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By Don Nelson

More and more people keep telling me that they can't believe I grew up here without knowing the Texas tradition of eating blackeyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

Maybe, as I said, I was just a dense kid who didn't pay attention.

Then, too, it struck me the other day that my mom served blackeyes three or four times a week anyway—it was one of her regular veggies—so maybe I just didn't appreciate what the big deal was about New Year's Day.

This is the time of year that farmers decide whether they want to keep on being farmers.

Here's a quiz that's designed to help them decide:

FARMER'S QUIZ

Your answers on this quiz will determine whether you are financially and psychologically fit to continue farming another year. Circle either (a) or (b):

1. My present financial portfolio includes:

a. Over one million in land and livestock, free and clear.

b. A 10-year-old Chevy three-quarter ton, six horses worth 32 cents and a wife with a job.

2. Most of my ready cash is in:

a. Interest-bearing checking accounts.

b. A Copenhagen lid on the bedroom dresser.

3. My banker calls me:

a. Mister.

b. Every two hours.

4. My idea of a sound financial investment is:

a. Undeveloped pasture in downtown Dallas.

b. A racing greyhound.

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DELORES HELLER sets fire to the mortgage note on the Chamber of Commerce building while Bob Caddell (left) and Jim Killingsworth of Amarillo hold it for her during the chamber's annual meeting last

Wednesday. Heller was the executive director, Killingsworth was the president and Caddell negotiated the deal when the chamber bought the building in November 1983.

Photo by Don Nelson

Chamber burns note

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce marked a happy, fiery milestone at its annual meeting last Wednesday.

It burned the mortgage note on its building.

Three of those who were in on the purchase 15 years ago did the honors.

Jim Killingsworth and Bob Caddell of Amarillo held the mortgage note while Delores Heller applied the torch.

Killingsworth was president of the chamber when the building was purchased on Nov. 1, 1983, and Heller was the executive director. Caddell,

who was on the board at the time, negotiated the \$40,000 purchase on the chamber's behalf with the building's owner, Virgil Justice.

Until it bought the building at 115 W. Bedford St., the chamber was headquartered in a 10x12 ft. room at the city hall, Heller recalled.

The chamber raised the money to pay \$10,000 down, then signed a note with the First United Bank for the remaining \$30,000 to be paid off over a 20-year period.

"We had a fund-raiser one year that brought in \$5,000 that we paid on the note," Heller said.

"It got tight sometimes making

those monthly payments, especially in December," she added.

Still, the chamber retired the note five years early.

The chamber building has a reception office, four inner offices and workrooms, a coffee room, a meeting room and a large storage area.

It was in the meeting room that the annual meeting was held last Wednesday in conjunction with a lunch of beef stew and sandwiches.

"It was a little crowded, but we wanted to do it here," Executive Director Bill Sava said.

He added, "I am so thankful that those people had the foresight in 1983 to buy this building. It is really useful, not just for the chamber but for lots of organizations—for the whole community."

Chamber members approved a 1999 budget that anticipates \$47,410 in income and \$44,850 in expenses for a \$2,860 surplus. The chamber realized a \$5,606 net income after all expenses in 1998, Sava reported.

During a business meeting conducted by outgoing president Jim Wright, members elected Carole Dyer and Avery Thrasher to second terms on the chamber board, and James Baker and Valeria Davis to first terms.

Joe Sloan, chief executive officer of the hospital district, introduced Dr. Margaret Bailey of Houston, who signed a contract to practice family medicine here beginning about March 1.

After the meeting, the board elected these new officers for 1999: Mike Bain, president; Cheryl Pybus, vice-president; Carole Dyer, secretary; and Mike Huseman, treasurer.



NEW PHYSICIAN—Dr. Margaret Bailey (center) of Houston signs a contract to join the Castro County Hospital District as a family practitioner. Hospital Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers (right) signs for the hospital district. At left is Maria Sloan, and in

background is Mike Bain. The signing was held during the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday at noon. Dr. Bailey, who will start about March 1, served at Plains Memorial Hospital for a time last winter.

Photo by Don Nelson

Wayne Collins named interim municipal judge

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night, after an executive session, to appoint Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins as interim municipal judge until a replacement can be hired.

In a related motion, the council voted to advertise for applicants for the position, with applications due at the city hall by 12 noon on Monday.

The position was formerly held by Castro County Justice of the Peace Marshall Young, but he resigned from the municipal duties back in the fall. His secretary, Jo Campbell, had agreed to fill in as acting municipal judge until after the election of a new JP. The city council approached newly-elected JP Tana Young about taking over the duties, but she declined. Campbell also declined to continue in the job.

In other business, the council voted to accept "with regret" the resignation of City Secretary Jo Hamilton. She has been employed with the city since Feb. 1, 1975, and her retirement will take effect Jan. 29.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roger Malone said that the council appreciates all the work that Hamilton has done for the city through the years.

In other business, the council:

—Accepted the audit report from Brown, Graham & Co., which gave a "clean" opinion of the bookkeeping and accounting procedures of the city, and showed no areas of non-compliance. The report was presented by Henry Ramaekers. He told the council they should consider paying off the city's indebtedness, which is costing 6% in interest payments, by spending reserve funds that are drawing only 4% to 4.5% in interest. He said the savings could be much better spent here, rather than for interest payments. He advised the city to wait until April, when enough money to cover the city's obligations will be available in an interest-bearing account.

—Approved the first reading of the ordinance for annexing property south of Dimmitt along US 385.

—Heard reports from Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman.

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Group asks consideration of 'split block'

A group of more than 30 Dimmitt citizens met with the Dimmitt school board Monday night and gave a plea for the board to consider a "split block" schedule.

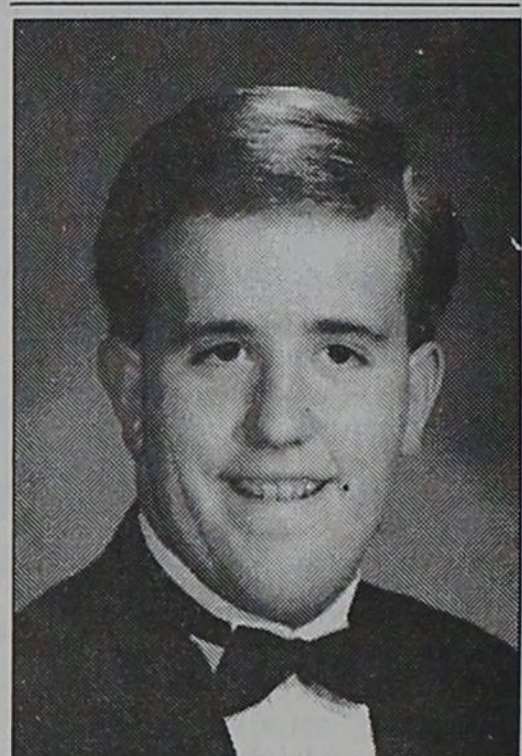
Carolyn Harman, spokesperson for the group, summarized the group's viewpoint for the board.

She pointed out that 90-minute class periods are too long for students' attention span. She said if teachers teach the entire 90-minute block, then students should be covering twice as much material as they would in 45-minute classes. However, she said many teachers are still only teaching for 45 minutes, then allowing students to do homework or leave the classroom. She said that taking the time in class to do homework may be good in some subjects, where teachers need to get more immediate feedback, such as in math, but in other areas it only handicaps a student by not teaching them time management and study skills.

Harman said that students on the block schedule show lower scores in math and are less well-prepared for SAT, ACT and other college entrance exams.

Harman also asked the board to

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Tracy Grand Scholarship fund is established

A fund has been set up in honor of the late Tracy Grand, 19, son of Gary and Linda Grand of Dimmitt. Tracy died Jan. 7 at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Donations may be made to the Tracy Grand Memorial Scholarship Fund at First United Bank of Dimmitt, or they may be mailed in care of First United Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

"Because of his love for children and his feeling that education is so important, we felt this would be an appropriate way to memorialize Tracy," a family spokesperson said.

Once the fund is established, the scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to major in education at West Texas A&M University.

A 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Tracy was a sophomore at WTAMU, where he also served as an athletic trainer.

Telephone ballots invalidated; subscribers must try again

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has issued an order invalidating the ballots that have been cast in the choice of an extended calling area for the Dimmitt telephone exchange.

The order was given after the Dimmitt post office was unable to deliver "an inordinate number" of the mailed ballots because the ballots were addressed to the service address of subscribers rather than to their billing address.

GTE Southwest, Inc./Contel of Texas, Inc. requested from the PUC that new ballots be printed and mailed only to those customers whose earlier ballots were undeliverable.

However, the PUC staff recommended that the first ballots should be invalidated and that new ballots should be mailed to all Dimmitt exchange subscribers.

New ballots will be mailed out no sooner than Feb. 11. Those voting must mark the ballot and return it with a postmark no later than Feb.

26. The PUC is not accepting votes by phone at this time.

"Everyone will have to vote again," said Betty McClure of Dimmitt, petition coordinator. "The PUC office said they were inundated with requests from those who had not received a ballot by mail, so they began an extensive investigation and found out that over 300 ballots had been returned as 'undeliverable!'"

The extended calling area, if approved by the PUC, will enable subscribers in the Dimmitt exchange to call Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Plainview and Tulia without a long distance charge. To be included in the extended calling area each city must receive at least 70% approval among all the votes that are cast.

Subscribers are asked to watch for the new ballots at least by Feb. 11, mark them, and return them by Feb. 26.

Even the extended calling area will give toll-free calling to the approved communities, there will be an addi-

tional per-line charge for all subscribers, whether they vote in favor of it or not. The monthly charge will be \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	60	21	
Friday	67	22	
Saturday	44	13	
Sunday	48	15	
Monday	54	20	
Tuesday	68	36	
Wednesday	63	26	

January Moisture 0.03
1999 Moisture 0.03

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

Chamber banquet set Saturday

The Dimmitt Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year will all be honored Saturday night as a part of the 51st annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

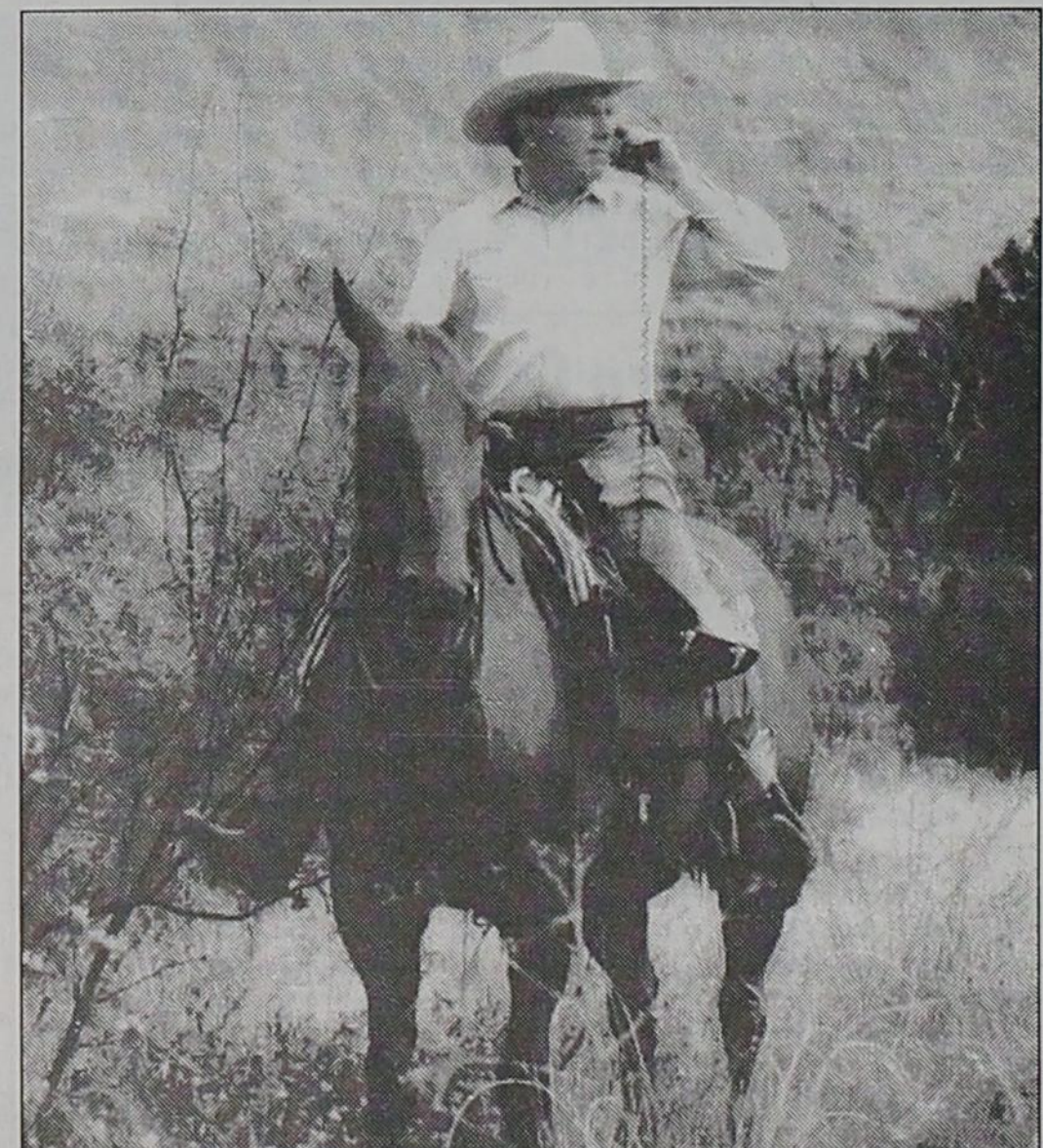
Cheryl Pybus will serve as emcee, and Kenneth L. Chambers of Dawn, also known as "The Cellular Cowboy," will be the featured speaker. Known for his "Western wit and humor," Chambers will speak about "The Funny Side of Catching Cattle Rustlers, or How Not to Steal Cattle for Fun and Profit."

The theme for this year's banquet is "Be a Sport: Support Dimmitt." Tickets for the event are priced at \$15 per person if purchased in advance, or \$16 at the door. Student tickets will be \$10 each. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford.

The meal will be a steak dinner prepared by Dimmitt's Methodist Men. Tables will be decorated by individual businesses and recognition will be given for Most Original, Best Theme Interpretation, and Judges' Choice.

Southwest Airlines is once again offering a door prize of two free tickets to any place Southwest flies.

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KENNETH L. CHAMBERS
... Also known as "The Cellular Cowboy."

Op-Ed

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More about 1:1

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5. My chances of getting a loan are:

- a. Sure as the sun rises.
- b. As good as Slim Whitman becoming president.

Can a family be healthy if there is an absent parent?



By RON TRUSLER
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

There is no doubt that, in the majority of homes, children are better off with two parents actively involved in their lives. However, I do believe that every parent is not a good parent, especially when there is emotional and/or physical abuse. In these cases, I can't help believe that a child is better off with one parent who is actively involved in their life and providing as much healthiness as possible.

There are several reasons why a child may not have both parents around—divorce, death, never-married custodial parent, being raised by grandparents, adopted, etc. whatever the case is, in some circles it is a feat that the child will grow up "missing something" if they are not raised by both natural parents. I believe that all children "miss" something. Any adult can look back and find something that they wish was different in their childhood experience.

Whatever the family situation is, I believe there are some key characteristics that are vital in having a "healthy family."

1. **Love.** Believe it or not, all children do not experience love. They are tolerated, not enjoyed. They are "in the way," not a blessing in the minds of some adults. In healthy families, love rises to the surface above all our differences, obstacles and short-comings.

2. **Respect.** This is demonstrated

respect. It is shown verbally. When we respect members of our family (adults/children) it will be reflected in the way we talk to and about each other. It is shown physically. When we respect others, we will be with them regularly and at those special times in their lives.

3. **Affection.** This is not being afraid to show or talk about our feelings toward each other. Some people have a hard time showing affection. It is important that it be shown in some way. Children should not have to guess at how adults feel about them.

4. **Unselfishness.** It is easy for caregivers of children to forget that children have thoughts and opinions also. At times, it is good to let them decide what the family is to watch on television or what activity to be involved in. It doesn't always have to be what the adults want.

5. **Forgiveness.** Some things may be harder to forgive than others. However, in those hard areas, we can work toward forgiving. Most things are just not worth holding a grudge over and reminding them of it from time to time. When families don't forgive, they become callous and cold—not a pleasant place to be.

There are several characteristics or attributes that make up a good, healthy family. You could add more than I've listed. Keep in mind that many children have been raised under less than ideal circumstances and did not come through it as heathens or feeling deprived. I wish you well.

Ron Trusler is executive director of Central Plains MHMR/SA. He can be reached at (806) 293-2636.

6. The best cattle deal I ever made was:

- a. Bought 3,000 head at 28 cents and sold them for 56 cents three months later.
- b. Stole a truckload of feeder calves and lost \$30 a head.

7. My long-term economic plans include:

- a. Expansion and increased productivity.
- b. Winning the jackpot team roping next Friday.

8. I started farming because:

- a. I love the land and inherited five million dollars.
- b. My daddy chained me to a tractor when I was 6 years old.

9. I intend to ranch and farm as long as I can:

- a. Make money.
- b. Borrow money.

10. The reason I ranch and farm today is:

- a. I find it a fascinating and lucrative profession.
- b. I'm in too deep to quit.

