminded me of that article was Dr. Smart's illustration of perceivin' believin' and behavin'. He talked about the supposed impossibility of the sub-four minute mile. He added, "A few years ago, Roger Bannister looked at the situation differently. You could say, he fed new information into the computer of his mind, information that concluded that the sub-four-minute mile was possible after all. In 1954 he became the first human

bein' to run the mile in under four minutes. This changed the perceptions, beliefs and behavior of others, and John Landy broke Bannister's record a month later. Today, a lot of runners do it!"

Smart sold me. Heck, if my subconscious mind is the world's greatest computer, and if I can operate that rascal as both the programmer and the computer, well, there's no stoppin' ole Dangerous. By thunders, it's a new day! Get out of the way world! Dangerous Don has more than just a tiger in his tank. He's got a computer runnin' overtime twixt his ears! Reckon there's nothin' holdin' me back!



Illustration By Chris Johnson

There might be one thing: You know, "garbage in equals garbage out." But, shucks, I can just blame that on the computer like they do when they make a mistake down at Security Bank.

Course, old Dangerous knows that Roger Bannister was not the first human bein' to run a mile in under four minutes. I personally broke that record ten years earlier when brother chased me across the cotton patch swingin' a live bull snake!

He didn't even come close to catchin' me. That's one cotton-pickin' episode I'll never forget!

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PUMP, from Pg. 1

At the top or bottom the stream may drop to 200 gallons more or less, but when the arms are crossed, it will throw a full six-inch stream, according to Ramsower.

He also has a larger pump than one he has installed at his home west of Plainview.

The displacing weight and brass tubing and shaft should give a free drop on the downstroke, Ramsower pointed out.

Fifty percent of the water is displaced using the weights on the arms of the oilfield jack to balance the weight on the upward stroke.

"It is unbelievable how much fuel this type of pump

will save because the oilfield jack uses a much smaller motor than traditional irrigation motors," said Ramsower.

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Ramsower said he has used a natural gas motor and will be trying electricity as well.

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ner, Kirk Cobb, a Dallas-based attorney and accountant, hold a patent on the Reciprocating Water Pump.

Although it is not yet on the market, it will be as soon as they find a manufacturer, he says.

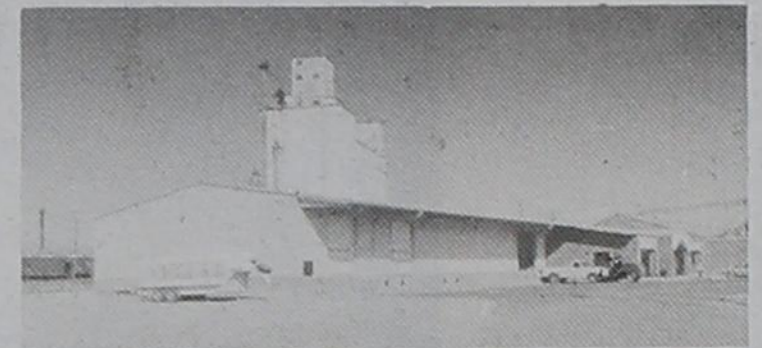
"We are proud of the pump we have developed and wanted to let the farmers know of its potential," Ramsower added.

