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Miller upsets Simpson; Collins loses

Just as the county judge's race became a two-person affair Tuesday night after Irene Miller upset incumbent Polly Simpson in the Democratic primary, the race became a three-person affair when Simpson's son said he would be a write-in candidate in the race in November.

County voters will go back to the polls for runoff elections April 12, including a decision on the county and district clerk's race and three statewide contests.

County judge

Miller defeated Simpson, 583-509, in Tuesday's primary. Miller, who works in the office of County District Attorney Jerry Matthews, carried four of eight boxes. She won in the early voting, 97-79, and in Pct. 1, 113-63, to boost her victory.

Pct. 1 had long been a stronghold for the Simpson family. The Hart box had pushed Simpson's late husband, M.L. Simpson Jr., over the top in his write-in bid in the 1970s, and had given Mrs. Simpson her first election win in the 1980s.

Mrs. Simpson felt she lost several votes to the Republican Primary, where many local voters turned out in a bid to elect Wayne Collins to Congress.

"I think I lost several votes there, I think that probably had an impact," Simpson said Tuesday night at the Castro County Courthouse. "I think there was a lot of other stuff going on that wasn't true." Simpson said she was referring to advertisements that appeared last week in the *Castro County News* and the *Hart Beat* paid

for by Miller.

Miller, surrounded by several family members, said she was "excited, thrilled."

"I don't know if it's really sunk in yet or not," Miller said. "I think the people were ready for a change, I think they're ready to see changes made in Castro County."

Miller's late advertising blitz focused on the county's inability to reach an agreement with the US Justice Dept. and several plaintiffs on realigning commissioner precincts. County plans have been consistently thrown out of court, and US Justice Dept. and county lawyers are taking depositions through this week to prepare for court hearings this spring. Miller made pointed comments about the county's mounting legal bills in

her advertisements.

Republican judge candidate Robert Hawkins was unopposed on the GOP ballot.

Bill Sanders announced Wednesday he would be a write-in candidate for county judge in the November general election.

Sanders is a Castro county native and a 1970 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is an independent businessman.

Sanders said he had been interested in running for office for several years, including the county judge's race, but "I couldn't run against my mother."

"I'm doing this not because I'm running in place of my mom or anything, but because I've always wanted to do this," Sanders said Wednesday morning. "I've lived in

Castro County all my life, and people have been good to me. I think I owe something in return for this."

Sanders, his wife, Suzan, and their two children, Keevin and Kami, live in Dimmitt.

County-district clerk

Two employees of the clerk's office will meet April 12 to decide the Democratic candidate for November.

Joyce Thomas narrowly missed a majority in the three-woman race. Thomas picked up 524 votes, while Betty Rickert was second with 342 votes. Debra Ball was marked on 220 ballots. Thomas's plurality of 178 votes was 30 short of what she needed to win without a runoff.

Shirley Hollums will face the

runoff's winner in the general election.

Congress

Native son Wayne Collins finished second in a three-way race for the Republican nomination for the 13th Congressional District, but was far short of what he needed for a runoff with Mac Thornberry.

Thornberry jumped to a huge early lead and was never threatened as returns came in over the evening. Thornberry ended up with 76% of the vote. Collins had 13%, while Flavious Smith was third with 11%.

Collins and many family members and friends held an election party Tuesday at the Castro County Senior

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Woman dies in accident Wednesday

A woman died Wednesday morning when her car collided with a tractor-trailer rig about 13 miles south of Dimmitt on US 385, just south of Sunnyside.

The accident occurred about 8 a.m. Wednesday when roads were ice-packed. The two vehicles ended up off the highway in the ditch.

The driver of the semi was transported to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt with a possible broken arm.

The woman in the car had been trapped inside the vehicle.

No additional information was available at press time.

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By Don Nelson

If you want proof of how lucky you are, spend some time going up and down the aisles in a pharmacy, looking at all the medicines you don't need.

Two former Dimmitt residents—Alice Collyer of Fort Worth and Katy Graham of McLean—sent copies of the same clipping of a feature story on the American Maize-Products Co.'s new syrup terminal in Fort Worth. The story appeared in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and included a full-color photo of the big new terminal.

(Their timing was perfect. Their letters and clippings arrived on the same day.)

"Texas-made corn syrup is flowing more easily in the Metroplex, thanks to a new transfer terminal

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THREE... TWO... ONE... WE DID IT!—The Nazareth Swifts race onto the court and mob teammate Nick Johnson (40) as time expires in the regional championship game Saturday. Johnson stole the ball away from Sudan with four seconds left then traveled to the other end of the court to seal Nazareth's 43-41 Region 1-A championship win Saturday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Sudan was going for the last shot when Johnson stole the ball. The win earned Nazareth its fifth trip to the Class A boys' state tournament. The Swifts will take on Laneville today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. in the semifinal round at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin.