RESULTS: If you circled all a's, you are the optimistic management type with oil on your property. It is highly likely you will survive and invest in satellite technology.

If you circled all b's, you are presently engaged in modern marginal agricultural practices. You will be here tomorrow and the next day, and the next, and the next—because somebody will always have to be there to love and farm the land.

Speak Out!

Here is where to contact your US Senators and Representative in Washington, D.C., and your State Senator and Representative in Austin.

US Senate

Phil Gramm:
Rm. 370 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 224-2934

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Rm. 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 224-5922

US House of Representatives

13th District Mac Thornberry:
131 Cannon Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-3706
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The mailing address for all State Senators is: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin 78711
Fax: (512) 463-0326

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Austin phone: (512) 463-0130
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Phone: (940) 767-3073; (817) 767-3073; (800) 866-7330

Texas House of Representatives

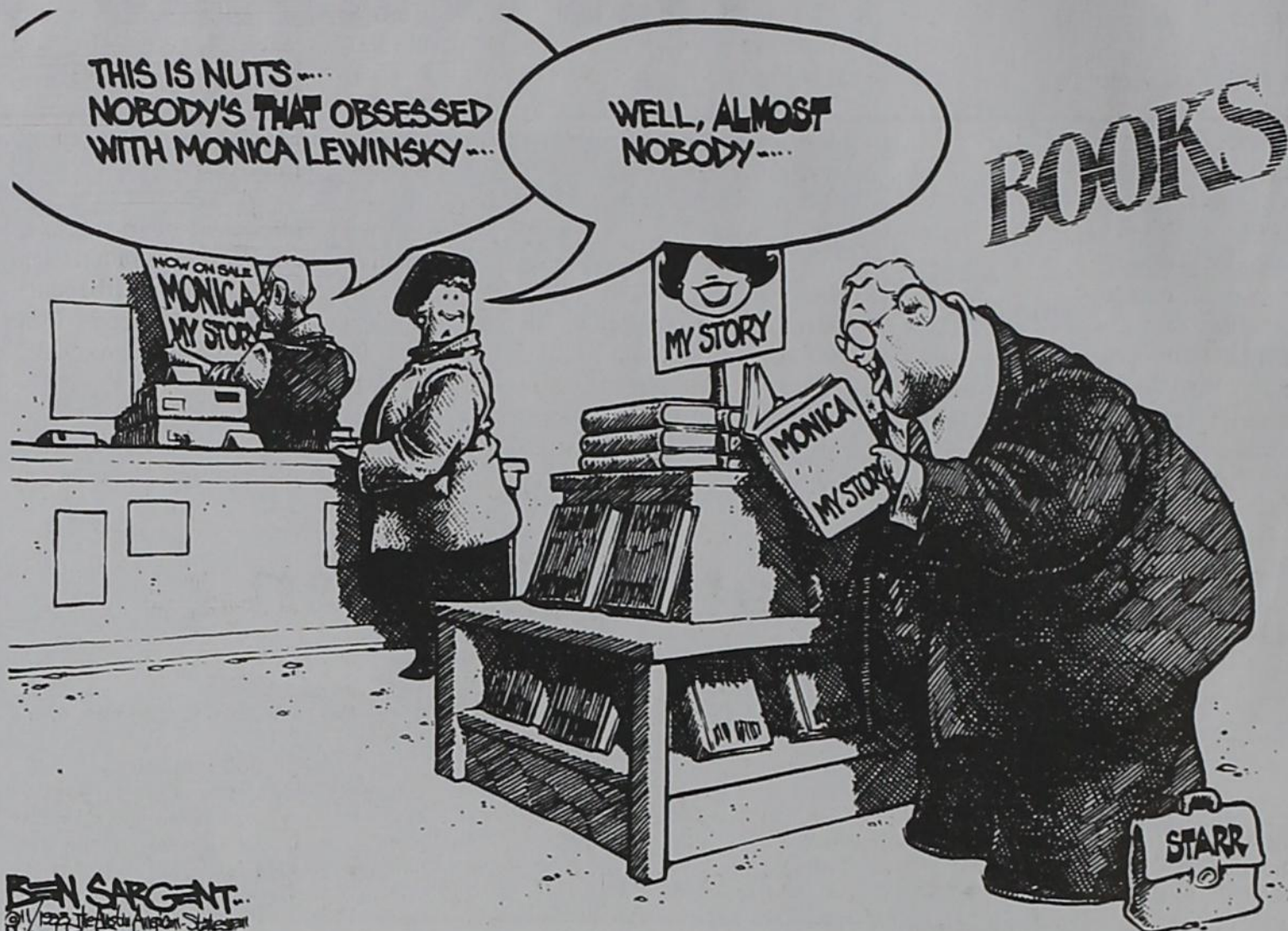
The mailing address for all State Representatives is: Texas House, P.O. Box 2910, Austin 78768-2910
Fax: (512) 463-0695

85th District Pete Laney
Speaker of the House
Austin phone: (512) 463-0604
Local office: P.O. Drawer 900, Hale Center 79041
Phone: (806) 839-2478

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.
—Henry David Thoreau

Last Puzzle Solution

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State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
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AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services last week released a study showing the number of Texas children who died because of child abuse or neglect increased 71 percent last fiscal year.

The department oversees Texas Child Protective Services, the agency that investigates reports of child abuse and neglect and places children in foster care and adoptive homes.

According to the study, first obtained by *The Dallas Morning News*, a total of 176 children died in the care of their parents or others in 1998, while 103 died in fiscal 1997.

The study proposes the hiring of more children's caseworkers and more training so caseworkers can do a better job of identifying at-risk children.

Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, a member of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, told *The News*, "Our children deserve to be protected and they deserve to enjoy being children, rather than having to try and fight a daily battle for existence. We owe them more than that."

Public Clemency Hearings Asked

Lawyers for death row inmates last week asked state District Judge Scott McCown to rule that the Board of Pardons and Paroles should conduct clemency hearings in public.

Presently, board members individually review clemency applications and cast their votes by mail, phone or electronic facsimile.

McCown did not say when he would rule on the issue.

Two state district judges have found the clemency process unconstitutional. However, the procedure was upheld on appeal to state courts.

Gov. George W. Bush has said he is open to reform suggestions but believes the current system meets the constitutional requirements.

Meanwhile, state Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, has filed legislation that would require the board to hold public testimony meetings but would allow the board to vote secretly.

Bill Seeks to End Preference

Public colleges in Texas would be barred from giving preferential admission to children of alumni or donors under a bill proposed by state Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth.

The Associated Press reported that Burnam said he wants to challenge a portion of the Hopwood ruling that struck down affirmative action at Texas colleges.

In the Hopwood case, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals forbade consideration of race in admissions but said other factors, including the applicant's "relationship to school alumni," could be used.

The alumni provision helps white students gain admission, especially at schools that didn't

admit many minorities a generation ago, critics of the Hopwood decision say.

New Land Office Chief Cuts Jobs

On his first workday in office, Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced the firing of 110 people — 16 percent of the agency's 690 staffers, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

"My decisions were based solely on the optimum number of employees needed to fulfill most efficiently the duties and services of the General Land Office and the people of Texas," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst succeeds longtime Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who resigned after 16 years at the post to run for governor in the last election.

Bush Names New Insurance Chief
Gov. George Bush last week appointed Jose Montemayor, subject to Senate confirmation, as Texas insurance commissioner.

Montemayor, 47, was an associate commissioner under Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer. Bomer leaves office after four years to join Gov. Bush's staff.

Montemayor's priorities:

- Improve availability and affordability of auto and home-owner insurance;
- Make sure insurance companies are prepared for potential losses related to year 2000 computer glitches; and
- Help shore up the financially ailing HMO industry in Texas.

Other Highlights

■ The Texas Department of Health will conduct its annual airborne assault on rabies with a massive airdrop of vaccine-laden baits to immunize coyotes and foxes and keep the deadly disease from reaching domestic animals and humans.

Taxpayers should receive forms soon

Approximately two million North Texas taxpayers will soon receive their 1998 federal tax packages in the mail. US Postal Service letter carriers are busy sorting and delivering the tax packages to most North Texans this week.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, 8.3 million individual tax returns will be filed from Texas this year. More than 126 million returns will be filed nationwide, with more people choosing to file their taxes by telephone and computer.

Almost 800,000 tax packages going out to North Texans (25 million nationally) contain no tax forms. That's because the recipients are eligible to file their taxes by telephone.

TeleFile, the IRS' award-winning 10-minute file-by-phone system is available only to people who receive the special packet and those who have access to a touch-tone phone.

Postcards instead of forms were already mailed to about eight million taxpayers who used a computer to prepare or file their tax returns last year. The IRS is inviting them to be

part of a pilot program for paperless e-filing. The mailing includes e-file Customer Numbers (ECNs) that the taxpayers will use to electronically "sign" their returns before transmitting them. The ECN eliminates the signature form that would otherwise be required. The mailing also has a reply postcard for taxpayers to request that the IRS send them a regular tax package.

Finding tax forms this year is easier than ever before.

Forms and publications are available via computer from the IRS Web Site at www.irs.ustreas.gov or the Internal Revenue Information Services bulletin board at (703) 321-8020. Last year, 35 million forms, publications and other tax information were downloaded from the IRS Web Site.

The IRS TaxFax offers forms and instructions by return fax. Just call (703) 368-9694 from a fax machine. More than a million forms were faxed to taxpayers last year.

Forms also are available at many libraries and post offices.

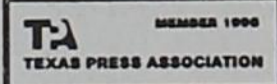
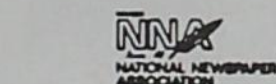
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- 1 TX film: "The _____ and Times of Judge Roy Bean"
- 5 TX "Babe": Mildred Didrikson
- 6 TXism: "if he _____ giddyup, you better go" (tough guy)
- 7 TXism: "got a skunk _____ the tail" (trouble)
- 8 Commerce h.s. class 9 in Medina Co. off I-35
- 16 TXism: "smart as a tree full of _____"
- 17 TXism: "so dark you couldn't find your nose with _____"
- 19 Ivan Rodriguez has often played on the AL _____ team
- 21 TX Roy Orbison film: "The Fastest Guitar _____"
- 22 private boys' school in Dallas
- 27 TXism: "that dog won't _____"
- 28 ACU men's club: "_____ Sodalis"
- 29 brain strainer
- 30 field of Valley oranges
- 32 concerning _____
- 33 TXism: "black _____ black cats"
- 36 TX Perot dislikes govt. "_____ lock"
- 37 Austin univer. _____
- 38 a Cowboy who doesn't report to training camp
- 39 TXism: "take _____" (investigate)

DOWN

- 1 guitar picker Paul _____
- 2 Valley "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- 3 an out for Juan _____
- 4 TXism: "_____ ducks on a pond"
- 8 pointed tools
- 9 Highlands is called the "_____"
- 10 _____ the San Jacinto Monument"
- 10 TXism: "he's tall hog _____ the trough"
- 11 ex-Ranger closer Henke (init.). _____
- 12 TXism: "_____ keep under the porch" (good hound)
- 13 TXism: "he's in _____ Land" (crazy)
- 14 TXism: "I'm _____ up to my ears"
- 15 giving attention
- 16 C&W group: _____
- 17 all the judges: "en _____"
- 18 withered, dry _____
- 20 it's not natural in Texas Stadium _____
- 22 _____ Edwards University in Austin
- 23 iced _____
- 24 homemade brew: "sour _____"
- 25 TXism: "busy _____"
- 26 not used today in Cowboy games: "instant _____"
- 28 Pearsall is seat of this county
- 31 this Guthrie played at TX Willie's Farm Aid III _____
- 34 Yo _____ Digo Creek
- 35 small continent (abbr.)
- 37 drug addict or computer operator disfavored in TX: Ku Klux _____
- 41 Ranger sportscaster Eric (init.). _____
- 44 TXism: "saddle strawberry" _____
- 45 without end _____
- 51 TXism for depleting resources (2 wds.) _____
- 52 in college, it's kinesiology _____

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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Joe Bob and Diane Sanders, Will, Charley and Matthew, hosted the Sanders and Simpson clan on Christmas eve. Attending were Carolyn and Jack Witherspoon, Kyle and Charity Andrews, Bayler and Bostyn of Amarillo; Patty and Dick Hill, Macy and Alysa of Hereford; Brad Sanders and Jim and Dana Andrews of Lubbock; Brent and Sarah Sanders, Katie and Abby of Floydada; Lisa and Dale Switzer of Denver City; Amy Andrews of College Station; and Bill and Suzan Sanders, Keevin and Kami, and Polly Simpson, all of Dimmitt.

It was a fun time.

V.C. and Dorothy Hopson and I met Nell and Darrell Kenmore for lunch at the Golden Corral in Lubbock on New Year's Eve. The get-together was to honor Nell on her birthday and to keep in touch with old and dear friends. Other friends were to meet us also, but they forgot. Does that say anything about the fuzzies of age?

The Thursday Bridge Club decided to meet again to play bridge on New Year's Day. They played until 11 a.m., then took a break from the cards to eat their black-eyed peas and cornbread. At 1 p.m. they ordered pizza.

These people are sure to have lots of luck this year. Those playing were Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Virginia Crider, Loranell Hamilton, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Merle Arthur, Carol Lantz, Dwight Joiner, Beth Joiner and Emily Clingingsmith.

They had three out-of-town guests including Edith Graef's granddaughter, Rhonda Neighbors of Urbandale, Iowa; and Bobby and Suzanne Phillips of Amarillo. Everyone had a good time.

V.C. and Dorothy Hopson and I drove to Breckenridge to Percy and

Margaret Parsons' lake home to spend New Year's Day. Percy and Margaret greeted Jane and Vernon O'Kelley, Bill and Deanne Clark and Elva Forrester, who is Deanne's mother of Lubbock; and Margaret's sister, Florene Knight of Sayre, Okla. The men watched football and the ladies played card games. We returned home Saturday.

The Wayland Hazel family, Elaine, Morgan, Stephanie, Samuel and John spent Christmas holidays with Elaine's parents in Midland. They came back to Dimmitt to have Christmas with the Hazel Family and to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Wayland's parents, Glenn and Mae.

Wayland, Elaine and the children joined his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Russ Laseter and their children for a week at Elk Point Lodge on Vallecito Lake near Durango, Colo. They enjoyed the mountains and snow.

The Thursday Bridge Club met on their regular day this week. Playing were Dede McLauren, Betty Durham, Carol Lantz, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Retta Cluck, Virginia Crider, Emily Clingingsmith, Susie Reeves, Opha Burks, Cleo Forson and Dwight and Beth Joiner.

Edith was hostess and she served a chicken casserole, tossed salad and hummingbird cake. Edith also was high-point winner while Loranell was second.

Alex, Tonya and Serge Linskyi treated Ed and Betty Freeman and me to wonderful food dishes they would be enjoying back in their native land, The Ukraine. Tonya had her favorite dish Betty had prepared, a lime Jell-O salad. Alex shared some of their customs from other years passed. The Linskyis are such an addition to our community. I failed to note this time of the year is Russian Christmas and these dishes we had were their customs.

Leigh and Curtis Durbin and Aubrie treated the Durbin brothers and sisters to Christmas in January. They had to postpone the big day in order for some of them to make it, but they always have a lot of fun, even if it is late. Phillip Durbin was the only one who couldn't be here. He lives in Hawaii, but still joined them by phone.

I stayed the weekend in Amarillo with my daughter, Jo Hyman. We

went to see the new movie, "Patch Adams." On Saturday we went to the wedding of one of Jo's friends, Sandra Zimmerman. It was at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo. Sandra is now Mrs. Sandra Sargus.

On Saturday, Tex Conard celebrated his 80th birthday in their home. Lunch was served to Izelle Conard and Beverly Lytacker of Mosquett; Barbara Godfrey of Plainview; Birdie Godfrey of Hart; Juanelle Winsor of Fort Worth; Carolyn Coffman of Muleshoe; Lorretta Fielder of Amarillo; Sharon and Larry Sadler, Verba and Ezell Sadler, all of Sunnyside; Stacy, Jeremy and Joshua Norman, Ella Higdon and Norma Conard.

Presenting the "fun" gift of a walking cane with horn, rabbit's foot and rear-view mirror to Tex was Lois Scott.

We wish a good 80th year to Tex.

Prior to the holidays, Billye Gwynn Davis visited with her son and family, the Lance Davis family of Lake O' The Pines. On the way, Billye had breakfast with a cousin, Jim McGaughy, at Seymour.

Also, later she spent several days with her daughter and family, the Morris Price family of Lubbock.

Attending the first Family and Community Educators meeting of 1999 on Friday were Ann Henderson, Edith Graef, Ferne Jones, Patsy Entekin, Mary Edna Hendrix, Mattie Seale and Betty Freeman.

The group worked on the new schedule and the year book for 1999. "Looks like we will all have a great year," a group spokeswoman said. "Come join us as we work for a wonderful year of good homemaking and aiding our 4-H kids this year."



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan. 14-22.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.

MONDAY: Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, orange wedges and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh bananas and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Cheese enchilada with sauce, refried beans, guacamole salad and white milk.

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, whole new potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot wheat rolls and milk.

MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, white milk and jalapeno peppers.

TUESDAY: Baked fish Scandia, French fries, tossed salad, cornbread and white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, tater tots, coleslaw and white milk.

THURSDAY: Baked chicken Italiano, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, angel flake biscuits and white milk.

FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, white rolls and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco confidiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; banana bread squares, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, nachos with cheese or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, nachos with cheese or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad, jellied applesauce or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of baked fish Scandia, macaroni and cheese or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, refried bean or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken tetrazzini, hot dog on a bun with chili or meat

loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, baked chicken Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, potato wedges or Italian vegetables salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or rotini salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and ham, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage, buttermilk biscuit, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, pancake and chicken breakfast stick and milk.

THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hot pocket pizza or pizza; green beans gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, salad, gelatin dessert, peaches, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or burrito mini basket; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, pickles and tomato and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato,

peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, salad, gelatin dessert, peaches, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or burrito mini basket; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or burrito deluxe; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito, oven fried chicken or chicken nuggets; gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; potato chips, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast with sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, Spanish rice, orange, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, peaches, Jell-O, and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Fish and roll or steak fingers, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pears, pudding and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Chalupa or pizza, lettuce, green beans, pineapple, cinnamon roll and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strip, tossed salad, rice, applesauce, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, fried potatoes, lettuce, corn, fruit cocktail, cherry cobbler and milk or juice.

* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.

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People



A FAREWELL RECEPTION was held Friday at Rhoads Memorial Library for librarian Cindy Pottorff, (left) who will be leaving her post Friday. Pottorff accepts a farewell gift from the library,

represented by Marie Howell, who has worked at the library for many years. Pottorff will be moving to Kansas where she will join her husband, who accepted a job in the state. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Scout leaders to be inducted into Haynes Hall of Honor

Two Castro County residents and former Boy Scout leaders Roger Malone of Dimmitt and Paul W. Armstrong Jr., of Hart will be among five area leaders who will be inducted into the Haynes District Scouter Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will be held during the annual Scouter Recognition Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Wayland Baptist University's McClung Center.

Tickets to the banquet are \$8.50 per person and may be ordered by contacting South Plains Council, Lubbock, Texas 79412-3099, phone (806) 747-2631; or Banquet Chairman Charles Bechtold; PO Box 1076, Plainview, Texas 79073-1076, phone (806) 296-6889.

Reservations must be made by Feb. 1 if you plan to attend the banquet.

Other former Scouters joining the Hall of Fame are James M. Davidson of Quitaque and former Plainview residents David Howard of Bryan and Adam Cuevas of Albuquerque, N.M.

The Haynes District Scouter Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor volunteer adult Scout leaders who have made significant and continuing contributions to the Boy Scout program as well as to area youth. They are elected by past Hall of Fame recipients.

Malone was involved with Scouts in Dimmitt from 1976 to 1988. He served as Webelos Leader of Pack 267 in Dimmitt from 1976-77. He was Scoutmaster for Troop 266 in 1982 and 1983. He served as a member of the Scout Troop 266 Committee in Dimmitt during

the 1984-85, 1986-88 and 1987-88 years. He was Scout Coordinator for Pack 267 in Dimmitt from 1984-1988 and was Scoutmaster for Troop 266 in 1984-85.

Armstrong worked with Scouts for 10 years, serving in Hart's Boy Scout Troop 246 from 1961-1970 as Assistant Scoutmaster and other leadership roles and in Hart's Cub Scout Pack 246 in various leadership roles from 1960 to 1963.

Also during the banquet, current Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders and units will be recognized with various awards.

The Haynes District serves all or portions of Castro, Briscoe, Swisher, Lamb, Hale and Floyd counties along with Turkey in Hall County. Almost 700 youth and adults in the area are registered in the program.

Lathams establish new home in San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Galin Latham are at home in San Antonio following a wedding trip to Winter Park, Colo. after they exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony at Holy Family Church in Nazareth on Dec. 26.

The bride is the former Nadine Schulte, daughter of Beth and Gerald Harder of Dimmitt and the late Lester Schulte. The groom is the son of Linda and Gaylord Latham of Muleshoe.

Officiating for the ceremony were Father Jerry Stein of Nazareth and Lyndon Latham of Amarillo. The couple recited their vows before an altar decorated with candelabras and poinsettias. The pews were decorated with votive lights, hurricane lanterns and ivory tulle bows.

Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt accompanied soloist Robin Gonzales as she sang *Daddy, Can You See Me Now?*, as Kara Bock and Denise Kirby, sisters of the bride, lighted a memorial candle in memory of their father, the late Lester Schulte. Gonzales also sang *The Rose*. Jeremy Talley sang *I Will Be Here*, Jennifer Talley sang *Because I Was Loved by You*, and the two sang *From This Moment On* as the couple lighted their unity candle. The Psalms V quartet sang *Surely The Presence and The Lord's Prayer*. Other selections included *The Maker Said Take Her*, the *Theme from Titanic*, and *Power of Love*. After reciting their vows, the groom sang *To Make You Feel My Love*.

Given in marriage by her brother, Royce Schulte of Sunray, the bride wore a gown of candlelight French lace designed with a sweetheart neckline and Edwardian sleeves encrusted with pearls and jewels. The sheath-style slim skirt fell from a princess waistline. The back of the gown plunged low and pearls were draped across the opening. The back was centered with a designer bow. The detachable chapel-length train was studded with pearls and jewels and featured imported crystal lace accents. Her shoulder-length veil, made by her mother, featured a sequined candlelight head piece. She carried a nosegay bouquet of fresh red roses and baby's breath, designed by her mother.

Serving as maid of honor was Amy Wooten of Canyon, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Denise Kirby of Lubbock and Kara Schulte of New Braunfels, sisters of the bride; Katrina Armes of Lubbock, cousin of the bride; and Holly Edwards of Lubbock, Wendi Ethridge of Dumas, Michelle Newman of Hobbs, N.M., and Halley Steinhilber of Fort Worth, friends of the bride.

The attendants all wore floor-length gowns of hunter green satin in a princess style, featuring long sleeves. They carried arm bouquets of fresh red roses, greenery and baby's breath.

Best man was Clint Latham of Lubbock, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Lance and Coby Latham of Canyon and Delwyn Latham of Muleshoe, brothers of the



MRS. GALIN LATHAM ... nee Nadine Schulte.

groom; and friends of the groom Elliott McKinney of Amarillo, Ronnie Hall of Canyon, and Jason Doolen and Greg Ritchie, both of San Antonio.

Kaci Schulte of Canyon and Lori Schulte of Dimmitt, sisters of the bride, were candle lighters. They wore red dresses of the same design worn by the bridesmaids.

Jayden Kirby of Lubbock and Jordan Schulte of Sunray, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. They wore dress of Christmas plaid and black velvet. Grant and Luke Feaster of Ralls, friends of the bride, were ring bearers.

Ushers were Heath Acker of Canyon, cousin of the bride, Jeremy Langford of Dallas, friend of the bride, and Kip McCall and Kevin Morris, both of Muleshoe, friends of

the groom. The reception and dinner were held at the Nazareth Community Hall. Tables were decorated with ivory cloths, topiary trees, tulle net, green ivy, candles and balloons.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School, and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports medicine in 1997. She is currently an account manager for Snelling Personnel Medical Company.

The groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School. He graduated from WTAMU with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He is currently a junior in dental school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Garcia finishes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Rachel Garcia, daughter of Rolando Garcia of Dimmitt, recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Garcia completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also is placed on physical fitness.

Garcia and other recruits also received instruction in the Navy's core values—honor, courage and commitment—and how to apply them in their military performance and per-

sonal conduct. Garcia joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Garcia and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.



OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Ken and Mary Brockman of Mesa, Ariz. Their daughter, Natalie Rose, was born Jan. 6 at 6:04 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 15-1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Jerome and Margaret Brockman of Nazareth and Elizabeth Burgoyne of Mesa. Great-grandmother is Elma Schacher of Nazareth.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Chaun and Lisa Gunstream of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Jordan Paige Gunstream, who was born at 7:06 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1998, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 12.6 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long at birth. She has an older sibling, Devin, who is 4. Paternal grandfather is Tommy Gunstream of Muleshoe. Maternal grandparents are Sandy and Deborah Noble of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are M.D. and Dean Gunstream, Pearl Gupton, Oneita Wanon, Nona Marlow and Jim and Betty Noble.

Brockman named to honor roll

Scott Brockman, son of Dale and Mona Brockman of Nazareth, has been named to the President's List for the fall 1998 semester at the University of Oklahoma.

Brockman maintained a 4.0 grade-point average while enrolled full-time during the semester.

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MR. AND MRS. THAD C. PICKARD
... She's the former Laura Lea Wayland

December vows join Pickard and Wayland

Mr. and Mrs. Thad C. Pickard are home in Hutchinson, Kan., after enjoying a wedding trip to Disney World and a cruise.

The couple exchanged vows Dec. 22 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Rev. Randy Gressett officiated at the service.

The bride is the former Laura Lea Wayland, daughter of Paul and Ruth Wayland of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Earl and Trish Pickard of Wichita, Kan.

The church was decorated in Christmas colors of red, green and white. Fan-shaped candelabra trimmed with red and green ivy held red tapers and decorated the altar area. The unity candle was white over green.

Music was provided by organist Ruth Wayland and pianist Walter Maynard. They accompanied soloist Wayne Proffitt as he sang *The Parents' Prayer* during the seating of the couple's mothers, and *The Lord's Prayer* during the lighting of the unity candle.

Maynard played a prelude of Christmas music. Wayland played *Lauda Anima* for the processional and Maynard performed *Joy to the World* for the recessional.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a light green delustered satin gown accented with gold georgette insets and sleeves. The back featured a chapel-length train accented with a floor-length bow. The neckline was trimmed in seed pearls. The gown was fashioned by the bride's mother.

The bride carried a nosegay of white silk roses trimmed with gold ribbon.

Matron of honor was Paula Balch of Florence, sister of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Alycia McClarty. Flower girl was Kerry Balch.

The matron of honor was attired in a hunter green velvet dress featuring an empire waistline. She carried a lighted red candle in a crystal holder trimmed with red and green ribbons.

The junior bridesmaid and flower girl wore a hunter green georgette

over taffeta dresses accented with back sashes.

The junior bridesmaid carried a candle matching that of the matron of honor's while the flower girl carried a white basket of red silk roses accented with ribbons.

Best man was Mike Kinny. Junior groomsmen was J.D. Fowler.

Joe Fowler and Rob McClarty served as candle lighters and ushers.

After the wedding, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The tables were decorated with red and green cloths accented with white tulle and gold beads and held lighted candles and gold angels.

The bride's four-tiered cake was served from a table covered with a Battenburg lace cloth. The cake was frosted in white and trimmed with clear accents and white sweet peas. The top was a crystalline bride and groom figurine.

The groom's cake featured a miniature policeman.

Serving at the reception were Sandy Baker, Linda and Laura Rasor, Maria Sloan, Teresa Gressett and Paula and Alexis Proffitt. Assisting with the reception were Geneva Malone, Billie Kirby and Dee Sloan.

Registering guests was Brenda Fowler. Programs were distributed by Justin McClarty and Reba Fowler.

The bride just graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of arts degree in history.

The groom is a police officer and SWORT member of the Hutchinson Police Department.

The journey of a thousand leagues, we say, begins with a single step. So, we must never neglect any work of peace that is within our reach, however small.

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Artwork sought by Houston show

The Junior Lamb Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is looking for drawings from students and the winning drawing will be used on the front of the program to be distributed at the Junior Lamb Auction on March 5 in Houston.

All drawings are due in the Extension office by Wednesday.

The drawing can be in color and the program size is 10 inches wide by seven inches tall. Students submitting artwork also are asked to include a short paragraph about themselves.

Those interested are asked to contact the Extension Office.

The winner will be introduced and presented with prizes at the auction.

Training set for volunteer crisis workers

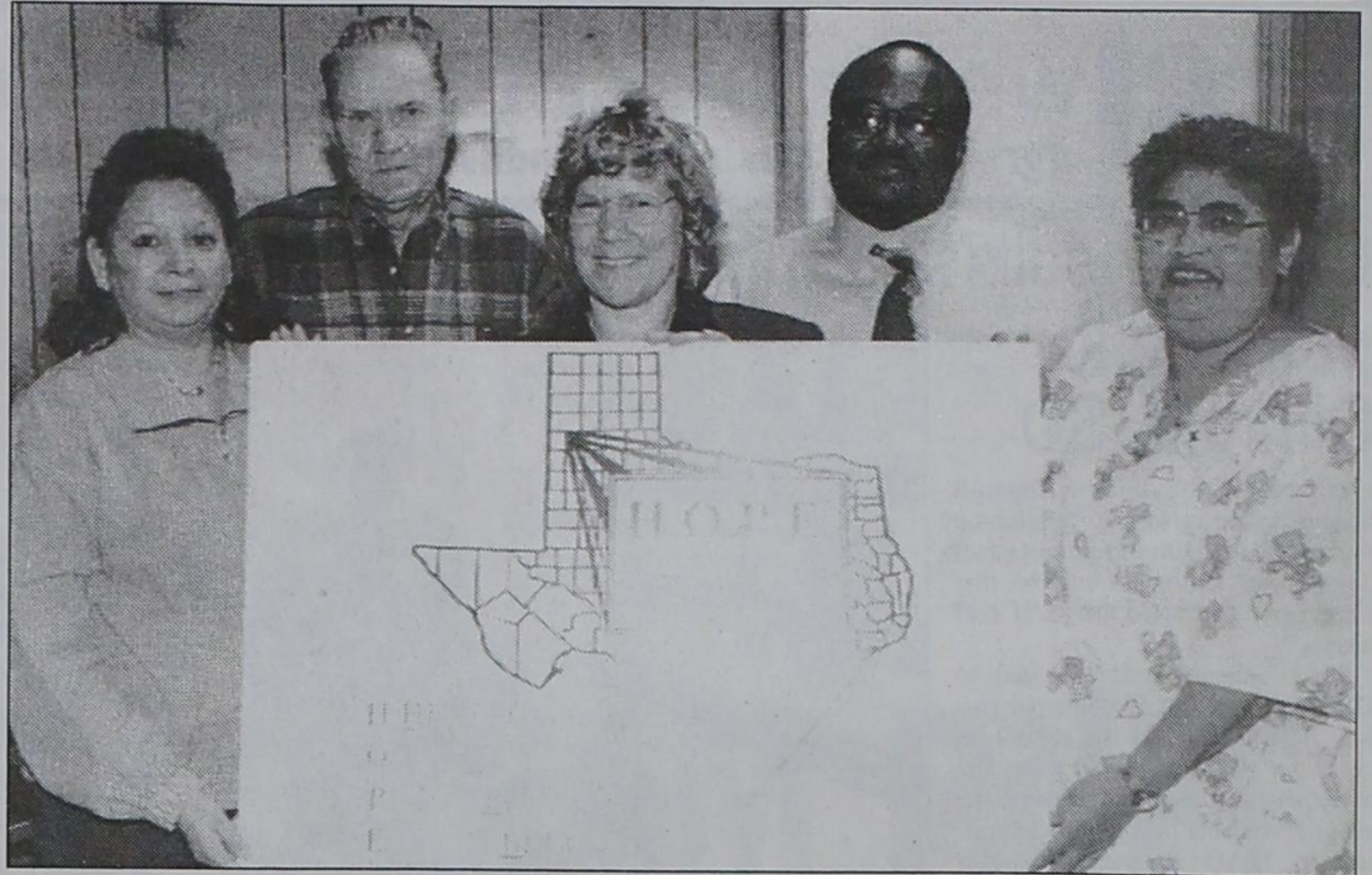
Training classes have been scheduled for volunteers who wish to help victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

The training is being sponsored by the Women's and Children's Crisis Center in conjunction with Hereford Regional Medical Center. The Crisis Center serves four counties including Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham.

The training will begin Jan. 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will continue each Monday for 10 to 12 weeks.

Those interested should call (806) 363-6727 or 1-888-235-2990 for applications. Class size is limited.

Volunteers will provide a free service to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Funding for the service is from a sexual assault grant.



H.O.P.E. COMMITTEE MEETING—At its monthly meeting last week, the Health Outlook, Planning and Education (H.O.P.E.) Committee of Castro County had a visit from Dr. Chris Bradshaw (center) of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture Regional Administrative Service Office in Austin. Among the others present

for the meeting were (from left) local committee members Maria Sloan and Bay Baldrige; Lawrence Headley, TDA Regional Nutritionist; and local committee member Janie Bugarin. Bradshaw was here to examine the progress of the local HOPE program.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Vegetation management workshop set

Keeping Texas roadways beautiful requires more than smoothing over potholes and picking up trash, say organizers of a workshop focused on managing vegetation along the state's thoroughfares.

The workshop will be held next Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Texas A&M Research Center in Amarillo. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

The program is geared to commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicators.

"This seminar is designed to help the right-of-way applicator do a better job of what he already does quite well," said Levon Harmon of

the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and coordinator of the workshop.

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has approved five continuing education units (CEUs) for this event.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The training is offered at no cost to participants. The program will start at 9 a.m.

Martha Edwards, TDA inspector from Canadian, will serve as moderator for the morning sessions. The morning agenda consists of Clay Salisbury, Extension agronomist and Experiment Station weed scientist, who will address weed identification and control; Alex Mimms, Tri-State Chemical representative who will speak on understanding the label and

Material Safety Data Sheets; and Howard Pierson of Estes Incorporated, who will cover off-target problems.