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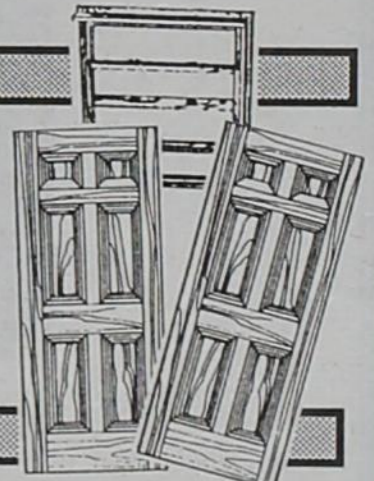
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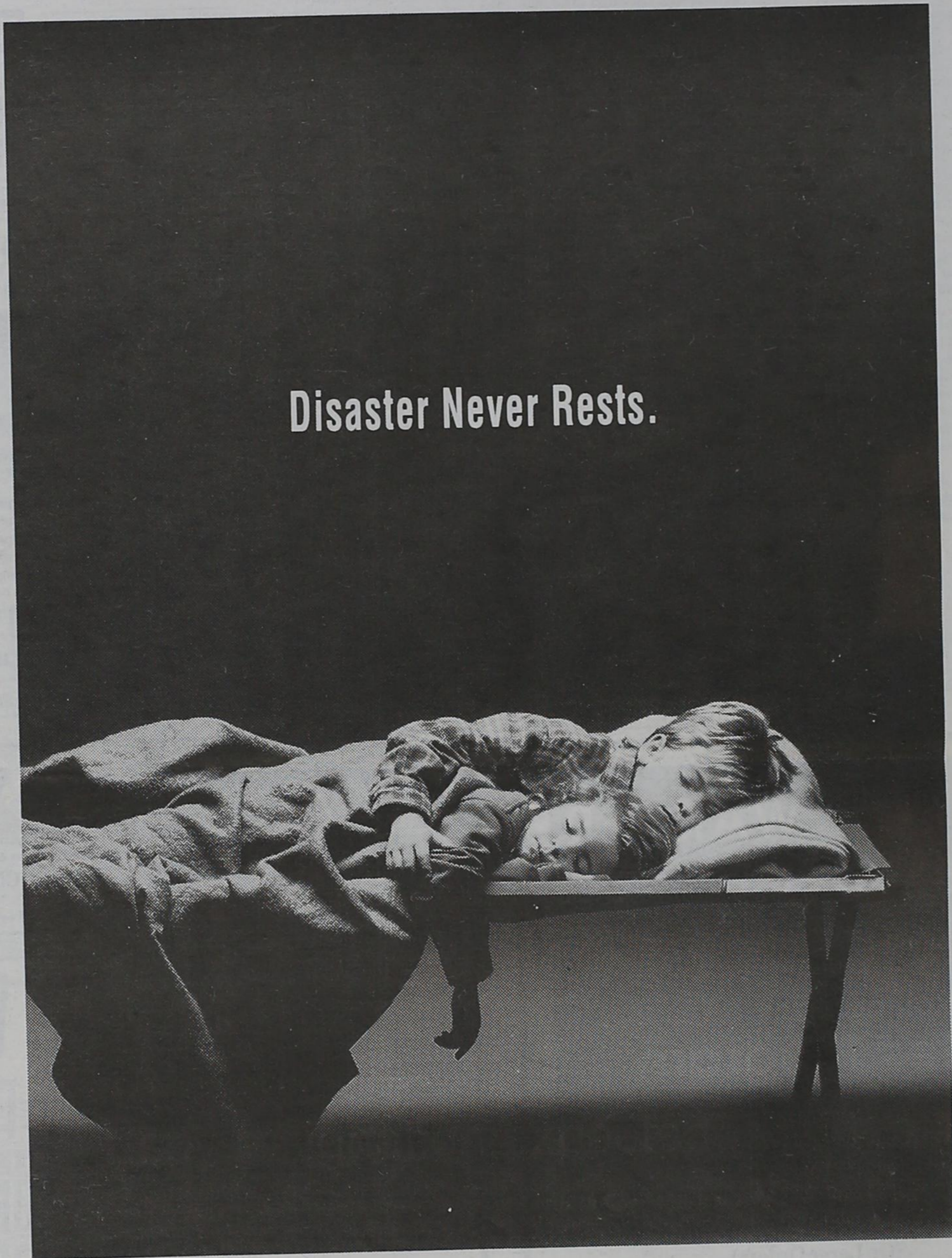
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DANGEROUS, Pg

"Dangerous" Don, the reluctant mayor of the mythical town of Windy Valley over in Windsor County, weaves a verbal web of wit and wisdom based on the ideas, concepts and lifestyle of his friends and neighbors in his home grown, located eight miles off the Interstate ("smack-dab in the middle of my heart") and populated by "8,203 Really Nice People and One Really Grouchy Person."

"Dangerous" said he reckoned he wouldn't much want to live anywhere else. He said he feels just like Bubba Barfield felt when he heard that eight million people live in New York City. Bubba said, "What a shame. All these people so far from everything."