Photo by Anne Acker

On to state!

Swifts meet Laneville today

The Nazareth Swifts are on the way to state.

Nazareth, 32-5 on the season, will take on two-time defending Class A state champion Laneville (33-3) in semifinal action today (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center (Super Drum) in Austin. The game will be broadcast live on KDHN-AM Radio, 1470 beginning at 8:20.

The second Class A semifinal game will pit Lipan (33-3) against Anderson-Shiro (38-0) at 10:30 a.m. today. The Class A state championship game will begin Saturday morning at 9.

After stumbling in the regional semifinals and losing to Petersburg the past three years, the Swifts finally got over that hurdle, then raced to the finish line this year, beating Sudan, 43-41, for the Region 1-A championship in a thriller at Texan Dome in Levelland Saturday.

This will be Nazareth's fifth appearance in the state tournament, but it will be the first time members of this year's team will walk on the floor of the Drum.

"We're going to go down, work and have fun," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "These guys have worked hard and have earned this trip. I'm really happy for them."

Nazareth will have its hands full this morning, because Laneville fields an experienced team.

Several of Laneville's players saw action in last year's state tournament, including three senior starters, 6-3 post Brad Harris, 6-2 post Cedric Bowers and 6-1 wing Jerome Polk. Harris and Bowers average 22 points per game apiece to lead the Yellowjackets. Brent

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City approves new curfew law

Dimmitt city commissioners, without fanfare, adopted two new city ordinances at their meeting Monday night at City Hall.

One was the simple updating of an ordinance on building and plumbing codes.

The other, which will likely impact more lives, established curfews for persons 16 and under in the city limits.

The new law passed its second reading 5-0, and will become rule soon. It must be published as a legal notice in the *News* before it becomes effective.

Once it becomes city law, children 16 and under must be off the streets from 10:59 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. on school nights. On Friday and Saturday nights, they have to be home by 1 a.m. On weeknights during the summer or when there's no school the next day, they must be home by midnight.

The ordinance is set up for a trial run, and stipulates it must be reviewed by the council, police and city officials after it is used for six months.

Police Chief Dewayne Haney said several times it would be a tool officers could use to curb juvenile misbehavior. It could get expensive for kids and their parents, with a fine of up to \$500 per violation possible. Persons who allow juveniles to stay on their property in violation of the rule could also be fined up to \$500 per occurrence per child.

There are "excuses" built into the law: if a child is going directly to or from work; running an errand for parents or guardian and going directly to or from the place; and other valid reasons.

The local law was tailored after the Dallas ordinance, one of the few curfew ordinances to survive recent court tests. Others have been thrown out because they were too vague.

The building and plumbing code ordinance brings city law up to new federal and state standards.

Council members, in a brief meeting, also agreed to solicit bids for a new trackloader at the city landfill. The current trackloader is practically non-useable after nine years of work.



SENIOR BEE WINNERS—Mark Birkenfeld (center) won the Castro County Spelling Bee here Monday, topping a field of nine spellers from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. He will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on April 9 at West Texas A&M University at Canyon. Runners-up were Rachel

Wall, left, and Jessica Kern. County Judge Polly Simpson, at rear, is the chairman for the bee, which is co-sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News. The spellers received cash prizes paid by Castro County.

Photo by John Brooks

OM teams win regional

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt captured first-place honors in a regional meet in Canyon Saturday and will advance to the state contest, which will be held in San Antonio April 8 and 9.

Dimmitt teams competed against OM teams from Palo Duro High School, Amarillo High School, Horace Mann Middle School and Sam Houston Middle School, all from Amarillo; as well as teams from Pampa, Canyon, Fritch and Dumas.

The Dimmitt High School "Classics" team including sophomores Addison Foskey, Jimmy Bryan and Joel Townsend; junior Monica De La Cruz; and seniors J.D. Gonzales and Carlo Ontiveros presented the

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Weather

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. by KDHN Radio, official NWS observer.

	High	Low	Precip
Thursday	68	34	
Friday	74	32	
Saturday	76	33	
Sunday	78	33	
Monday	78	37	
Tuesday	61	31	.30
Wednesday	31	21	.16
March precipitation:	46		
1994 precipitation:	81		

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The First Baptist Church Choir met Saturday in the church fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. About 35 members were present for a steak dinner with all the trimmings, with apple cobbler and ice cream for dessert.

Two sisters, with Wade Maynard's help, put on a skit for our entertainment. The girls were dressed in styles of the 1930s and they dressed Wade up accordingly. They put the long, long tie on him, with wide suspenders, and a coat that had never seen an iron. Mike and Prissy Boothe were our special guests. They are moving to Levelland. A good time was had by everyone.