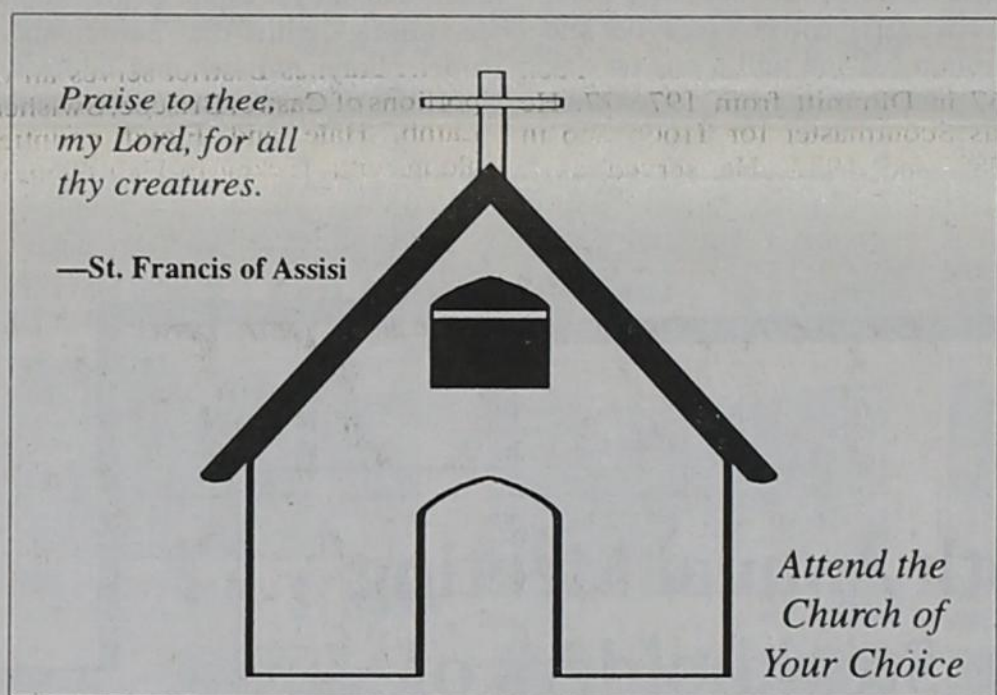
The afternoon session, moderated by Shawn Davis, pesticide supervisor of Lubbock, will feature Brent Bean, Extension Specialist, instructing participants on choosing the right nozzle; and Pro-Chem Sales representative Gary Rich, who will discuss personal pesticide safety.

Harmon will wrap up the workshop by advising participants on the changes and requirements for application records.

For registration information, call the Amarillo TDA office at (806) 358-7285.

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Cerestar USA, Inc., in Dimmitt has agreed to sell 10,000 gallons of propane to the Dimmitt Independent School District for use in buses that have been converted for dual fuel usage.

The company sold the fuel to DISD at a price of 35 cents per gallon. It will also cost the school 15 cents per gallon transport cost. The average price of propane has been around 70 cents per gallon, according to DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill. Hill said that the discounted price will save the school district about \$2,000.

Cerestar's propane system was installed in the early 1970s as a stand-by boiler fuel. A few years later, a fuel oil system was installed as the stand-by fuel and the propane system was never used again for that purpose, according to Eddie Adams, Safety, Health and Environment manager for Cerestar.

Adams said the company has been refueling its forklifts from the propane tanks.

"In June of this year, the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Program Rule will become effective," Adams said. "This is a regulation designed to help prevent accidental releases of hazardous materials, and large propane systems like ours are covered.

"Since there is no need for us to have large quantities of propane on hand, and complying with the requirements of EPA's Risk Management Program would be very expensive, we decided to remove the propane and deactivate the system."

"This is something that benefits both us and the schools," said David Bone, Cerestar plant manager.

"We appreciate the savings this will represent for the school district," Hill said.

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SELLING PROPANE AT A DISCOUNT—Cerestar USA, Inc., has agreed to sell fuel to the Dimmitt Independent School District. Lining up for a mock "delivery" are (from left) E.L. Washington, DISD Director of Transportation; Eddie Adams, Safety, Health and Environment manager for Cerestar; Johnny Hill, DISD Business Manager; and David Bone, Cerestar plant manager. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference is Tuesday

The annual Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be held Tuesday at the Olton stock show facilities and the public is invited to attend.

The conference will be conducted by producers and Texas Agricultural Extension Service agents from Castro, Lamb, Parmer and Bailey Counties.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start around 8 a.m.

The morning session will focus on general cotton production, irrigation, cotton research and boll weevils. The afternoon session will focus on risk management, budgeting, cotton mar-

ket outlook, pesticide laws and regulations and cotton weed control.

Participants will receive six hours of continuing education units (CEUs) as required by Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicators License from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. These credits also apply for certified crop advisors.

Pre-registration will be \$15 per person, and that includes the noon meal, cap and a special gift. Registration at the door will include an additional late fee of \$5. Registration fee, along with the participants name, phone number and address, should be mailed to the Lamb

County Extension Office, County Courthouse, Room B-5, Littlefield 79339, Attention Cyndi Mills.

Among the morning speakers at this year's conference are Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Dana Porter, Dr. Dan Kreig, Dr. Jim Lesser, Johnna Patterson (Castro County Integrated Pest Management Agent), Jimmy McCurry and Brian Patterson. Morning moderator will be Dirk Aaron.

The afternoon moderator will be Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall and speakers will be Dr. Jackie Smith, Craig Fincham, Dr. Carl Anderson, James Esty, Dr. Peter Dotray and Aaron.

The conference is slated to wind up around 4:15 p.m.

Clover Kids to meet Wednesday

All county students in the kindergarten through second grades are invited to a Clover Kids activity at 4 p.m. on Jan. 20 at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

The 4-H Clover Kids program is "a lot of fun and we'd really like for you to join us," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent.

For more information about the program or 4-H contact Neal at 647-4115.

Minding Your Own Business

Guide your creativity with the C.O.M.P.A.S.S. method



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

Creativity is a valuable tool when converting problems into opportunities. Studies indicate that we are the most creative at about age 5. Later, we often find ourselves locked in routines of our own making.

Yet there are those who maintain great curiosity about everything. They put silly things together in their minds. They wonder what if. They ask why not.

Instead of going from A to B to C in order to reach D, the creative mind may work backwards by going to Z, then jumping to D. While the creative person doesn't care a great deal for responsibility and consequence, they do love change. And they will make changes just for the sake of seeing what happens.

Maybe you're in a rut as you read this column. Though you don't wish to throw caution to the wind, perhaps you feel a little creativity would be refreshing. The C.O.M.P.A.S.S. guide will help you.

Spurring your creative cells

C.O.M.P.A.S.S. is the seven-part guide for increasing your creative thinking skills. The intent is to get you started in thinking outside the box.

Combine. This simple strategy gets your creative juices flowing by allowing you to put different items together. The hot dog is an example. It is a combination of nearly every poor quality meat in the carcass. But combine it with a bun and a ballgame and, *walla*, you've got an American institution.

Combine earphones with a small tape player and, *walla*, Sony Walkman. Combine a suitcase on wheels with a pullout handle and, *walla*, you make millions of travelers happy. Combine a rechargeable battery pack with an electric hole-making device and, *walla*, a cordless drill.

Observe. Observe means to watch carefully and pay attention to details. When you're creating, try to look at everything in a new way. I watched people carry heavy suitcases in airports for 30 years without seeing the need for wheels.

What was I looking at? I saw the problem, but not the solution. When you observe a problem, write it down. The solution may come to you weeks or months later.

Modify. The first tape recorders wound wire from one reel to another. Then came magnetic tapes, 8-track cassettes and even smaller cassettes and micro-cassettes.

In the 60s, my racing friends and I wanted to ride our motorcycles in the winter. We modified our tires with sharpened bolts and raced on frozen lake beds.

Put it to other uses. Someone took soft writing paper to the toilet. Someone took glue that wasn't very sticky and made post-it-notes. Someone took a water pump and made a whirlpool bath. Someone turned a computer into a portable Rolodex, entertainment center and gaming device.

Adapt. Ideas don't have to be original to work. James Watt didn't build the first steam engine. He adapted the ideas of others for a more specific purpose. I have a friend who is building a business by adapting the common tape dispenser into a hands-free tool. Keep your eyes open and you'll see new ideas you can adapt to solve old problems.

Substitute. In the early days of supermarket shopping everyone carried a shopping basket. In 1937, Sylvan Goldman put wheels and handles on the baskets and invented the shopping cart.

Can you substitute ingredients to come up with a new taste or mix? What if? What else? Why not?

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

The 66th Annual Meeting
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Water district checking water levels in the area

High Plains Underground Water

District personnel are now making annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of 1998 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

These water level measurements are taken in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water-level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Water District personnel make the water-level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The last several feet of the tape are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with the water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date is then affixed to the well or well site.

Water District personnel measure the same observation wells each year, and the current depth-to-water measurements are compared to that of previous years to determine the average annual change in water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer.

The data is used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the aquifer.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published each year in the district's newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year and 10-year intervals are published.

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West Texas Vegetable Conference to feature new ideas

Vegetable growers, market gardeners and master gardeners should make plans to attend the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford Tuesday.

"The conference will focus on sustainable vegetable production. It is an excellent chance for growers to update their production and marketing skills and gain new insight on the industry," said Dr. Roland Roberts, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist. "This event will

feature presentations and discussions by growers, researchers, vegetable specialists, scientists and agribusiness."

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Registration fee is \$25, which includes a lunch and admission to a trade show with commercial exhibits and educational displays.

Conference speakers will address these topics:

- ◆ Potato seed tuber handling and

treatments for maximum crop performance.

- ◆ Growing and marketing specialty crops with strong market potential.
- ◆ Precision vegetable culture.
- ◆ New potato and watermelon varieties for Texas.
- ◆ Integrated Pest Management and potato research at West Texas A&M University.
- ◆ The Texas Watermelon Project and other marketing opportunities.

- ◆ Chile production on the High Plains.
- ◆ Insect, disease and weed control options.
- ◆ Drip irrigation for intensive vegetable production.
- ◆ The future of pest control products and current Texas pesticide laws and regulations.
- ◆ An update on labor regulations and legislation.

"It's not unusual for people to travel from five states to attend the

West Texas Vegetable Conference," Roberts said. "Growers and crop advisors can earn continuing education credits (CEUs) and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certification."

Conference sponsors include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Deaf Smith County Vegetable Development

Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Texas Tech University and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

For more information, call Dr. Roberts at (806) 746-6101 or the Deaf Smith County Extension office at (806) 364-3573.









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Sports



TABC updates rankings

County teams dropped in the state rankings as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) updated its rankings Monday.

The Nazareth Swiftettes dropped to No. 10 in the latest poll after being No. 2 for most of the year. The Swiftettes dropped after their 62-43 loss to unranked Vega Friday night.

The Dimmitt Bobcats, who had been ranked No. 11, dropped to No. 20 on the Class AAA poll while the Dimmitt Bobbies fell out of the poll.

Here are the most-recent Top 10 rankings for Class A and Class AAA boys and girls, as released Monday by TABC.

Class A Girls: 1. Sudan, 2. Valley View, 3. Gail Borden County, 4. Moulton, 5. Corsicana Mildred, 6. Karnack, 7. Lenorah Grady, 8. Zephyr, 9. Dime Box, 10. Nazareth.

Class A Boys: 1. Brookeland, 2. Lipan, 3. Molton, 4. Evadale, 5. Edgewood, 6. Woden, 7. Peaster, 8. Clyde Eula, 9. Buffalo, 10. Port Aransas.

Class AAA Girls: 1. Winnsboro, 2. Lufkin Hudson, 3. Bowie, 4. Shallowater, 5. Sweeny, 6. Decatur, 7. Gladewater, 8. Crandall, 9. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill, 10. Denver City.

Class AAA Boys: 1. Seminole, 2. Clarksville, 3. Kountze, 4. Tulia, 5. Mexia, 6. Madisonville, 7. Glen Rose, 8. Rusk, 9. Clyde, 10. Waco La Vega.

4-H'ers needed for judging teams

Any Castro County 4-H'er interested in competing on a judging team should contact the Extension office as soon as possible.

There are 4-H judging teams for Horse, Dairy, Livestock, Wool, Meats and more.



NICE MOVE—Dimmitt post Jerry Thomas scores around Muleshoe's Dustin Cleavinger during the Bobcats' final non-conference game here Friday night. The 6-6 Cleavinger and 6-5 Matt Turney combined to hold Thomas below his average, but he still managed 14 points as the Bobcats earned a 74-70 win.

Photo by Carter Townsend

District opener

Bobbies use defense, free throws to topple tall Rangerettes, 58-48

The Bobbies started their District 1-AAA season in the best possible way Friday night—with a solid 58-48 home victory over district favorite Perryton.

It was only the fourth loss of the year for the Rangerettes.

Perryton's starting lineup averaged taller than 5-10, but the smaller Bobbies neutralized that height advantage with quickness and defense.

Dimmitt guards Stephanie Hinojosa and Shawna Kenworthy spearheaded a trapping full-court press and a tight, aggressive man-to-man half-court defense that kept the tall Rangerettes off-balance all night.

On offense, the Bobbies could manage only 12 field goals against Perryton's towering defense—most of them long shots and fast-break layups—but they drew 27 fouls on the Rangerettes and sank 25 free throws to make the difference.

Two Rangerettes fouled out and two others finished the game nursing four apiece as they tried to keep pace with the Bobbies' running game.

The Perryton girls managed to grab a 13-11 lead late in the first period, but Tonya Robertson sank a free throw, then stole the ball at mid-court and fed Heather Wise for a layup three seconds before the buzzer to give Dimmitt a 14-13 margin.

The Bobbies never allowed the Rangerettes to take the lead again. They stretched their advantage to 30-22 by halftime as their defense forced the tall visitors into turnovers, off-balance shots and bad passes.

After cutting Dimmitt's lead to 39-36 in the third, Perryton closed to within a point early in the fourth, but in the meantime they committed enough fouls to put the Bobbies into a bonus free-throw situation. Kenworthy sank three 1-and-1's, then Carol Summers made two crucial steals and fed Kenworthy and Hinojosa for back-to-back layups.

With a six-point pad, the Bobbies started working the clock in the final three minutes and sank 12 of 16 free throws down the stretch to ice the win.

Kenworthy paced Dimmitt's scorers with 14, while Wise and Robertson sank 13 each, Hinojosa 9, Heather Black 5, and Summers and Ironica Traylor 2 apiece.

Leading Perryton scorers were 5-11 sophomore post Courtney Nowlin with 14 and 6-1 freshman post Kari Parvin with 12.

"I think all around it was as good a



DIMMITT'S ALLISON ROBERSON looks for an outlet during the Bobbies' District 1-AAA opener against Perryton here Friday night. Pressing her against the baseline is 5-11 Perryton guard Erin Hale (34). The Bobbies handed the favored Rangerettes their fourth loss of the year, 58-48, to take an early district lead.

Photo by Carter Townsend

game as we've played," said a happy Coach Chris Edwards. "It was a great all-around effort by everybody. Everyone took a leadership role at times and our bench was a lot of help. It took all 11 of us to get out of here."

MS Society sets meeting in Dimmitt

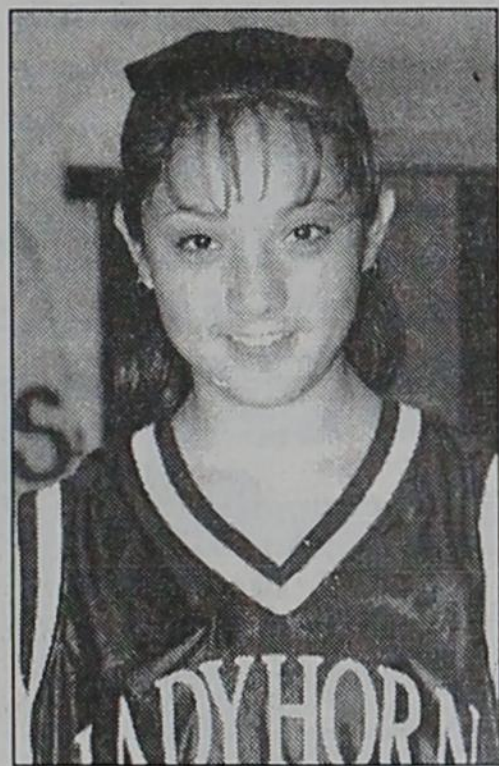
The Panhandle Chapter of the National MS Society will present a program in Dimmitt Tuesday at 6:30

p.m. in the home of Delores Heller at 503 W. Jones.

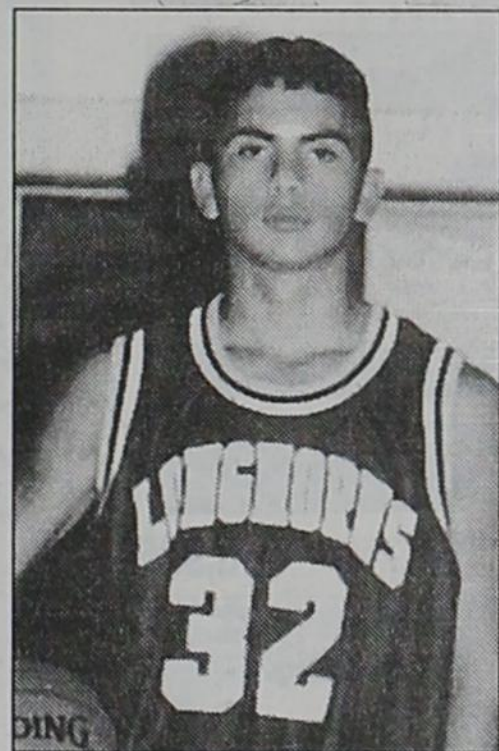
Anyone who is interested is invited to attend and hear a presentation on "How to Reduce Stress." Light refreshments will be served, followed by the program.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling Heller at 647-2655 or the MS Society office at (806) 468-7500. Also, in case of bad weather, call to confirm that the meeting will be held.