You will be reminded of people you know as "Dangerous" Don tells about his relatives and neighbors like Billy Bob "Bubba" "Junebug" Baker, with whom he started the first grade over at Quail Creek School; Uncle Henry Lee, his favorite uncle who sometimes consumes too much of that Buck Creek Holler 'shine; Joabb Rollins, the likeable president of Security Bank; J.C. Shields, one of Windsor County's leading farmers and number one bird dog lover; and, Ruby "Don't Take Your Love to Town" Blabber, Windy Valley's leading grouch and gossip ("We used to all take

turns but now we've just turned it over to Ruby because she's so good at it!"). In a recent interview, a reporter asked, "Dangerous," are all of those stories about the people in Windy Valley, true?" He replied, "They're everyone, one hundred percent, possibly true."

"I get out in the world some. It's all moving so fast. The world has changed a lot since I was growing up in that old clapboard house out on the Windsor County Line. Rockets are soar-

ing in outer space, men walk on the moon, change is taking place everywhere; knowledge is exploding all over us faster than we can possibly absorb it. It's all a bit much and if we don't take the time every now and then to escape the concrete and wires and return to a place like Windy Valley, we could lose our way," he added.

"Dangerous" really warmed to his subject as he "It's a fast-moving world out there. Everything is break-neck speed and everything that is nailed down, is threatening to come loose. It can all make you plumb dizzy, and if we don't pause every now and then to escape every now and then and "re-affirm our roots," we've had it as a civilized people. Windy Valley is roots; rock-solid and for sure. We just have to remember that in a world of change, the most important things must not change: values, belief systems, integrity, human decency, call it whatever you will — if we are to survive these things just have to remain in place."

You are sure to identify with and be amused and entertained with such characters as Delbert Crabtree, the laziest man in Windsor County; Preacher Fike, everybody's favorite preacher; boisterous, "Big Jim" Cox, who is as arrogant as he is rich; Marvin "Digger" Doty, head Undertaker at Wilson & Womack Hardware, Furniture & Funeral Parlor; C.L. Barfield, one of the best men who ever lived in Windsor County, and many more.

Many of the features are based on conversations over early morning coffee down at Fanny Mae's "Why Go Elsewhere to be Cheated" Coffee Shop & Cafe. Other stories come from Qlo Neely's Service Station & Branch Post Office, or from social gatherings

out at the Windsor Lake Country Club & Bingo Parlor.

Doctor I.M. Smart, one of Windy Valley's leading products who has achieved some fame as a big-time author and professor over at the big university, furnishes "Dangerous" a lot of fodder for his articles and features, along with, his favorite motivator, Zap Zapper, "the Big Z from Big D," who really jangles old "Dangerous" juices.

Jay Truitt, Farm Director at WHB in Kansas City called "Dangerous" Don, "the red-neck Garrison Keillor."

Sunni Stevens, popular on-air personality at the INTERSTATE RADIO NETWORK said, "Dangerous Don is the Will Rogers of the 90's"

"Dangerous" Don says, "I really like doing these little features. They aren't rocket science but a person just might pick up a gem here and there that could prove helpful. I've about decided that everything I really needed to how, I learned at my mama's knee."

"Dangerous" Don is also enjoying a growing reputation as an entertainer since the release of his new comedy album, "Gettin"

Down in the Country with Dangerous Don," on NSN TAPES, in spring, 1994. The album is enjoying steady sales and the result has been a growing schedule of personal appearances at dinner shows, banquets and conventions across the country.

You can begin enjoying the "Wit & Wisdom of Dangerous Don" columns in the West Texas Country Trader beginning today, and presented for your entertainment by MRL, Merchandise Recyclers & Liquidators, 100 S. Pierce in Amarillo.

(Write Dangerous Don may at MRL, 100 S. Pierce, Amarillo)

Conditions favorable for fishing at a few West Texas area lakes

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has reported the following fishing conditions across West Texas last week.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, 78 degrees, 4 feet below normal level; black bass slow; crappie good 12-18 feet deep in lake and at docks on minnows and jigs; sand bass fair; catfish very good on cheese bait and stink bait.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 13 feet below normal level; black bass good to 6 pounds early on buzz baits and later on plastic worms; crappie fair on minnows; catfish slow;

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 74 degrees, 5.5 feet below normal level; black bass good on chartreuse cranks; crappie good on small minnows; hybrid stripers slow; catfish good but small on minnows.