Rosa Acker went to Argyle to celebrate Andrew Acker's 13th birthday. The party was held at the Royal Crown Hotel in Dallas. She also attended the Denton school band concert. Ashley Acker plays the violin. The band has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Because Andrew's house is being painted, they ate out most of the time she was there. She went with the grandchildren to see several movies in Lewisville.

Ashley and Andrew are the grandchildren of Rose Acker and Jack and Doris Flynt.

Virginia Crider was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club at the Castro County Senior Citizens. She served a sour cream peach cake and candies. Dude McLauren was high score and Bobby George won second high. Also playing were Susie Reeves, Helen Braafadt, Alma Kenmore, Ina Ray Cates, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Johnnie Vannoy, Ferne Dickey, Cleo Forson, Neva Hickey, Gladys Benson, Lorannell Hamilton and Oleda Schumacher.

Trent Price appeared in the Lubbock Community Theatre production of *The Secret Garden*. It was adapted by Sylvia Ashby from Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic tale and was presented during the last three weekends.

Trent was in the role of Colin Craven. He is the son of Morris and Andrea Price of Lubbock and is a fourth grade student at Hardwick Elementary. He is the grandson of Billye Gwynn Davis.

Sharon Barker was in Dimmitt last week on her way to a Nurses Christian Fellowship retreat at Round Top, just outside Austin. While there she will investigate international student work in Houston and Austin in the hope of moving closer to home in August.

She has been living in Chicago for the past three years working with international nursing students at the University of Illinois-Chicago. This summer she plans to take a team of

nursing students to Jordan. In the meantime she'll spend a month in Philadelphia, then return to Chicago for two months to finish off her work there.

She and her father, Elvis, drove home with her car full of her belongings. He had flown to Chicago to help her make the drive back. He arrived in Chicago on the day of the largest snowstorm in 30 years. Two days later, after another blizzard and seven more inches of snow they started the drive south. About 40 miles into the trip the highway was a solid sheet of ice. High winds were blowing snow across the road, causing whiteouts. Vehicles were scattered everywhere after skidding off the road.

About 30 miles farther they decided they could not keep going. All available lodging was full so the State of Illinois had opened a high school gym in Dwight, Ill., to provide shelter and food for some 250 people stranded because of the blizzard. They spent the night in the gym and left early the next morning. Roads were still extremely icy for another 120 miles before conditions improved. They made it on home safely Sunday evening.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard went Thursday night to Pampa and spent the night with Dan's cousins, Larry and Ann Heard.

Friday night they spent in Booker with their kids and grandkids, the Walter Whites.

Saturday morning, Dan and Oma Dee, James, Jennifer and J'Nae White drove to Elkhart, Kan., to attend the wedding of James Burnett and Sarah Jones. James is the youngest son of Tom and Shirley Burnett, who are former Dimmitt residents. Tom was on the staff at First Baptist Church in the late 1970s. They have another son, Ron, who also lives in Elkhart with his wife, Mickie, and little son, Derrick. Ron is with the band there.

James, Jennifer and J'Nae came to Dimmitt to spend spring break. Pam came Tuesday and spent several days.

The Golden Acres Senior Citizens Club met recently at the clubhouse for a beef stew dinner and to celebrate February birthdays. The dinner included beef stew, cornbread, salads and cherry cobbler. Celebrating birthdays were Inez Lee, B. Woolbright, Murray Hall, Nell Davis and Clarabell Adams.

A new resident, Emma Beth Brinker, was welcomed into the community. Emma is a sister of Nell Davis and is from California.

Those attending were Roy Hollums, Lorene Beach, Opal Thomas, Gladys Hampton, Wreatha Green, Rhea Killion, Virgie Moulton, Susie Reeves, Mavis Tittle, Ella May Tuter, Inez Lee, Mary Cox, B. Woolbright, Faye Ethridge, Cleo Parks and Ida May Moore.

Tommie Sue Nisbett entertained relatives for three weeks. Her sister, Mag Foley, from San Angelo; her brother, Cotton Sisson, from Odell, Ore.; and Odell's daughter and her husband from Washington, D.C., were here. Mag went over to Springlake for a short visit with her daughter, Annie McCurry, while she was in the area. Tommie Sue's grandchildren, Ryan Allan and Autumn were here from Amarillo as well.

Little David Underwood celebrated

his birthday Sunday with the Underwood and Dennis families attending. Chauncey and Cailee Gilbreath were the only children there. They enjoyed playing outside. The birthday cake was in the form of a dalmation and it was served with ice cream and punch. Decimae Dennis came up from Midland for all the fun.

Gaylene Cox entertained her son and his wife, Rex and Paula Neel, and their daughter, Kelsey, from Friona over the weekend. They enjoyed their visit very much.