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In District 8-A opener Friday

Hart teams use big fourth quarters to down Springlake

Hart teams opened up District 8-A play Friday with convincing wins over Springlake-Earth.

The Lady Horns took the first game, punishing the Lady Wolverines with pressure defense and balanced scoring for a 59-43 win.

In the boys' game, the Longhorns enjoyed an advantage over the Wolverines through three quarters, then opened things up in the fourth for a big 53-33 win.

The Hart girls improved to 15-4 overall with the win and jumped to a 1-0 record in district play. The Longhorns, also 1-0 in district, improved their season mark to 6-11.

Springlake-Earth couldn't stop Hart's offense, led by Geneva Finch, who finished with a game-high 26 points. Veronica Gonzales added 16 for the Lady Horns while Ysa Rodriguez finished with 11.

"Geneva had a big game and that helped us. She got physical inside and just played great," said Hart Coach Lucretia Shropshire.

Finch hit 10 of her 16 shots from the field and made five of nine free throws. She was credited with one assist, seven rebounds and a blocked shot.

The game was close through three

quarters before the Hart girls took control in the fourth.

Hart was on top 17-14 after the first quarter and 34-26 at halftime, but Springlake came back in the fourth to narrow Hart's lead to five, 42-37.

The Lady Horns owned the final eight minutes, outscoring Springlake-Earth 17-6 to pull off the win.

"It was a pretty physical game, but the kids did a good job on defense," said Shropshire. "We shot the ball well, too (49% for the game from the field and 76% from the free throw line)."

Finch paced Hart through its first quarter, nailing three shots from the field and a pair of free throws. Rodriguez added another pair of baskets and three charity tosses during the stanza.

Finch went wild in the second quarter, exploding for 11 points.

The Lady Wolverines managed to hold Finch to seven points in the second half, but Gonzales picked up the slack, scoring 10 of her 12 points over the final 16 minutes.

Rodriguez led the Lady Horns in the assist category with six while she had five steals.

The Longhorns also used a strong fourth-quarter performance to down the Wolverines.

Hart built a 13-9 lead in the first quarter, then jumped ahead 26-16 by the break.

The Wolverines managed to cut Hart's lead to eight in the third, but the Longhorns put the game on ice in the fourth with a 17-5 effort that gave them a 53-33 win.

Jared Aven and Jeremiah Velasquez each finished with 17 points while Keith Finch had 16 for the Longhorns.

"I think Springlake got a little frustrated," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "We played a zone on them and doubled up on their big guys. The outside guys got frustrated and couldn't hit anything."

Bryant said the Longhorns also shot well from the field, hitting 19-of-30 attempts from the field.

"Most of our success on offense came from outside. We were able to penetrate a lot and took advantage."

Rebounding played a big part in the win, too.

"The kids are getting better at blocking out. We had 23 defensive rebounds and were able to cut down on their second shots."



HART'S AMANDA ETHRIDGE shoots over Springlake-Earth defenders Friday night. The Lady Horns won their district opener with the Lady Wolverines, 59-43, to improve to 15-4 on the season. Hart ran into trouble in Tuesday's district game with Vega; however, losing the game, 77-57.

Photo by David Knox

Buckley, Thomas are recognized at recent tournaments

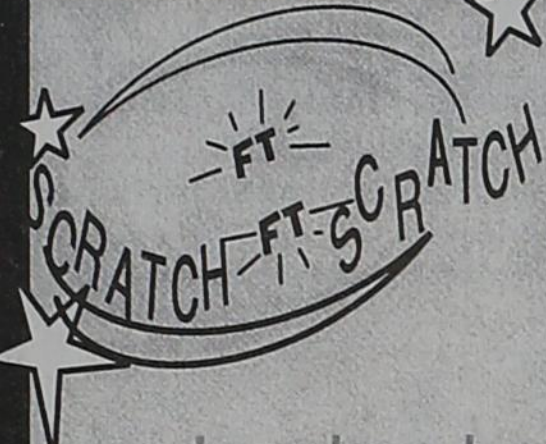
Derek Buckley and Jerry Thomas, both of Dimmitt, have been named to all-tournament teams at recent tournaments, according to Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle.

Steinle said he received word before the holidays that Buckley had been named to the all-tournament team at the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic, which was held in early December.

During the tournament, Buckley hit 45% of his field goals and 70% of his free throws. He finished with 63 points and 52 credits (combined steals, assists, etc.) over four games.

Thomas made the all-tournament squad in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament after scoring 87 points in four games. He finished with 35 credits and 33 rebounds during those games and enjoyed a 66% field goal percentage.

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 Feb. 5—*River Road, There
 Feb. 9—*Dalhart, There
 Feb. 12—*Perryton (Boys), Here

Bobbies

22, Randall 42
 32, Levelland 52
 56, Borger 49
Queen's Classic
 58, Lockney 66
 80, Ray 75
 72, Vega 62

Consolation Champions

43, Hereford 32
 54, Amarillo High 66
 57, Muleshoe 42
Seminole Tournament
 87, Hobbs 76
 66, Andrews 38
 63, Seminole 66

Second Place

54, Friona 43
 52, Coronado 90
Caprock Tournament
 38, Whiteface 49
 74, Lubbock Estacado 80
 72, Trinity Christian 48
 50, Littlefield 38
 35, Slaton 52
 58, Perryton 48
 60, Tulia 45

District Record: 2-0
 Season Record: 12-9

Bobcats

61, Randall 69
 81, Levelland 72
 61, Borger 43
 67, Farwell 48
 49, Hereford 54
Pioneer Classic
 59, Lubbock High 61
 67, Lubbock Estacado 44
 75, Plainview 48
 47, El Paso 52

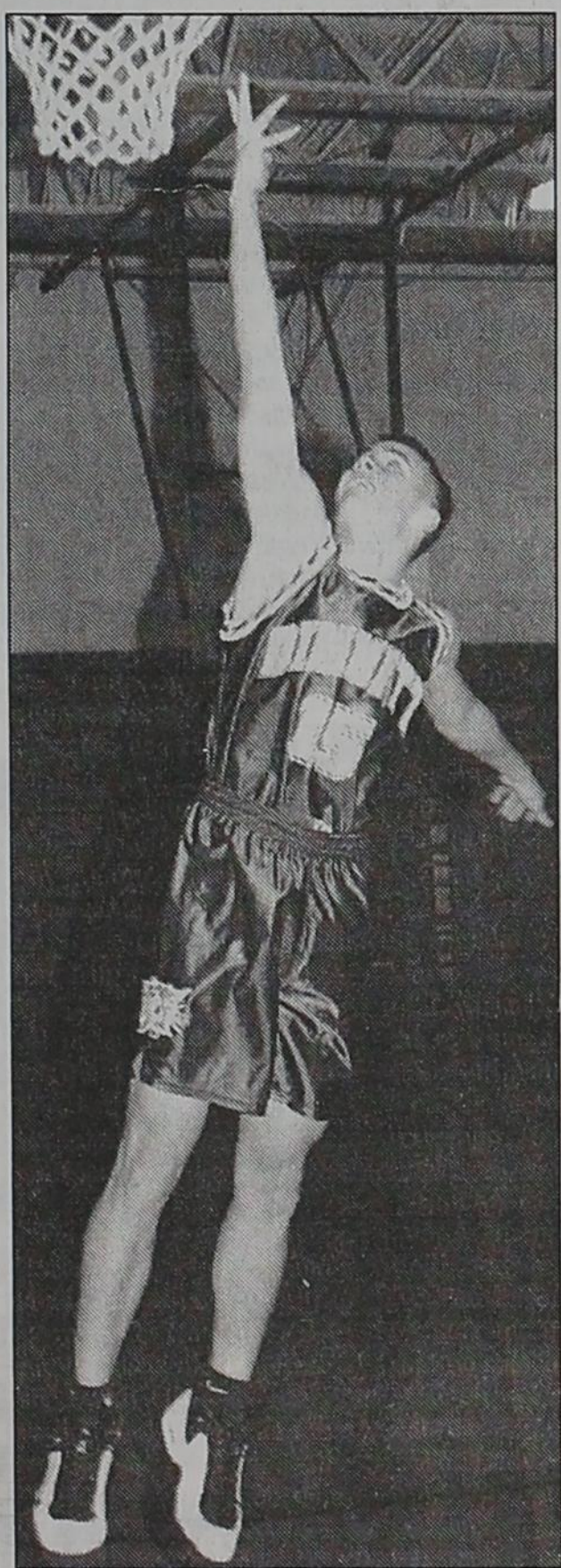
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 65, Trinity Christian 70
 60, Littlefield 56
 76, Slaton 42
 74, Muleshoe 70
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Vega upsets Swiftettes, 62-43

Vega used a dominating inside game, good ballhandling and penetration, and a tough pressure defense to upset the No. 2-ranked Nazareth Swiftettes Friday, 62-43, in a District 8-A opener in Nazareth.

Vega's 6-0 junior post Kyla May was unstoppable Friday, scoring 18 points to lead her team to the win while all-state guard Cami Rea finished with 16 points.

Vega held a 14-6 lead after the first quarter and still lead by eight after two periods. The Lady Horns blew open the game in the third quarter, outscoring Nazareth 21-11, and never looked back.

The Swiftettes' top scorer was Shawna Gerber, who finished with 19. Whitney Hoelting added 11.

Vega out-rebounded Nazareth, 35-

21, and forced 17 Swiftette turnovers in the game. Nazareth struggled from the field, too, hitting just 12-of-44 shots. Vega made 23 of its 59 attempts from the field.

Vega opened the game with a steal and layup by Kimberly Artho, but Hoelting tied the game with a pair of free throws seconds later.

After a shot by Vega's Amanda Selman, the Swiftettes tied it at four on a steal and layup by Gerber, then took the lead when Hoelting connected on a shot off the dribble with 4:43 left in the quarter.

Vega's defense kicked in after that, shutting out the Swiftettes for the rest of the quarter while reeling off 10 unanswered points for the 14-6 lead.

Leading the assault was Cleavinger, who tied it at six on an offensive putback, then scored another shot off of a penetration and added a third bucket on another offensive board. She was fouled and made the free throw, too. Sandwiched between the three buckets was a three-pointer by Rea and before the buzzer ended the quarter, the Lady Horns were up by six.

Nazareth never recovered from the drought.

Vega took a 10-point lead early in the second when May hit a pair of free throws, but Gerber cut the lead to seven when she converted a three-point play with seven minutes left in the quarter.

That was the last shot the Swiftettes would make until Cassie Birkenfeld scored with 3:09 left in the quarter.

During Nazareth's second dry spell, Vega reeled off nine straight points, seven of which came from May, to take a 25-9 lead.

Pairs of free throw by Gerber and Birkenfeld cut the lead to 10, then Nazareth got a baseline drive and

layup from Sara Schulte and a shot by Birkenfeld at the buzzer to trim Vega's lead to eight.

Nazareth made it a six-point game early in the third quarter on a shot by Hoelting but after that Vega pulled ahead and the Swiftettes would get no closer than seven again.

Vega built a 12-point lead in the third after Rea nailed a three and May connected, but Gerber answered with a three and layup to pull Nazareth within seven again at the 5:08 mark.

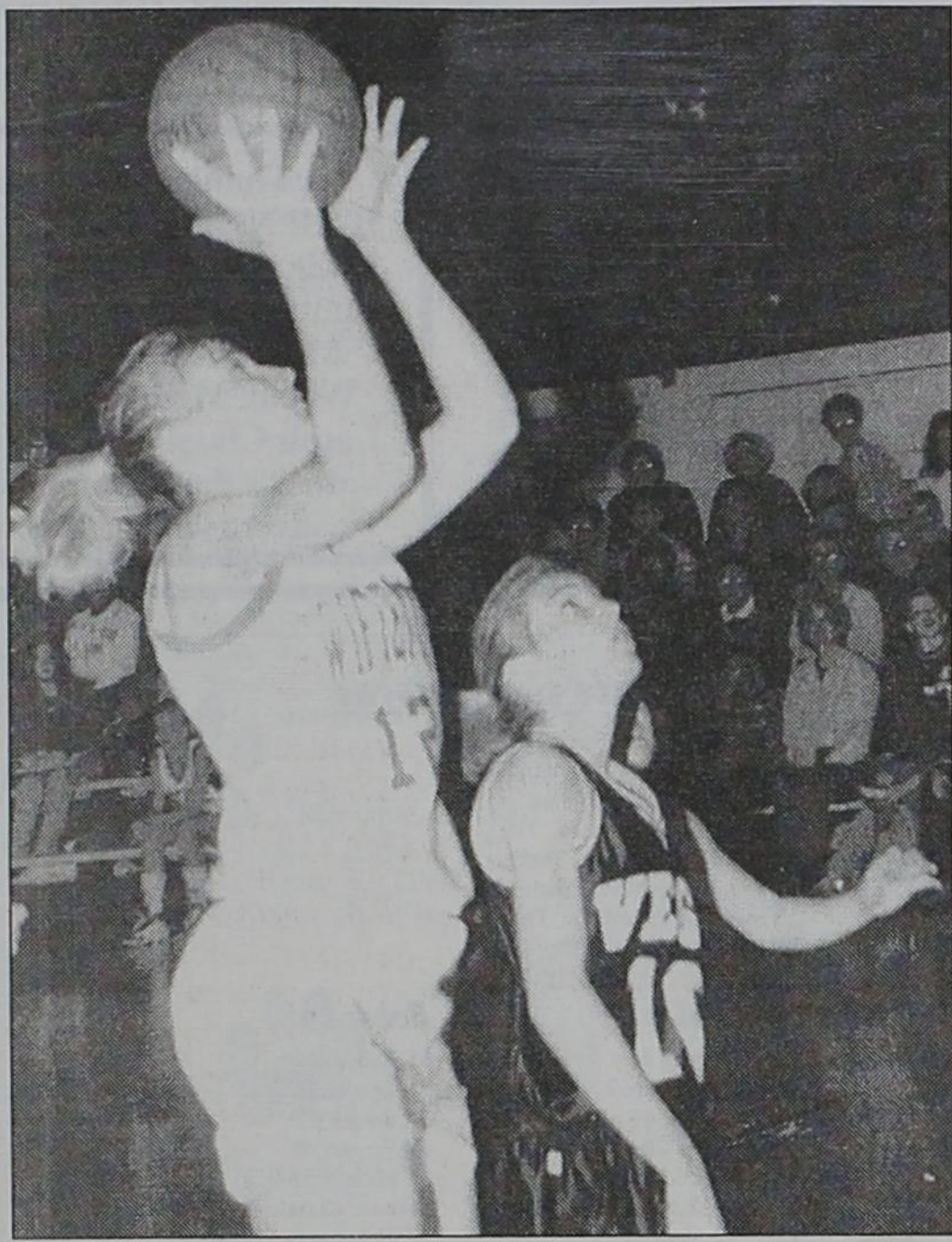
Nazareth got in foul trouble after that and May took over.

Gerber was whistled for her fourth foul with 4:49 left in the third.

May hit back-to-back shots and Vega's defense held Nazareth scoreless until the 1:58 mark when Hoelting hit a pair of free throws.

An offensive rebound and putback by Selman and two three-pointers by Rea over the last 1:43 of the quarter gave Vega a commanding 48-30 lead.

The Lady Horns outscored Nazareth 14-13 over the final eight minutes to preserve the win.



FAST BREAK TWO—Nazareth's Shawna Gerber (12) turns a steal into a layup, driving past Vega's Cami Rea Friday night in a District 8-A opener at Nazareth. The Swiftettes fell behind in the first half and never regained the lost ground, losing to the Lady Horns by 19. The Swiftettes fell to 0-2 in district Tuesday after losing to Sudan, 27-23.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

19 treys highlight game as Cats top Mules 74-70

It was "Bombs away!" in the first quarter of the Dimmitt-Muleshoe boys' game at Cleveland Memorial Gym Friday night.

Eight three-point shots were sunk in the opening period alone and 19 during the game as the Bobcats took a hard-earned 74-70 win in their final non-district game.

Derek Buckley and Daniel Flores opened Dimmitt's scoring with a pair of threes. Later in the quarter, they and Muleshoe ace Dustin Cleavinger swished four in a row in less than a minute of clock time. Buckley nailed still another one a minute later, then closed out the quarter with his fourth trey.

Buckley added a fast-break layup and a free throw for a total of 15 points in the first period en route to a season-high 29 points.

The taller Mules narrowed the Bobcats' lead to 46-36 by halftime, then tied the score at 52 on a trey by Mitch Mason with 1:40 left in the third. But Buckley converted a three-point play and Jacob Larra sank a trey and a pair of free throws to put Dimmitt back out front, 60-55, going

into the fourth. The Bobcats had to fight to hold their lead as the Mules closed to 61-60 and 66-65 during the fourth.