FRYER: Water clear, 80 degrees, 4 feet below normal level; everything is slow.

GRANBURY: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass good on topwaters; stripers fair 20-30 feet deep on shad-type baits; sand bass good in schools on silver spoons; crappie good 20 feet deep on small minnows; catfish good 14-20 feet deep on cheese bait.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 70 degrees, 6 feet below normal level; large-

mouth bass good to 3.5 pounds on artificials; small-mouth bass fair to 4.5 pounds on artificials; walleye slow; sand bass slow; crappie slow; catfish good to 11 pounds on minnows and night crawlers.

KEMP: Water clear, 7

feet below normal level; everything is slow, but the gates have been closed.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; largemouth bass fair on cranks; smallmouth bass fair off rocky points on jigs with minnows.

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Espy resignation expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ag Secretary Mike Espy, under investigation for accepting gifts from people or companies that do business with his agency, plans to resign, administration officials said today.

The former Miss. congressman, one of four blacks in the Clinton Cabinet, is expected to submit his resignation as early as today, said two administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It's imminent," said one of the officials. "It

will happen late today or tomorrow, probably today."

A White House official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said Espy planned to meet with White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta today. It was unclear whether his resignation was requested by Panetta or Clinton.

An independent counsel is trying to determine whether Espy violated federal law by accepting gifts from organizations or indi-

viduals doing business with the Agriculture Department. Espy received free tickets, lodging, travel and used government money to lease a car.

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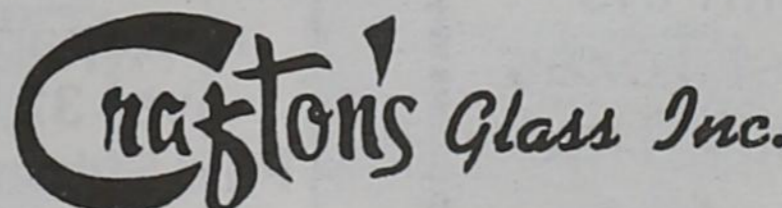
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Nelson Mandela: Salesman for South Africa

By **STEVEN A. HOLMES**
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As he rose to his feet to address an audience in Washington's Omni Shoreham Hotel last fall, Nelson Mandela had undergone a transformation.

He had gone from being a lawyer, a revolutionary and an imprisoned martyr to being a head of state in waiting.

He was about to try his hand at being a salesman.

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The role of pitching for South Africa is forcing the African National Congress (ANC) to undergo an intellectually wrenching and politically precarious evolution away from its socialist roots and toward a more market approach to economic development.

Where once they sounded like Karl Marx, Mandela and the ANC leadership have in recent months acted more like Margaret

Thatcher. The change has not always sat well with the rank-and-file South African.

Yet it is a role the ANC and Mandela feel they must play to keep South Africa from plunging into political chaos, ethnic strife and economic collapse.

When the ANC seized the reins of political power in the April elections, it inherited a fading economy, a white population worried that its standard of living might slip and a black constituency impatient for the basic necessities: jobs, housing and education.

"People justifiably ask, 'Where are the fruits of the long years of struggle and sacrifice?'" says Trevor Manuel, former director of the ANC's department of economic planning, who is now a cabinet member in the new coalition government.

South Africa's rate of economic growth has declined steadily since 1965, even before the country tumbled into a crippling three-year recession in 1990. It was buffeted by high

inflation in the 1980s and low investment by domestic banks and government-run industries.

Sanctions, high tariffs and an insular mentality among the country's whites spawned a manufacturing sector geared toward the domestic market rather than export.

Without engaging in international competition, much of South Africa's industry has grown inefficient; 30 percent of its plants rely on obsolete technology.

Despite exchange controls aimed at preventing capital from leaving the country, South Africans sent more than \$3 billion abroad in the first nine months of 1993, according to the South African Reserve Bank, a measure of the initial lack of confidence many whites feel in the change of power.