Cory Mays and his friend, Michelle, from Clarendon College met the family at the Olive Garden in Amarillo for the birthday celebrations. Others attending were Mary Mays and Scott and Sabrina Hiatt and children Jennifer and Kimberlea, and Scott's nephew, Michael, from Hale Center, Rhoda Mays and Sharla Mays. They reported a fun time.

Rhoda Mays celebrated her birthday in Dimmitt with Mary, Scott, Sabrina, Jennifer and Kimberlea joining in all the fun. Sabrina made the pretty birthday cake.

My daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford, and I flew to Houston to visit my granddaughter and her family, Lauren and Dale Fezell and four-month-old Caleb. Arlie Petty was on the same flight, going to the stock show since his daughter, Carla, was showing her animals. We sat by Sue Beene from Friona, who was going to Houston on business. Her brother met her at the airport. Sue's husband, Jay, is the son of the late Decimae Beene and the grandson of the late Goose Ramey. Sue is the special education director in the Friona public schools and she knows Winston Waggoner and Susie Gonzales from Dimmitt, who are teachers there. Since she is in the Ramey family she knows Donald Wright and family, Emily Ramey and Rose Acker.

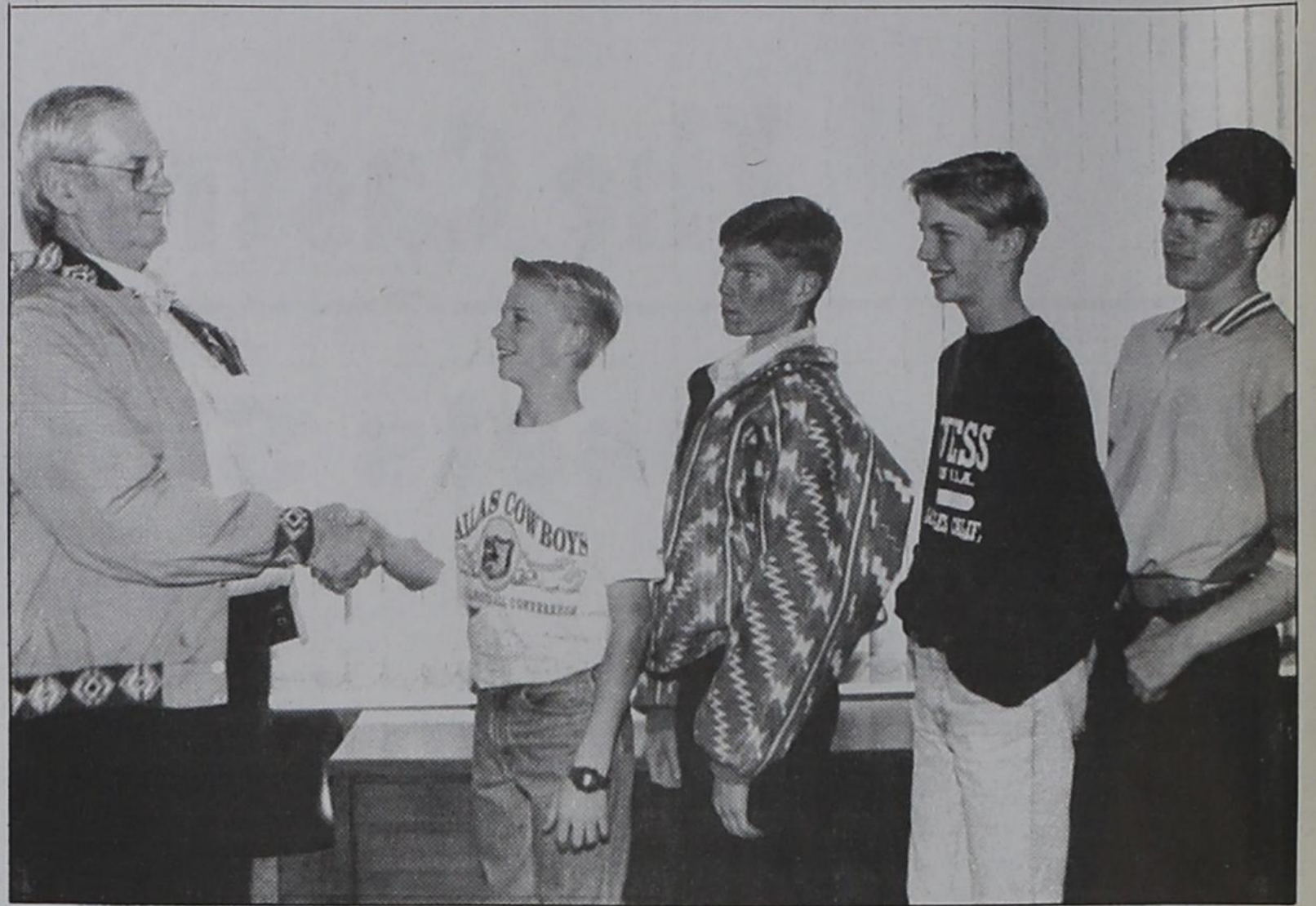
On our flight to Houston we had a cute stewardess who gave the instructions about flying. One thing she said was, "If you need to smoke while we are flying, just step outside!"