But the Bobcats went into their ball-control game during the final minutes and iced the game from the free-throw line in the stretch.

"They're a good team," Buckley said afterward. "We came out pretty hot and got ahead of them, but we knew they would come back. They've got some good shooters and tall people."

"I thought Dimmitt played exceptionally," Muleshoe Coach Ralph Mason said. "I've seen them when they were hot and cold, and tonight they were pretty hot."

"I was proud of the way our kids kept their poise and scored some key baskets in the stretch after Muleshoe had shot their way back into it," Bobcat Coach Alan Steidle said.

"We got into some foul trouble and some kids came off the bench and really made a contribution," Steidle added. "That's what makes a team, when you have so many guys who contribute."



GET OUT OF THE WAY!—Daryl Pohlmeier (32) of Nazareth makes a move inside and gets off a shot despite the efforts of a Vega defender during second-half action Friday in Nazareth. The Swifts won their first District 8-A game, 54-36, then went on to down Sudan Tuesday night, 54-34.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swift defense shuts down Vega for win

Nazareth's defense held Vega to 13 total points in the second and third quarters as the Swifts opened District 8-A play with a win at home Friday, 54-36.

Vega turned the ball over 27 times and couldn't get any offense going in the game, hitting just 13-of-38 shots from the field. Five of those were three-pointers.

Nazareth struggled from the field, too, hitting just 36% of its shots, but they made enough to coast past the Longhorns.

Nazareth got 26 points from Kade Wilcox, who had five three-pointers in the game. Ky Wilcox finished with eight and Matt Olvera added seven.

Kade Wilcox swished a baseline three-pointer to open the game, then Daryl Pohlmeier followed his own missed shot with 6:26 left to put the Swifts up 5-0.

Vega would come back to take the lead, using two three-pointers and another shot to take an 8-7 lead while holding the Swifts scoreless for more than four minutes.

But Kade Wilcox got the Swifts back on track with a shot at the 2:13 mark.

Vega used another three to claim an 11-10 lead and that held for almost a minute and a half, until Kade Wilcox buried a three at the buzzer

to give the Swifts a 13-11 advantage. He hit another trey to open the second, then tried his luck again seconds later, but was short. Olvera was there for the follow tip-in to put the Swifts up 18-11 with seven minutes left in the half.

Kade Wilcox hit a layup after a Pohlmeier steal and Nazareth was up by 10.

Pohlmeier scored with 5:09 left, then Ky Wilcox picked up a layup off of a baseline drive to make it 24-12.

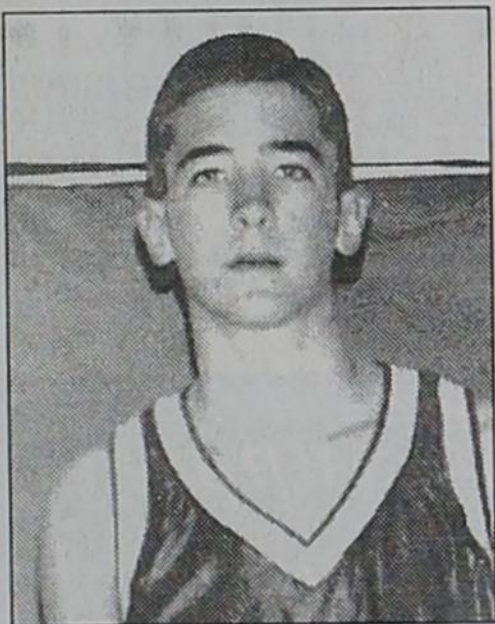
Nazareth would allow Vega just a three-pointer and free throw in the stanza, and built up a commanding lead.

The Swifts took a 15-point advantage before the half, getting three free throws from Cameron McLain and a trey by Jason Huseman to make it 30-15.

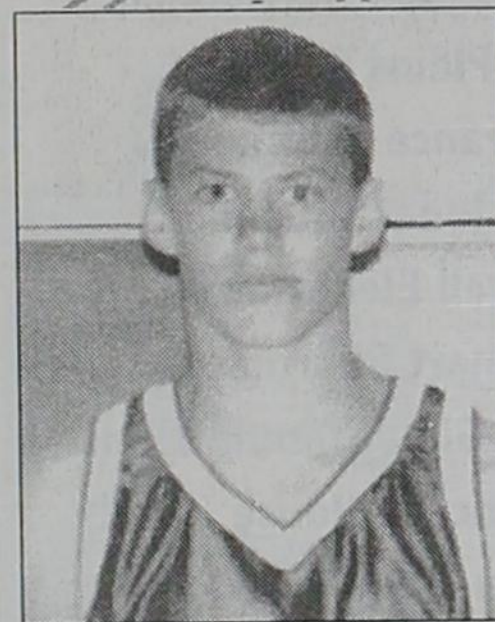
Midway through the third quarter the Swifts had extended their lead to 20 thanks to a balanced scoring attack that included points by Kade Wilcox, Olvera, Ky Wilcox and Stanton Wethington.

Vega would hit a three with 2:37 left in the quarter to bring the Longhorns within 17, 41-24, and that's how the third quarter ended.

A steal and layup by Wilcox, and back-to-back layups by Olvera after Vega turnovers kept the Swifts in control early in the fourth, then they coasted through the rest of the period for the win.



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Sudan takes win, 27-24 Swiftettes lose second straight district game

It's unusual for the Nazareth Swiftettes to be playing catch-up in district play, but if they hope to make the playoffs this year, they're going to have their hands full over the remaining six games.

The Swiftettes fell to 0-2 in district Tuesday night, dropping their second straight district game, this time to No. 1-ranked Sudan, 27-23.

Nazareth can't afford to lose another game, and the Swiftettes will need a little help from other teams to even up the district race.

The low-scoring game in Sudan Tuesday was a slow-paced, defensive battle from the tip. Sudan led most of the way, but never got more than an eight-point lead on the Swiftettes.

Nazareth, which only took 16 shots from the field over the first three quarters, had more opportunities in the fourth period, but made just one shot out of 12 attempts in the stanza. For the game, the Swiftettes were a poor 8-of-28 from the field. Sudan finished 10-of-26.

Shawna Gerber opened scoring with a three-pointer, but Nazareth was silent for five minutes after that, not getting a single point until Cassie

Birkenfeld scored after nabbing an offensive carom with 2:30 left.

Sudan got hoops from Sheena Embry, Casie Legg and five points from Jill Stout to take a 9-5 lead at the end of the first.

Sudan built a 13-6 lead early in the second before Gerber hit one shot, then got a steal and layup to pull the Swiftettes within three with 3:32 left. Another Gerber steal and layup with 1:27 left kept Nazareth within three, but Sudan hit a shot at the buzzer to take a 17-12 lead at half.

The Hornets took their biggest lead of the game early in the third when Embry scored early, then added a free throw a minute later to make it 20-12.

Nazareth got two buckets off of penetrations and short jumpers by Stephanie Thiel in the third, but those were the only field goals the Swiftettes would get.

Whitney Hoelting sank a pair of free throws with four seconds left to make it 22-18, Sudan, at the end of the quarter.

Nazareth pulled within four on a pair of charity throws by Birkenfeld with 5:06 left, but that was as close as they would come.



FANCY FOOTWORK—Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez (5) struggles to stay inbounds and gets off an off-balance shot inside against Springlake-Earth Friday in a District 8-A game. The Longhorns got off on the right foot in district play, beating the Wolverines, 53-33. Velasquez finished with 17 points. Photo by David Knox

Hart splits pair of district games with Vega Tuesday

The Hart Longhorns shut down Vega's offense for two quarters Tuesday night, then held on down the stretch for a 49-38 win and 2-0 record in District 8-A play.

The Lady Horns weren't as lucky. The Vega girls jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, coasting to a 77-57 win over Hart.

The Hart boys trailed Vega 13-4 after the first period, but once they got on track, Vega never stood a chance.

Hart's defense gave up just six points over the second and third quarters and its offense caught on fire during that span. By halftime, Vega was in shock, having its 13-4 lead turn into a 30-29 edge.

Hart outscored the Longhorns 8-2 in the third quarter to overtake the lead, then added another 16 points in the fourth quarter to hold off Vega down the stretch for the 49-38 win.

Hart's top scorer Tuesday was

Keith Finch, who tallied 19 points. Jeremiah Velasquez contributed 14.

Hart boys improved to 7-11 on the season and 2-0 in district play.

The Lady Horns stayed close to Vega in the first half, trailing just 21-15 over the first quarter and 39-26 at halftime.

But Vega's defense took over in the second half, and its offense went to work, outscoring Hart 38-31 for the 20-point win, 77-57.

Hart's Geneva Finch finished with 15 points while Veronica Gonzales and Angelica Perales had 13 apiece.

Hart got just nine points in the third quarter while Vega pulled ahead by 17 points. The Lady Horns finished with 20 in the fourth quarter, but Vega added 23 to stay just a step ahead.

Hart dropped to 1-1 in district with the loss while Vega pulled into first place in district with a 2-0 mark.

Swifts outlast Sudan, 54-34

Nazareth's Kade Wilcox chased Sudan's Donyale Weaver around half of the floor Tuesday night while Weaver dogged Wilcox on the other half.

By the second half, Wilcox was just getting his second wind and Weaver was struggling.

That's when the Swifts put the Hornets away Tuesday night in a District 8-A game at Sudan, and Nazareth came away with a 54-34 win. The Swifts improved to 2-0 in district play while Sudan fell to 0-1.

While Sudan worked on containing Nazareth's Wilcox twins, Kade and Ky, the rest of the Nazareth team went to work, scoring basket after basket to keep the Swifts in the lead.

Eight Swifts scored Tuesday, paced by Kade Wilcox's 16 points. Ky Wilcox finished with nine, Stanton Wethington added eight, Daryl Pohlmeier finished with six, Cameron McLain and Mitchell Brockman had five apiece, Matty McLain nailed a three and Matt Olvera had a tip-in.

Sudan only got good production out of two players—Russ King and Rocky McAdams, who finished with 11 apiece. Weaver was limited to four points.

Sudan kept it close early and even held an 8-6 lead before the Swifts pulled away at the end of the opening period after a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Wethington with 1:50 left. That gave Nazareth its 13-10 first-quarter edge.

Kade Wilcox caught nothing but net on a pretty three-pointer early in the second to give the Swifts a six-point lead, but he wouldn't score again in the half.

Sudan kept it close for half of the

second period, pulling within two on free throws by Lance Martin, 19-17, but Nazareth took over from there, outscoring Sudan 8-2 over the next four minutes to take a 27-19 lead.

In the third quarter, Nazareth got back-to-back baskets when Pohlmeier hit, then Olvera had his tip-in for a 31-20 Swift lead.

Nazareth pulled away over the last 3:40 when Kade Wilcox finally shook free and hit two threes, then Brockman got open and scored on a back-door play to give the Swifts a 40-25 lead with a minute left.

Kade Wilcox hit again with six seconds left for a 42-27 Swift lead after three.

The Swift defense held Sudan to two field goals in the fourth, outscoring the Hornets 12-7 for the win.

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Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Swiftettes 43, Vega 62
Nazareth 6 13 11 13 —43
Vega 14 13 21 14 —62
Nazareth—Shawna Gerber 19, Whitney Hoelting 11, Vega—Kyla May 18, Cami Rea 16. Record: Nazareth 14-6, 0-1.

Bobcats 74, Muleshoe 70
Dimmitt 29 17 14 14 —74
Muleshoe 20 16 19 15 —70
Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 29, Jerry Thomas and Jacob Larra 14, Muleshoe—Cleavinger 17. Record Dimmitt 14-8.

Bobbles 58, Perryton 48
Dimmitt 14 16 9 19 —58
Perryton 13 9 14 12 —58
Dimmitt—Shawna Kenworthy 13, Heather Wise and Tonya Robertson 13. Record: 11-9, 1-0.

Lady Horns 59 Springlake-Earth 43
Hart 17 17 8 17 —59
S-E 14 12 11 6 —43
Hart—Geneva Finch 26, Veronica Gonzales 16, Ysa Rodriguez 11, S-E—Freeman 13, Johnson 11. Record: Hart 15-4, 1-0.

Swifts 54, Vega 36
Nazareth 13 17 11 12 —54
Vega 11 4 9 12 —36
Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 26, Vega—Nogger 12. Record: Nazareth 9-9, 1-0.

Longhorns 53, Springlake-Earth 33
Hart 13 13 10 17 —53
S-E 9 7 12 5 —33
Hart—Jared Aven and Jeremiah Velasquez 17, Keith Finch 16, S-E—Monreal 9. Record: Hart 6-11, 1-0.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 54, Tullia 45
Dimmitt 14 14 9 7 —54
Tullia 4 12 12 17 —45
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 18, Derek Buckley 16, Tullia—Mikey Marshall 20, Charles Sims 10. Record: Dimmitt 15-8, 1-0.

Bobbles 60, Tullia 33
Dimmitt 14 8 28 10 —60
Tullia 8 8 9 8 —33
Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 13, Heather Wise and Carol Summers 11, Tullia—Culwell 11, Hawthorne 10. Record: Dimmitt 12-9, 2-0.

Swifts 54, Sudan 34
Nazareth 13 14 15 14 —54
Sudan 10 9 8 7 —34
Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 16, Ky Wilcox 9, Sudan—Rocky McAdams and Russ King 11. Record: Nazareth 10-9, 2-0.

Swiftettes 23, Sudan 27
Nazareth 5 7 6 5 —23
Sudan 9 8 5 5 —27
Nazareth—Shawna Gerber 9. Record: Nazareth 14-7, 0-2.

Longhorns 49, Vega 38
Hart 4 21 8 16 —49
Vega 13 4 2 19 —38
Hart—Keith Finch 19, Jeremiah Velasquez 14, Vega—Nogger 10. Record: Hart 7-11, 2-0.

Cotton Talks

Boll weevil eradication

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce has made securing additional funding for boll weevil eradication one of its top four items of business during the next session of the Texas Legislature.

In addition to boll weevil eradication funding, LCC Board members also have identified three other key issues to be pursued when the legislature was to convene Tuesday. LCC priorities include funding for Texas Tech University, funding for transportation projects and implementation of the Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership.

This year's Lubbock Day celebration in Austin has been scheduled by the LCC for Jan. 26. All LCC members are encouraged to participate and take the opportunity to meet with state lawmakers and their staffs and visit about LCC's legislative priorities.

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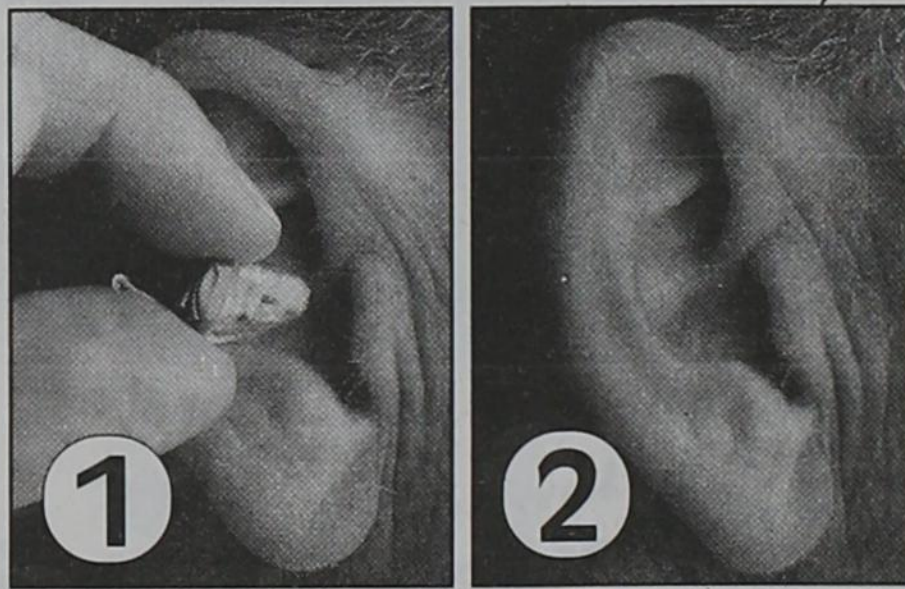
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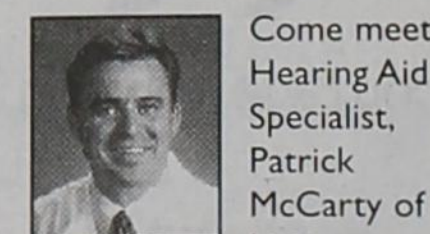
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Cats upset Tulia in 1-AAA opener

The Bobcats raised eyebrows around the state Tuesday night when they opened District 1-AAA play with a solid 54-45 victory over the Tulia Hornets in Tulia's gym.

"We just told ourselves before the game that they're a real talented ball club but they're beatable," senior guard Derek Buckley said. "We just thought that if we could execute and play as a team, we'd beat them."

"Execute" meant concentrating and hitting most of your shots — including three-pointers — and playing such an in-your-face defense that the No. 4-ranked Hornets shot mostly rim-outs all night.

After Tulia's Josh Barrow scored the game's first basket, Buckley and Jerry Thomas teamed on a 14-point run and put the Hornets in a 14-4 hole by the end of the quarter.

And the Bobcats kept them there the rest of the game.

"Fortunately, we hit the basket well early and got a good lead,"

Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle said. "There's no doubt they've got a good team, and that led helped us."