And there is the problem of the apartheid legacy.

About 45 percent of blacks are jobless. About 60,000 white farmers own 87 percent

of the land. Per capita income for whites is 9.5 times that of Africans.

Of South Africa's nearly 38 million people, 12 million don't have access to clean drinking water; 21 million do not have adequate sanitation, including toilets.

A black South African child has a greater chance of dying before age 5 than of completing high school.

Alleviating the stark disparities between South Africa's 30.8 million black, Asian and mixed-race people and the country's 7 million whites is both a moral and political imperative for the ANC.

Yet a program to radically redistribute the country's wealth through high taxes or the confiscation of white-owned property could set off another flight of white capital or an exodus of skilled whites.

More important, it could scare off the type of foreign investment the ANC craves.

Even with its problems, South Africa is hardly an economic

basket case. It has vast wealth — gold, platinum, coal, diamonds and other natural resources.

Years of being shut out of international credit markets means its external debt is relatively low. It has good roads, ports and telephone systems. It boasts a sophisticated banking system and a functioning stock exchange.

Since the lifting of sanctions, capital from overseas has flooded the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, boosting its value by 21 percent late last year.

"I think it's a fascinating place and a real opportunity," says Ernest Green, a Lehman Brothers managing director, who toured the country on a U.S. trade mission.

The Clinton administration, believing a stable, growing South

African economy could help bring prosperity to the whole of Southern Africa, has chipped in with some help.

President Clinton pledged to make the United States a full partner with the new South African government, offering additional trade benefits and \$600 million over three years for the post-apartheid society.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will be responsible for \$528 million of the amount, tripling its current contribution of \$166 million, for such projects as jobs and business development, health and education services, and housing investment guarantees and improvements.

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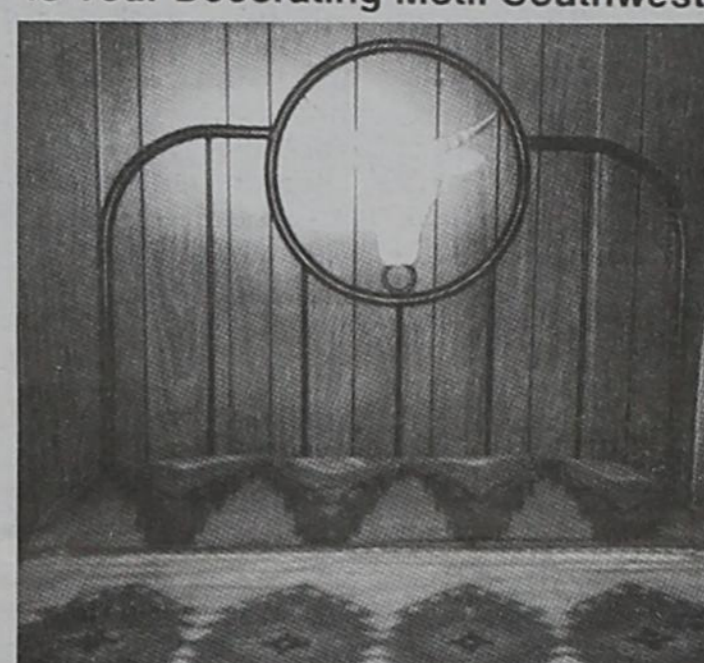
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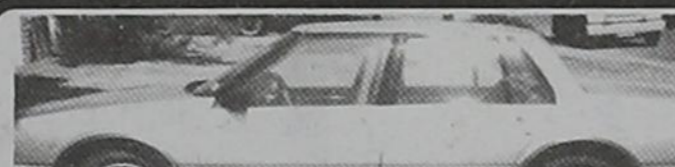
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Immigrant sticks to plan, meets with success

By JANE BAIRD
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — From the time he first came to the United States 15 years ago, Brij Agrawal imposed a rule on himself: He would spend no more than half of whatever he earned.

Even then, as a 17-year-old immigrant from India who could not speak English, Agrawal already had decided on his goal. He wanted to own a manufacturing business, and he would need money to achieve it.