While we were in Houston we enjoyed playing with my great-grandson, Caleb. We went to two big malls and looked around and ate. On one occasion we ate at Le Madeleine, a cute tea room. They celebrated my birthday by taking me to the restaurant Houston. Mary Lynn, Dale and Lauren and Caleb, and Dale's friend and his fiancee from Denton enjoyed the good food and fun.

On Sunday we went to Sunday School and church with Lauren and Dale at Second Baptist Church in Houston. We really enjoyed the Sunday School teacher, who explained the Bible in an unusual way. Since this was a young married class, he taught it in a way they can remember it well.

The pastor is Ed Young, and since they were trying to encourage more to sing in the choir, he put on a robe and sang with them until it was time for him to preach. He took off his robe and put on his coat and preached a wonderful sermon on "Intelligent Living."

At the end of the service they presented three new babies and the pastor gave them a white Bible. Caleb, Lauren and Dale were up there on that huge stage, and Mary Lynn and I were so proud!



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS — Dimmitt FFA Advisor David McCormick (left) congratulates freshmen Wesley Mays, Ryan Harkins, Chris Davis and Jay McCormick, who competed in a national

Hampshire Swine Judging Contest recently and finished first. The four freshmen also tied for top individual honors in the contest. Photo by Anne Acker

FFA team wins national award

Dimmitt freshmen Wesley Mays, Jay McCormick, Ryan Harkins and Chris Davis are national champions.

The quad was the first-place team in the National Hampshire Swine Picture Judging Contest sponsored by the *Hampshire Swine Registry* in Peoria, Ill., and also tied with an Oklahoma youngster for top individual honors.

The Dimmitt team finished with a score of 1,368, just a few points ahead of second-place El Reno, which finished with 1,344 points.

Mays, Harkins, Davis and McCormick each had 342 points and that score was tied with Concepcion Ugarte of Hooker, Okla., for top individual honors.

There were 212 teams and 1,079 junior competitors entered in the contest, according to Dimmitt FFA Advisor David McCormick.

The four Dimmitt youths will receive a plaque, caps and cash

awards and will be recognized in the magazine's next issue, McCormick said.

He said in December the magazine published seven classes of four animals with facts and figures that relate to performance and carcass qualities. He said the team used a composite of visual appraisal and the figures to make their decision, then sent their results in to be judged.

McCormick said 59 FFA members from Dimmitt participated in the contest.

"I've been teaching 33 years and I've had a team entered in this almost every year, but this is the first time I've had a team win it. I've had six teams finish second and have only had three finish out of the Top 10."

The freshmen will represent Dimmitt FFA at the San Angelo Livestock Show contest on Saturday and also will compete in several other contests this spring.



FIND "NEWSY"
We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the *CASTRO COUNTY NEWS*.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Yvonne Hufhines
Annette Flores



Who's New?

Plains Memorial

Ed and Dione Steffens are parents of a new baby, Carsyn Kamille, who was born at 9:12 a.m. Feb. 26 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. The baby weighed in at 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19-1/4 inches long and joins older siblings Kamryn Haylie, 3-1/2, and Geena Rhiannon, 14 months. Paternal grandmother is Regina Steffens of Nazareth. Maternal grandparents are Corky and Virginia Nelson of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Agnes Brockman and Clarence and Opal Nelson, all of Dimmitt, and Hazel Shaw Bramwell of West Virginia.

Out of Town


Joel and Susan Venhaus are the parents of a baby boy, Coby Ross, who was born at 3:41 p.m. on Feb. 17 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 2-1/2 oz. He has a big brother, Dustin, who is 3. Grandparents are Eddie and Linda Campbell of Dimmitt and Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus of Friona. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Yates of Dimmitt and Paul Venhaus of Nazareth.

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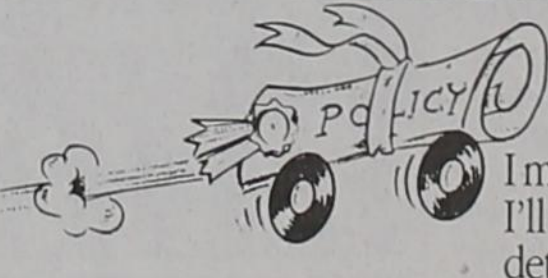
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Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden,

Hershel Wilson got his stitches out and was dismissed from the hospital Monday, instead of the expected Tuesday. He has been doing good. Retha is going with him to get in his 10 minute walk each day. She has taken him to the drug store just to get out of the house. He started developing headaches and Ricky Byers took his blood pressure, which was too high. When he got back on the blood pressure medicine he was taking in the hospital he began to get better right away.