The Bobcats connected on 17 of 35 field goals, including seven of 12 three-point shots, while the reeling Hornets sank only 17 of 50 from the field, including three of 25 from three-point range.

After Buckley sank two treys and a fast-break layup and Thomas worked his magic for three close-in baskets in the opening quarter, Daniel Flores and Jacob Larra got into the Dimmitt scoring act in the second.

Flores sank back-to-back treys from long range and Larra connected on another trey—all within the first two minutes of the second—to extend the Bobcat lead to 23-6.

Neither team dared to press the other full-court, but after Larra's trey the Hornets went into a half-court match-up zone defense to force the Bobcats farther out and set up some traps.

With that ploy, the Hornets were able to outscore the Bobcats 10-5 during the final six minutes of the second period. The rest of Dimmitt's second-quarter points came from Thomas inside.

The highlight play of the game came with 2:38 left in the second when Tulia all-stater Mikey Marshall blocked a Dimmitt shot, grabbed the ball and took it all the way for a slam dunk in traffic, drawing a foul and sinking the free throw for a three-point play to make it 26-13.

Thomas and Larra did all of Dimmitt's scoring in the third while Marshall sank eight of Tulia's 12 points to bring the Hornets within nine at 37-28.

The Hornets pulled within six points three times in the fourth, but could get no closer as the Bobcat defense kept them at bay.

After a Dimmitt time-out at 3:00, the Bobcats went into their control

game against Tulia's full-court press. While Tulia's J. J. Thomas, Josh Barrow and Kevin Gomez fouled out during the final two minutes, Buckley collected five of six free throws, Larra one of two and Flores one of two to stretch Dimmitt's lead back to 10, 52-42.

Larra made a steal and driving layup for Dimmitt's final basket to make it 54-42 with five seconds left.

Sims sank a desperation trey at the buzzer to fix the final score at 54-45.

"When they turned the pressure up

on us defensively and we turned the ball over a couple of times, I was proud of our kids because they hung in there," Coach Steinle said. "It got a little tight there in the fourth quarter when they cut our lead to six. The main thing is that when you get down to the stretch, the last three or four minutes, you've got to make your plays."

Thomas finished with 18 points, Buckley with 16 and Larra with 11, while Flores scored 7 and Keevin Sanders 2.

After being held to just three points

in the first half, Marshall scored 17 in the second half to finish with 20, and all-stater Charles Sims added 10. Barrow scored 6, Cash Rogers 2 and J. J. Thomas 1.

"They didn't hit as well as they usually do," Coach Steinle commented, "but maybe our defense had a little to do with that."

It was only the second setback of the season for the Hornets (18-2), who had lost only to Class 4A Hereford previously.

The Bobcats are now 15-8, 1-0 in district play.

Bobbies rip Lady Hornets for second district victory

The Bobbies had little trouble with the Tulia Lady Hornets Tuesday night as they ran away with a 60-33 decision to remain unbeaten in District 1-AAA play at 2-0.

After Heather Wise opened the game with a three-point bomb, Carol Summers made six steals in the first quarter and scored a layup and three free throws to pace the Bobbies to a 14-8 lead.

Summers finished with 11 steals and 11 points.

A ragged 8-8 second quarter left the Bobbies' margin at six (22-16) at halftime as Stephanie Hinojosa and Tonya Robertson carried Dimmitt's scoring load with four apiece.

The third period opened like gangbusters. Tulia's Mandi Culwell hit a trey from the corner, Jackie Bebout added three layups for the Lady Hor-

nets, and Sharla Kenworthy, Summers and Hinojosa all scored driving layups for Dimmitt—all within the span of 1:40.

The Bobbies owned the rest of the quarter, though, shutting the Lady Hornets down while Wise scored eight (including two more treys), Robertson five (including a trey) Heather Black four, Lori Schulte three and Summers two. When the third-quarter smoke cleared, the Bobbies owned a whopping 50-25 lead.

The Bobbies continued their onslaught in the fourth with Kenworthy and Robertson hiking the lead to 54-25 before Shelia Hawthorne scored the Lady Hornets' first basket in more than seven minutes.

In fact, Hawthorne scored eight in the fourth, and that was all of Tulia's points in the period.

Summers sank a pair of free throws, Kenworthy nailed a trey from the corner and Monica Ortiz sank a free throw to finish Dimmitt's scoring.

The Bobbies had well-balanced scoring: Robertson hit 13, Wise and Summers 11 each, Hinojosa 8, Kenworthy 7, Black 6, Schulte 3 and Ortiz 1.

More about Chamber . . .

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according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Chambers is a field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, headquartered in Fort Worth. A 30-year veteran of law enforcement in Texas and Oklahoma, Chambers has been on the trail of cattle rustlers and horse thieves for the past 25 years. He is commissioned as a "Special Texas Ranger" by the state of Texas and as a "Ranger" by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

A 1981 graduate of the Dale Carnegie Course, Chambers also has served as a graduate assistant in five other course sessions, helping teach others how to reach their goals, become more confident in their daily lives, and to become successful speakers.

As an after dinner and keynote speaker, Chambers has entertained such groups as the American Quarter Horse Association, the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association, the Kansas Livestock Association, the Farm Banking Credit Association, and the National Cutting Horse Association.

He is currently the president of the Professional Speakers Association of the Southwest.



WHAM!—Tulia all-stater Mikey Marshall slams a basket over Dimmitt's Wesley Wright and Daniel Flores (20) after a steal and drive in the second quarter of Tuesday night's District 1-AAA opener at Tulia.

The basket and a follow-up free throw cut the Bobcats' lead to 26-12. These were the only points that the Bobcats allowed Marshall in the first half. Dimmitt won, 54-45. Photo by Carter Townsend

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address the sequencing of classes. She gave the example that Spanish I is available for eighth graders, and Spanish II is offered to freshmen. However, Spanish III is not offered until the junior or senior year, causing a student to have possible problems with retention of the material during the interim between classes.

She told the board that some specific courses have been getting a "raw deal" between the fall and spring semesters, referring to the band having students who can get their schedule arranged only for one semester or the other, but not both. She said that athletic coaches would "have a fit," too, if athletes were only able to schedule participation for one semester or the other.

Harman also pointed out that some classes have been "watered down" their requirements, and asked, "Does an 'A' in a watered-down class represent a true A?"

She asked why the number of students failing this year has grown from 95 at the nine weeks, to 144 at 12 weeks, and then settled to 136 at the 15th week.

"If the accelerated block schedule

gives students less stress and less homework, why are so many failing?" she said.

Harman said that students should be able to take athletics and band, as well as honors classes. She said two of her daughters were able to maintain all three when the school had been on a seven-period class day. But she said her third daughter has not been able to schedule honors classes and band at the same time.

"It can be done if you have the right scheduling. We need to fix it where students can do all they want to do. With only a small modification, they can do it all," Harman said. She proposed that the board look at a "split block" schedule that would allow six class periods per day, rather than the four that are allowed under the accelerated block schedule. She said that one of the four 90-minute periods could be split into two 45-minute periods in subject areas that would run for two semesters, while the other three 90-minute period subjects would last for one semester, as they do now (except in the case of Advanced Placement classes that already last for two semesters).

She admitted that the proposal "has kinks in it," but added that the present schedule does, too. She said that only six other AAA schools throughout the state have adopted an "accelerated block" schedule.

Coach Bruce Dollar pointed out that teachers who have a 45-minute class and a 90-minute class in the same subject would have difficulty maintaining continuity from class to class, because the longer class-period students would be moving at a faster rate through the material. He offered the opinion that the schedule does not determine who is in what activ-

ity, but rather it is determined by the student's desires.

Board president Steve Buckley said that at the time the accelerated block schedule was adopted, the district was dealing with a shortage of teachers and classrooms, and was able to avoid the expense of building more rooms by making the switch.

He said the board had reserved the right to change the scheduling if they saw the need to re-evaluate it. He said the board is always looking for the best vehicle to increase test scores and allow students to participate in a wide variety of activities.

"We appreciate you as concerned parents who are willing to let us know how you feel and to fight for your rights as parents," Buckley told the crowd.

In other business, the board members received certificates of appreciation from DISD Supt. Les Miller for School Board Recognition Month.

Also, approval was given for 13 names to be added to the substitute teacher roster.

After an executive session, the board voted five to two to extend Miller's contract through June 30, 2002. Those voting against were Earl Behrends and Avery Thrasher. In favor were Debbie Annen, Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbrera, and John Nino. No determination was made on Miller's salary, since the board decided to set all salaries at one time this year, leaving it until the time of budget workshops in June and July.

Following an executive session last Thursday, the board voted to hire Brad Cade for junior high girls athletics and health.

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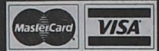
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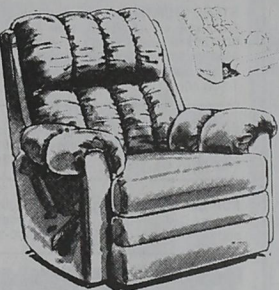
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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who made the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic a success. We could not be blessed with a better community that you have allowed us to be a part of. We would like to give a special thanks to Jim Wright and his family for all the time they have dedicated to this event. It not only benefits the young people but also gives us a chance to honor Aaron's memory in a way he would be very proud of. We appreciate everyone who donated money and time to make this memorable event possible. Thanks to the 4-H that held a concession stand for the jackpot. We had about 100 participants who brought their animals and all did a fine job and were very well mannered and we appreciate those kids as well as their parents. Once again, a big thank you to everyone who participated in making this event such a big success.
THE WILCOX FAMILY
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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A large crowd of senior citizens enjoyed dinner at the Center Sunday evening.

Jimmie Schulte shared a very meaningful reading with us and everyone sang Happy Birthday to James and Jerry Wilhelm, Toby Gerber, Nellie Wilhelm and Leo Durbin, who all have January birthdays.

We welcome Patsy and Richard Entekin, who joined our group, giving us a total of 56 members.

Everyone enjoyed playing cards and dominoes.

The annual Venhaus Christmas was enjoyed this weekend at the Venhaus family home. Attending were Ed and Eileen Gerber of Ruidoso, N.M., Kevin Gerber of Hobbs, N.M., Kyle, Jan and Brett Gerber of Yukon, Okla., Dwayne, Stephanie and Garrett Gerber of Lubbock, Joe Venhaus of Nazareth, Greg, Mary Lou and Lacy Venhaus of Friona, Lance, Tracy and Jayden Venhaus of Tulia, Joel, Susan, Dustin and Coby Venhaus of Flagg, Nelita Collins of Farmington, N.M., Harold, Kay and Levi Venhaus of Hobbs, N.M., Analene, Smitty, Jennifer and Danene Lane and Thomas Hogan of Shallowater, and Paul Venhaus, who is now a resident of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

Congratulations to Ken and Mary Brockman of Mesa, Ariz., on the birth of a girl, Natalie Rose, on Jan. 6. Grandparents are Jerome and Margaret Brockman of Nazareth and Elizabeth Burgoyne of Mesa, Ariz.

Gilbert and Dolly Schulte returned

from a bus tour to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. Their first night was spent in El Paso, where everyone dined on baby back ribs and enjoyed entertainment by a Mariba Band. The next overnight stop was in Phoenix, Ariz. Roger Schulte joined them to watch a football bowl game. Next they traveled on to Palm Springs, Calif., where they enjoyed shopping and saw Bob Hope's house.

The next day they enjoyed the fabulous Rose Parade and a visit to Knott's Berry Farm.

A cousin, Keith Schulte, took them to his beach front home at Long Beach for a short visit and fun evening. Then they traveled on to Las Vegas for a few days. They toured the Hoover Dam on their way home. It was a very tiring but fun trip.

Many Gerber relatives attended the Funeral of Billy Gerber, 56, on Saturday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas.

Survivors are his wife, Suzanne; a son, Michael Gerber; four daughters, Krista Smith, Lori Forbus, Jennifer Miranda and Jessica Gerber; four grandchildren; and his mother, Frances Gerber of Umbarger.

Congratulations to Eric and Leona Wilhelm of Amarillo on the birth of a son, Brady Anthony, on Jan. 8 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Francis and Betty Wilhelm and Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Mary Gerber.

Marvin and Carol Hoelting of Denver, Colo., spent a few days here with Greg and Tinie Hoelting. Greg is a patient at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Linda and Bob Kendrick of Desoto are spending a few days here with LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. Linda is helping her mother recuperate after a recent surgery in Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Tony Acker, Greg Hoelting, Dorothy Pohlmeier, Regina Steffens and Carol Birkenfeld.

Those wishing to send a card to Regina Steffens may do so at this address: Regina Steffens, c/o Terry Brax, 8002 Bidwell St., Amarillo 79121.

4-H's can enter county show this week

The Castro County 4-H are accepting entries for the Castro County Stock Show through Friday.

During that week, 4-H's are asked to stop by the Extension office to sign up for this year's show. All entry fees are \$15 per animal.

Judges for this year's stock show are Scott Doss for lambs, Greg Jones for steers and Rick Whitman for barrows.

This year's sale eligibility is as follows: 125 lambs, 125 barrows and 40 steers or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smallest number.

The annual county show will be held Feb. 11-13 at the Expo Building.

Animals must be in place at the quonset barns adjacent to the Expo Building before 12 noon on Feb. 11 and will be weighed and sifted before 8 p.m. that day.

The show will be held on Feb. 12, beginning with the lamb show at 8 a.m. The steer show will start at 11 a.m., followed by the pig show at 1 p.m.

Exhibitors may enter two lambs, two barrows and two steers in the show, but only three of his or her animals will be allowed in the sale.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Hart Independent School District Junior Class is accepting bids on decorating for the Junior-Senior Prom. Sealed bids will be received until 3 p.m., January 29, 1999, at the Hart Independent School District Administrative Offices at 710 Second Street, P.O. Box 490, Hart, Texas 79043. If additional information is needed, please contact LaNell Whitaker at (806) 938-2141. Hart Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and waive any formalities. 25-41-1tc

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 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas 79027-1826. The officers are as follows: Juanita Perez Ramirez, President; Fabiana Mendoza, Secretary-Treasurer. 25-41-2tc

Boll weevil vote, director choice slated

Cotton producers and crop-sharing landowners will decide in a March 12 referendum whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the five-county Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Voters also will establish a maximum assessment rate and elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years have until Feb. 10 to submit their names for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form and biographical information sheet. The nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

The forms must be completed and received in Austin before Feb. 10. Forms can be mailed to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin 78711 or faxed to (512) 463-1104.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices and the TDA in Austin at (800) 835-5832 or (512) 463-7593.

The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication zone consists of approximately 500,000 acres in the five counties of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

Soybean Expo set for Jan. 26

The Texas Soybean Association will hold its 32nd annual meeting Jan. 26 at the Love Civic Center in Paris, Texas. All soybean producers are invited to attend the free event.

Agribusiness sponsors will showcase the latest in crop protection, equipment and seed. Speakers from the United Soybean Board and American Soybean Association will discuss current programs and give their outlook on the world soybean picture. Researchers from Texas A&M will present results from their field trials. The Texas Soybean Board will present its report to producers on the soybean checkoff.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Jan. 26 and the program will start at 9 a.m. The meeting will conclude with a sponsored barbecued lunch.

For more information, contact the Texas Soybean Association at 1-800-247-8691.

Irrigation options to be topic of West Plains Ag Conference

Producers who want to update their irrigation knowledge and skills and learn about the latest irrigation technology and techniques should plan to attend the West Plains Agriculture Conference, slated for Wednesday at the Hockley County Fairgrounds in Levelland.

The conference will feature several presentations on irrigation technology," said Greg Jones, Hockley County Extension Agent.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Early registration was accepted through Wednesday, but those who have not signed up may still attend the conference for a late registration fee of \$15.

Program speakers will include Dr. Dana Porter, an Extension ag engineer who will discuss irrigation technologies; Jim Bordovsky, an Experiment Station ag engineer who will discuss water management systems; Dr. Dan Krieg, a Texas Tech crop physiologist who will discuss water

utilization in ultra narrow row cotton; Scott Orr with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, who will give an update on PET and irrigation efficiency; Jerry Funck with Netafirm, who will talk about drip irrigation technology; and Dr. Randy Boman, an Extension cotton agronomist who will discuss the Ultimate Cotton Production System.

Producers can obtain more information by calling Extension offices in Hockley or Cochran counties.

All-Region concert set

One student from Dimmitt High School and seven students from Dimmitt Middle School qualified for the All-Region Band, and will perform in concerts on Saturday at West Texas A&M University.

Rachal Harman was selected for the high school Symphonic All-Region Band.

Those who were selected for the 3A Junior High All-Region Band include Caleb Dickerson, Todd Jansa, L.J. Soler, Casey Jones, Ruben Casas, and Chris Back, along with first alternate Elizabeth Stephens.

They will participate in clinic sessions on Friday and Saturday.

Concert sessions will be Friday at Northern Hall. They will include a Directors' Band Concert at 1:45 p.m., the 3A Junior High All-Region Concert at 4 p.m., and the High School Symphonic Band at 5:15 p.m.

The concerts will be open to the public and admission is \$2 per person. The proceeds will be used for a scholarship fund.

Alzheimer's support group sets meeting

A meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Welch Home Place Partial Program at 103 Front Street (formerly Dr. Hardee's office).

This meeting is appropriate for both family and friends and professional caregivers whose work brings them into contact with people who have Alzheimer's Disease.