His determination has paid off. Agrawal not only has bought a metal fabrication company but has seen that company grow and diversify, at a time when many of his competitors have gone out of business. ABM Industries racked up sales of \$1.5 million last year and about \$2.5 million so far this year.

What's more, Agrawal has financed ABM without turning to a bank or investor group. He has used his own savings, the backing of other members of his close-knit family and a 20-year loan from the former owner of the company.

Agrawal started his career by working odd jobs. He soon began taking night classes toward a mechanical engineering degree at

the University of Houston.

After about a year, he began working full-time as a drafting trainee for an industrial design company. He worked for this and a similar company over the next nine years, advancing to design engineer and finally supervisor of an engineering group. He also finished his engineering night classes in 1986.

In 1989, Agrawal felt ready to buy his own business, but he got another job as a lead engineer for M.W. Kellogg, he says. "My purpose in going to M.W. Kellogg was to see how they operate. I had no experience in business management."

Meanwhile, he spent three or four hours every evening looking for the right business. He read newspaper advertisements, drove to different parts of town, met with business brokers.

He wanted to get involved in manufacturing large custom industrial equipment, but soon realized he did not have enough resources, he said. "I then decided to look at any kind of manufacturing."

He perused dozens of businesses for sale before locating Redco, a small Pasadena metal fabrication company that also did maintenance work for petro-

chemical companies. The husband and wife owners had operated the company since 1973 and wanted to retire. Sales were running about \$250,000 per year, and the company had no debt. It employed five people, excluding the owners.

Agrawal knew it was a tough business and that many fabrication companies were going under, he said. But he believed his engineering and drafting skills would give the company a competitive advantage.

Agrawal had saved nearly \$150,000 by then, enough for the down payment and initial working capital. He negotiated with the former owner to pay off the rest over 20 years. If he needed any additional operating capital, he said, he could borrow it from two of his brothers or five or six cousins.

The deal closed in May 1990, and he renamed the company ABM Industries. Business was slow for the first two or three months. Agrawal lost some former clients, but he also brought in new clients from contacts in his previous jobs.

One big boost to earnings came from the Japanese conglomerate Bridgestone/Firestone. Redco had earned about \$30,000 to \$40,000 per

year supplying Bridgestone with steel panels that it used to make marine fenders for sale to port authorities worldwide.

Agrawal focused his attention on increasing that business through price, quality and on-time delivery and offered to assist with some of the engineering design, he says. Each job requires custom design, depending on the depth of the water, the size of ships, the types of dock support and other factors. Engineers came from Japan to visit the shop.

"We used to bring most of these parts from Japan," says Michael Hioki, president of Bridgestone Engineered Products Co., a Bridgestone subsidiary in Nashville, Tenn. The company first hired Redco to supplement its Japanese production.

Then, "because of yen appreciation, Japanese production was no longer competitive, and

we switched to U.S.-made," Hioki said. Bridgestone is now exporting from the United States to customers abroad, from Hong Kong to Oman to the Bahamas.

ABM is Bridgestone's only U.S. supplier, Hioki says. "We know there are so many fabricators in the United States, but we do not like to shop. We keep one supplier. We ask for loyalty to the company in keeping the price low and good quality. A longtime relationship in which we can trust each other is most important."

In 1993, ABM did about \$500,000 in business for Bridgestone alone, Agrawal says.

The company's sales went from \$350,000 in 1990, to about \$800,000 in 1991, to \$1 million in 1992, and \$1.5 million last year. Agrawal reinvested profits in the company.

ABM soon outgrew its Pasadena location. In October 1993, Agrawal

bought a new 40,000-square-foot shop on 15 acres in north Houston. He paid \$500,000 for the property and another \$500,000 to renovate it, and moved in by the end of the year.

His work force then amounted to 20 to 25 people. "We decided to hire more people and grow," he says.

He put an advertisement in the newspaper, and among the people he interviewed was Larry Potts. Potts, a mechanical engineer with a long career in engineering and production, had worked for a California company as head of its Houston operation with 285 people. The company had downsized the office out of existence and left him unemployed for the first time in his life.

Agrawal first hired Potts as a sales manager and soon made him vice president of operations. Potts brought in Guy Harrell to head a new sales staff.



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