They had lots of company this week, but Hershel was able to go to church Sunday at Springlake. Visitors

on Saturday night included Debbie and Ken Elder of Lubbock, Mrs. Epperson of Wolforth and Yvonne Wakefield of Dimmitt. Kids and grandkids have been in and out for brief periods.

The Rev. A.C. Hamilton of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday for the Rev. Anthony Sisemore, who got up ill Sunday and had to go back to bed. Lori came on and played the piano and taught a Sunday School class and participated in business meeting Sunday night. Mrs. Hamilton accompanied her husband at the morning and evening services.

Rain on Monday afternoon and evening gave us .20 inch of moisture. Snow during the night left about two inches of wet snow. Temperature was

32 degrees at 8 a.m.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson left Feb. 26 for a week's vacation in the South. They flew to New Orleans and rented a car, watched the boats on the Mississippi River, toured the Super Dome and saw a unique cemetery. At Natches, Miss., they toured several antebellum homes on the river. They enjoyed the history that went along with the Natches area. They visited Fort Hudson National Cemetery, designated by Abraham Lincoln as a Civil War cemetery.

They drove the gulf shores of Alabama and Fort Morgan, saw the Billing Rath Gardens, Battleship Alabama and National Museum of Naval Aviation at Pensacola, Fla. They drove down the gulf shores to Florida to Fort Perkins, then went back to catch their plane. It was a good trip.



THE BIG WINNERS in the Dimmitt Cub Scout Pack's annual Pinewood Derby Saturday were (holding trophies, from left) Jake Wright, third; Jayson Harris, second; and Patrick Hunter, first. All were winners in their age divisions before competing in the "King of the Hill" finals. At right

of the racetrack are (kneeling) Zachary Morris and Jared Griffitt, and (standing) Colby Williams and Todd Jansa. Other King of the Hill qualifiers (not pictured) were Mark Goode, Anthony Zambrano, Ryan Hays and Deacon Buckley.

Photo by Don Nelson

Pinewood Derby

Racers zoom on glory track

What can a Cub Scout make from a block of wood, four nails, four wheels, a little glue and some spray paint?

A Pinewood Derby racing car, that's what. It may be a beauty, it may be fast—or it may be both.

Dimmitt's Cub Scouts learned whose racers were the fastest and best designed Saturday morning at the pack's annual Pinewood Derby, held in the Expo Building.

A hundred parents and a handful of judges and timers looked on as the Cubs released their gleaming racers, two at a time, at the top of a long, downhill wood track.

After the elimination races, the Cubs who emerged as big winners were Patrick Hunter, Jayson Harris, Jake Wright, Jared Griffitt, Zack Morris and Ryan Hays.

After winners were decided in three divisions, the top three finishers in each were pitted against each other in the "King of the Hill" open division, with trophies awarded for first, second and third places.

Winners were:

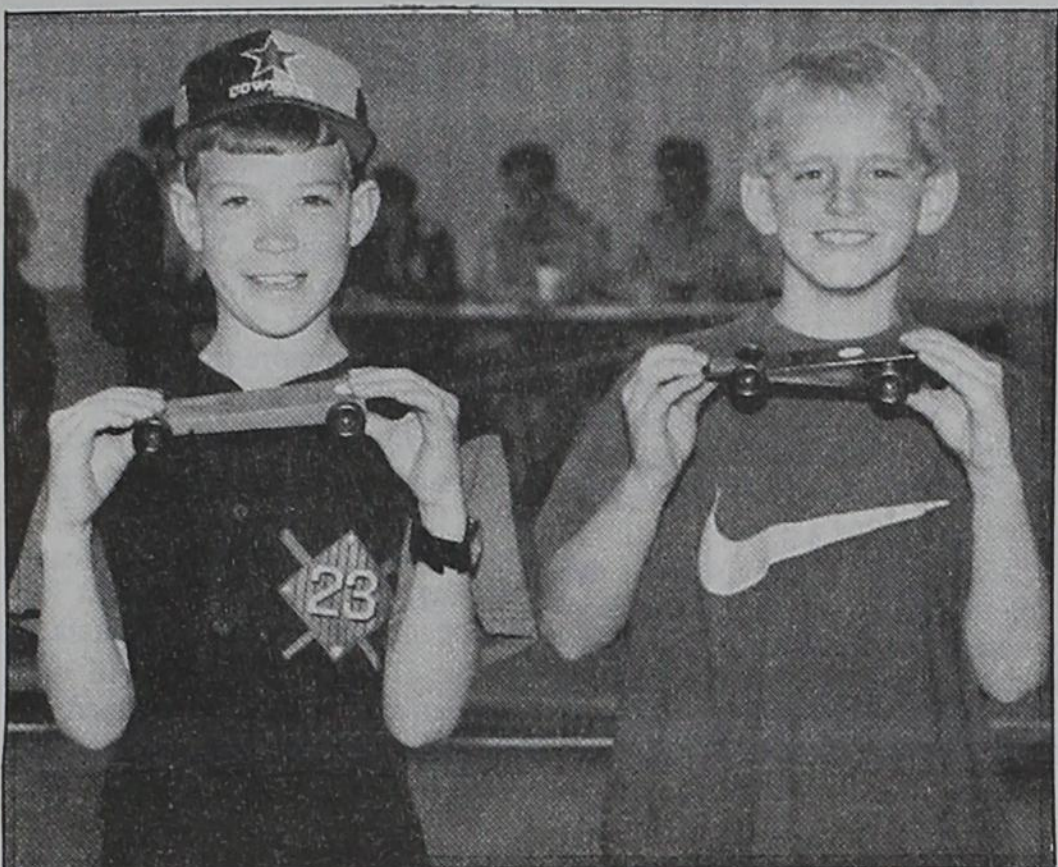
WOLF DIVISION
RACING: 1: Jake Wright. 2: Jared Griffitt. 3: Todd Jansa.
DESIGN: 1: Jared Griffitt. 2: Mark Goode. 3: Anthony Zambrano.