The meeting is sponsored by the Welch Home Place at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Census Bureau has openings

The US Census Bureau has 250 job openings in the Panhandle as it prepares for Census 2000.

The bureau needs field workers and office clerks to update official maps and addresses, starting next month.

"We need to test at least 1,000 people and get workers certified to start training in February," a Census Bureau spokesperson said.

Applicants must be US citizens and at least 18 years old. They also must pass a 30-minute test of basic work skills. Otherwise, no experience is necessary, and those hired would be given paid training.

Both full-time and part-time jobs are available from mid-February through mid-April, with flexible work hours. Salary ranges are \$6.75 per hour for office clerks and \$8.25 to \$9.75 per hour for field workers.

Castro County residents interested may call the Census Office in Lubbock, (806) 785-6740, or call toll-free at 1-888-325-7733.

County, Dimmitt earn more from sales tax rebates

The January sales tax rebate issued to the City of Dimmitt was 31.05% higher than the January 1998 payment, but rebates to the cities of Hart and Nazareth were down when compared with the same period a year ago.

Nazareth's rebate was off more than 70%, from \$1,112.84 in 1998 to \$332.57 this month.

Hart's rebate was down 1.13%, from \$843.69 to \$834.10. Dimmitt was the lone city to top 1998 totals, earning \$21,764.06, up from 1998 totals of \$16,606.77.

Castro County earned a rebate of \$8,018.79, up 18.25% from the 1998 payment of \$6,781.20.

January's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November, at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season, and reported to the Comptroller in December.

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Financial aid workshop set

A financial aid workshop will be held Jan. 14 at the Dimmitt High School library.

Anyone interested in seeking financial aid to attend college or technical school is invited to attend. High school seniors and their parents are especially encouraged to attend.

Representatives from West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, and the Friona Bank will contribute to the presentation and answer questions.

For further information, contact DHS Counselor Sue Summers at 647-3105.

Man lives by affirmation even more than he does by bread.
—Victor Hugo

Obituaries

Vernon Andrus

Services for Vernon Andrus, 87, of Tulia, were held Friday afternoon in the Tulia First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Davnport, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulia under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Andrus died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 21, 1911, in Altus, Okla. He married Clea Belle Bassell on Dec. 28, 1933, in Duke, Okla. She died April 15, 1994. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He moved to Swisher County from Duke in 1940. He farmed in Nazareth and Tulia.

Survivors include a daughter, Monette Whitsett of Friendship; a sister, Jewel Crawford of Tulia; two brothers, John Emory of Kress and Charles Royce of Arlington; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Billy J. Gerber

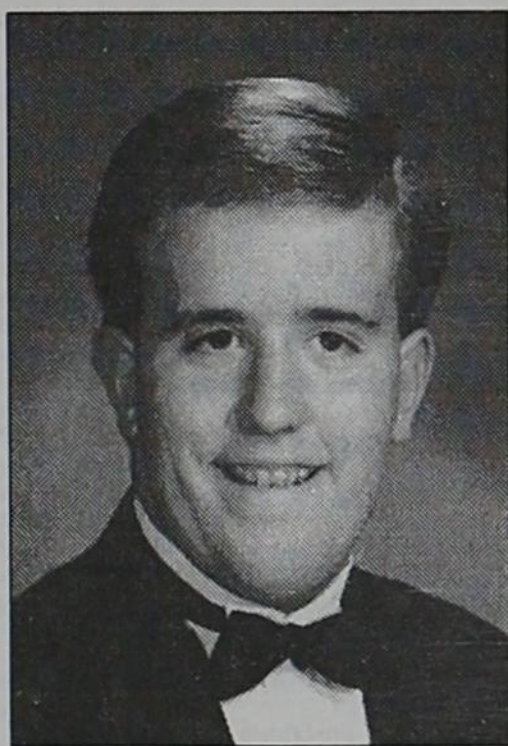
Funeral services for Dimmitt native Billy J. Gerber, 56, of Dumas, were held Saturday morning in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas with Rev. Richard Scully, pastor, and Rev. Vince Kolb, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dumas, officiating.

Burial was in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Gerber died Jan. 7. He was born in Dimmitt and had lived in Dumas since 1972. He was a drill operator and member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He married Suzanne Gibson in 1965 in Amarillo.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Michael Gerber of Borger; four daughters, Krista Smith of Silverton, Lori Forbus and Jennifer Miranda, both of Amarillo, and Jessica Gerber of the home; his mother, Francis Gerber of Umbarger; four brothers, Tom Gerber and Kenneth Gerber, both of Dalhart, and Don Gerber and Glenn Gerber, both of Amarillo; and five sisters, Romilda Friemel of Hereford, Janice Mulloy of Canyon, Carolyn Wieck of Hartley, Linda Moore of Amarillo, and Sharon Gerber of Austin.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo 79109.



Tracy James Grand

Funeral services for Tracy James Grand, 19, of Dimmitt, the son of Gary and Linda Grand, were held Monday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, and Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister, officiating. Jackie Odom and Alan Steinle, two of his former teachers, also spoke in memory of Tracy.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

At Friday night's basketball games in Cleveland Memorial Gym players and fans observed a moment of silence in Tracy's memory.

Tracy died Jan. 7 at 4:51 p.m. in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born April 5, 1979, in Dimmitt. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1997, where he was voted "Best All Around" by his fellow students his senior year. He was selected as a member of the Peer Assistance Leadership group (PALs), and was elected to the Student Council all four years in high school.

He was a member of the National Honor Society for three years, served as an FHA Regional officer, belonged to the Business Professionals of America for two years, and served as that organization's president his senior year. Tracy was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and also belonged to Youth Exchanging with Seniors, the Drama Club and the Spanish Club. He competed in UIL literary events, advancing to regional several times.

Tracy received the American Legion Award his senior year, and was awarded the Beta Zeta Upsilon Scholarship, the Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc., Scholarship, a Methodist Church Scholarship, and a West Texas A&M University Residence Hall Scholarship. He also won an Academic Award. He was an athletic trainer for DHS, and also for summer athletic programs. He was a sophomore at WTAMU, where he was an athletic trainer, and served as a referee for Intramural sports. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Linda Grand of Dimmitt; a sister, Tara Grand of Dimmitt; his paternal grandfather, Curtis Grand of Dimmitt; and his maternal grandmother, Rosie Hood of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Pallbearers were Jay Parks, Stanley Maurer, Lynn Keener, Don Moke, Doug Pybus and Alan Steinle. Honorary pallbearers were the WTAMU athletic trainers.

The family suggests memorials to the Tracy Grand Scholarship Fund, c/o First United Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

College algebra class scheduled

Dimmitt Independent School District and Amarillo College will be offering a class of college algebra on Monday nights in Dimmitt.

Registration may be done through Sue Summers, Dimmitt High School counselor. She may be contacted at 647-3105.

County finds spot for 'Learning Lab'

Castro County Commissioners voted to move the county's Learning Lab from its spot just off of the county courtroom to a larger office next to the district judges' chambers.

In December, Eloyce Smith, adult probation officer for Castro County, had asked commissioners for a bigger office in which to house the lab, which is used for general educational development (GED) classes.

After studying various options and looking at available office space in the courthouse and outside of the courthouse, commissioners voted to move the office.

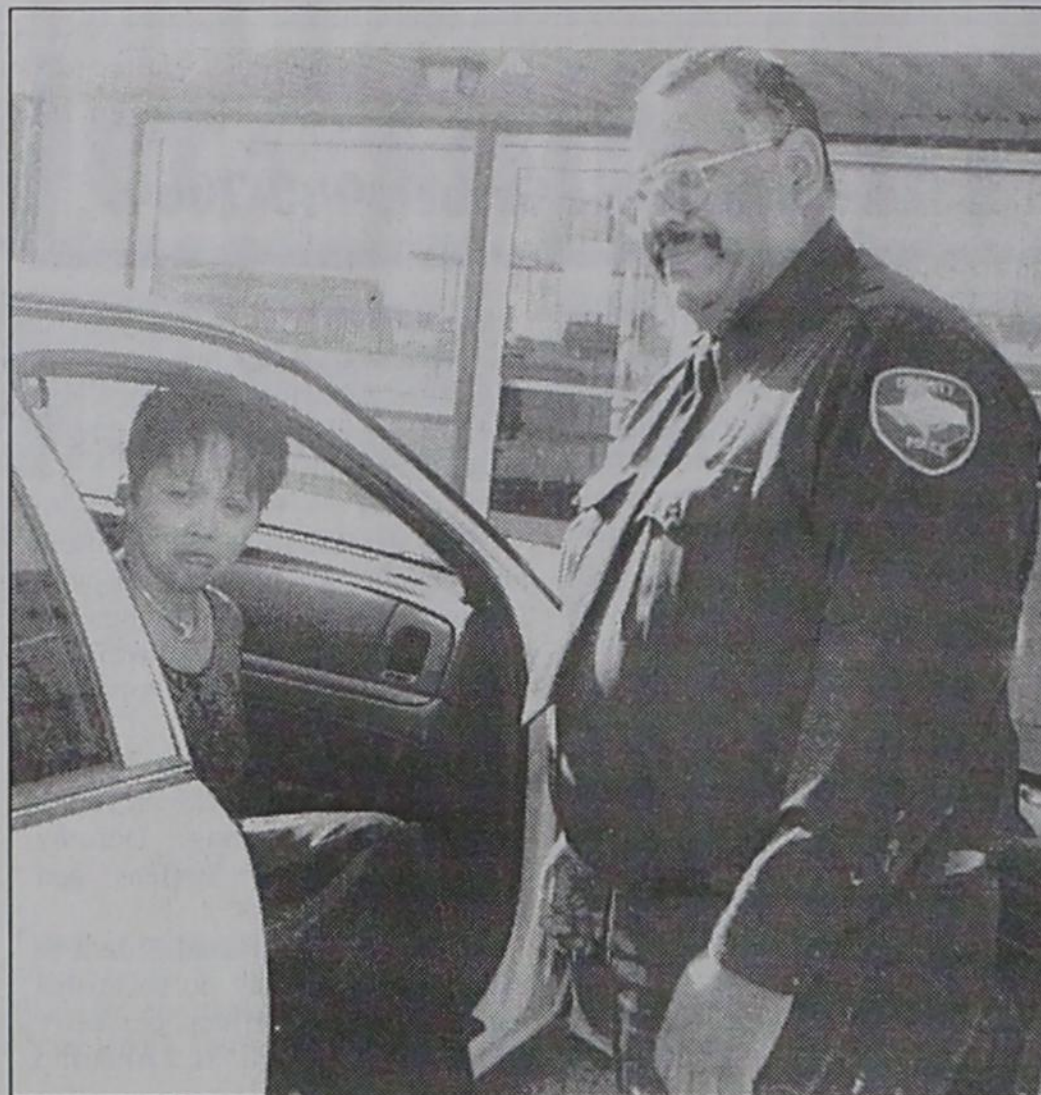
Last Thursday, Smith said approximately 23 probationers showed up for the GED lab. She added that 61 probationers are actually enrolled in the classes.

According to Smith, probationers who do not have a high school education are required to take the GED classes to complete their education as part of their probation agreement.

Those probationers must share two computer stations and those stations have been set up in an office barely big enough for two students and the instructor.

Commissioners agreed Monday to vote against adoption of an expanded local calling service for Dimmitt, saying the additional per-month costs would cost the county too much money.

If the measure passes, the county would have to pay an additional \$7 for each phone line and there are 44 lines. That amounts to an additional



MDA 'LOCK-UP'—Stella Devers (left) of the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt is "taken into custody" by Dimmitt Chief of Police Ray Aleman to help publicize the fund raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Devers and 63 others around Dimmitt are being asked to raise \$600 "bail" money by Tuesday, or else they will be "incarcerated" at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, where they will attempt to raise the rest of their "bail."

Photo by Linda Maxwell

MDA fund raiser set for Tuesday

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be rounding up and issuing warrants for 64 "notorious" Dimmitt citizens on Tuesday in an effort to raise funds for local patients with neuromuscular diseases.

The "jail" for the Dimmitt Lock-Up will be at the First Bank,

Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. The "arrests" will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m.

Upon arriving at "jail," the "jailbirds" will be read their rights, sentenced and given a phone to go to work raising their bail. A goal of \$600 has been set for each "prisoner." The jailbirds also will be given plenty of "bread and water" and have their mug shot taken.

The one-day event is one of the many events which are planned to raise funds for the local MDA to be able to offer programs and services to those in this area who are fighting one of the 40 neuromuscular diseases MDA covers.

Money raised through the Lock-Up helps to provide free comprehensive medical care, support groups, summer camp, funding for research projects, wheelchair purchase and repair, leg braces and more.

For more information on the Lock-Up, contact the MDA at (806) 359-3141.

\$308 per month and \$3,696 per year in phone charges.

Commissioners also adopted 1999 holidays, as follows: Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Day, Feb. 15 for President's Day, April 2 for Good Friday, May 31 for Memorial Day, July 5 for Independence Day, Sept. 6 for Labor Day, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day, Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving, Dec. 23-24 for Christmas and Dec. 31 for New Year's.

The clerk's office will purchase four new ballot boxes to be used in local elections.

County Clerk Joyce Thomas said the ballot boxes she wants to purchase are lightweight and will be easy for the election judges to carry.

Parmer County has been using the boxes, but recently went to electronic voting and are willing to sell the boxes for \$100 each.

Commissioners authorized Thomas to purchase four of the boxes.

In other action, commissioners approved bonds for County Judge Irene Miller, Justice of the Peace Tana M. Young, Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Harold Damron and Andrea Farias; agreed to allow David Smith to install a water line under County Road 518 at County Road 629; agreed to allow installation of a communication line under County Road 519; and agreed to accept applications for a new librarian for Rhoads Memorial Library.

Police Calls

Inmates in the Castro County jail may be charged with criminal mischief after a television set in the jail was destroyed during an argument in the upstairs jail cells on Jan. 3. According to deputies, the inmates used their hands, etc., to damage the television.

A fight was reported in Hart Saturday afternoon in the 900 block of Avenue B. According to deputies, who responded as back-up for the Hart Police, a child was injured during an argument and fight at a residence.

Last Thursday, a 19-year-old Hart man was jailed on charges of assault/family violence.

Police had a report Sunday night of a female juvenile who was assaulted by a suspect who pulled her hair and punched her in an incident in the 400 block of West Belsher.

A suspect was stopped for driving with license suspended Sunday afternoon in the 300 block of Northwest Seventh.

Those jailed on alcohol-related offenses during the past week included:

— On Saturday, a Canyon man, 39, for DWI, first offense, at 2:05 a.m.; and a Nazareth man, 25, for DWI and driving with license suspended.

— Monday night, a 35-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, second offense.

Jailed on warrants, violation of probation, or serving time after sentencing in court were:

— Jan. 6, a Hart man, 71, on a Hereford warrant for violation of parole stemming from DWI; a Dimmitt man, 17, for driving with license suspended, after court; and a Dimmitt man, after court on a war-

rant for violation of probation stemming from burglary of a vehicle.

— Friday, an Earth man, 21, on a Castro County warrant for burglary of a habitation; and a Hereford man, 32, on DPS warrants for no valid driver's license.

— Saturday, a Dimmitt man on a bench warrant.

Dec. 28 a vehicle struck a light pole at the corner of the 100 block of Locust and the 600 block of North Broadway, causing an estimated \$650.84 in damage to the pole, belonging to SPS.

Jan. 4 at 4:30 p.m., a 1995 Dodge pickup driven by Charles Rickerd, 68, of Rt. 2, Hereford, struck a 1977 Ford Thunderbird driven by Ramona Luna, 47, of Dimmitt. Police reported that Luna had been stopped in the 100 block of North Broadway, and was waiting to make a left turn. Rickerd's pickup struck the Thunderbird from behind, then left the scene. Rickerd was reported to have no injuries and no damage to his pickup. He was ticketed for failure to control speed. Luna was reported to have possible injuries, and damage to the Thunderbird was rated light.

Saturday at 10:05 p.m., a 1981 Buick LeSabre driven by a 25-year-old Nazareth man struck a 1995 Jeep Cherokee driven by Ross Wayne McCrea, 20, of Sterling City. The Nazareth man was driving south on US 385 in the outside lane when he changed lanes and struck the Jeep, which was also traveling south on US 385, but in the inside lane. Damage was rated light to both vehicles and no injuries were reported. The Nazareth man was ticketed for DWI and driving with license suspended.

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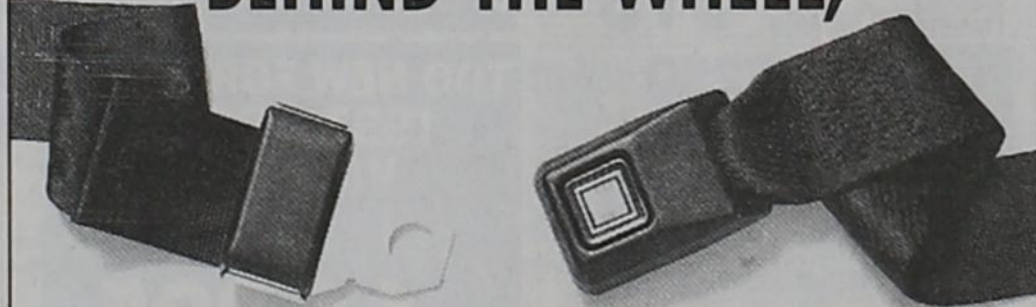
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