BEAR DIVISION
RACING: 1: Pat Hunter. 2: Colby Williams. 3: Zack Morris.
DESIGN: 1: Zack Morris. 2: Colby Williams. 3: Pat Hunter.

WEBELOS DIVISION
RACING: 1: Jayson Harris. 2: Deacon Buckley. 3: Ryan Hays.
DESIGN: 1: Ryan Hays. 2: Deacon Buckley. 3: Jayson Harris.

KING OF THE HILL
RACING: 1: Patrick Hunter. 2: Jayson Harris. 3: Jake Wright.

After polishing and tuning up their racers, local Cub Scouts will compete in the open Plainview District Pinewood Derby April 26 in Plainview.



DESIGNED FOR SPEED—Jayson Harris (left) and Deacon Buckley show their wood racing cars that finished 1-2 in the Dimmitt Webelos Division of the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Saturday. Both boys used a wedge design to minimize air resistance and to put most of the weight over the rear wheels. Although the wedge design was popular, several other racers were carved and shaped to resemble sports cars of the future.

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Class of '74 needing help

Addresses and telephone numbers are needed for several members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1974.

Plans are being made for the 20th reunion. Information on persons listed below may be given to Liz Murphy, 309 NW Fourth in Dimmitt, 647-2047; or Flo Touchstone, 6124 Nashville, Lubbock 79413, 792-3323.

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

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

Also, Delia Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez, Ramiro Reyes, Loretia Sandlin, Elvia Sandoval, Rosa Sepeda, Angela Spinherne, Griselda Sandoval, Rose Spencer, Dean Smithson, Linda Vasquez and Rhonda Wright.

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A very special thank you to Dr. Hardee, his staff, and all those in the medical profession that serve us in Dimmitt.

ELAINE STEINLE

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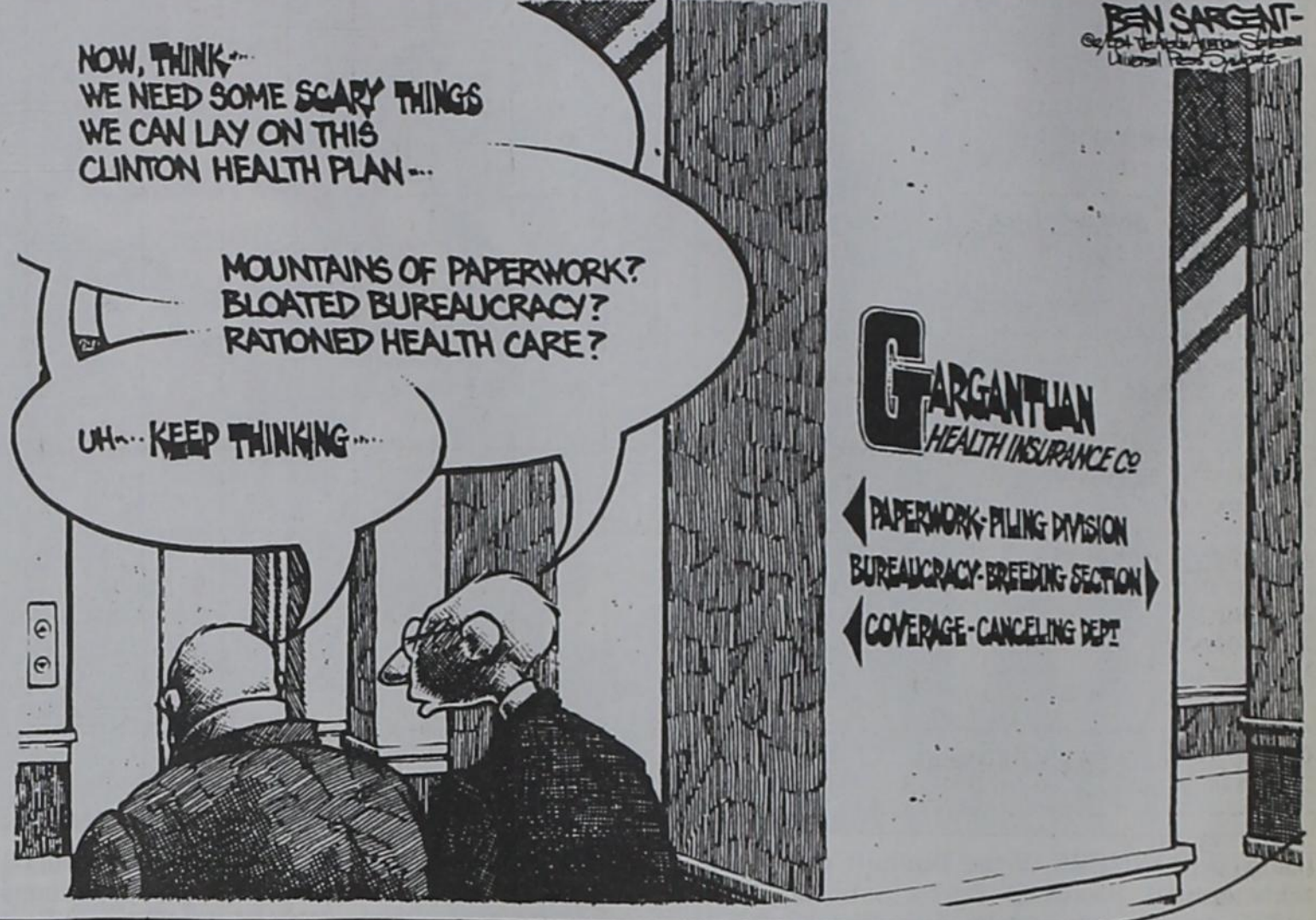
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 Local office: Federal Bldg., Suite 613, 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 763-1611.

US SENATE
Phil Gramm (R-Texas): Rm. 370 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510; phone (202)224-2934.
 Local office: 113 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, 79401; phone 743-7533.
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John Montford (D-Lubbock), 28th District: Austin phone (512)463-0128. Local office: P.O. Box 1709, Lubbock, 79408; phone 744-5555; FAX 762-4217.

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VA is proof that government should stay out of health care

By J. EVERETT WILLIAMS

As a patriotic duty to my country, I am urging every American to get involved in the fight against government-run health care as envisioned by President Clinton's health-care proposal.

From a veteran's perspective, the lesson is simple: Government-run health care hasn't worked. Ask any veteran what they think of the Veterans Administration and the health care it provides to more than 2.5 million vets, and the answer will be the same almost anywhere in the country: It is government at its worst.

Waiting periods of 60 to 90 days to see specialists such as cardiologists. Incredible amounts of paperwork. Average three-hour waits whenever you try to see a doctor. Hospitals that are physically falling apart. Government acting not as healers, but as roadblocks to understanding problems such as Agent Orange and the current Gulf War Syndrome.

That's what we deal with every day. Hopefully, other Americans will never have to endure the same difficulties and hardships as we do in getting basic health care. In fact, if anything, the Veterans Administration should serve as the No. 1 example of how NOT to run a health-care system.

That's why I'm so amazed that so many of our national politicians, including President Clinton, would advocate a LARGER role for government in providing health care instead of a SMALLER one. Because, based on our experience, the government just isn't up to the job. The proof is in the numbers: Of 26.7 million veterans eligible for VA health care, less than 10% actually seek VA assistance.

In one of the most perverse outcomes imaginable, what was supposed to be an extraordinary privilege for veterans—medical care guaranteed and run by the government—has turned out to be a nightmare. While everyone else in the country has access to the finest

technology, the most skilled surgeons and physicians, and the finest hospital facilities in the world, VA users are confined to a system that isn't even mediocre. And they're trapped. There's no way out, because most of the 2.5 million veterans who use the VA don't have any alternatives.

So when I hear that government is going to have a monopoly on health care through these regional health alliances, I shudder. When I hear that a new national health board is going to set standards for the rest of the country to follow, I think of the way VA standards have been allowed to deteriorate.

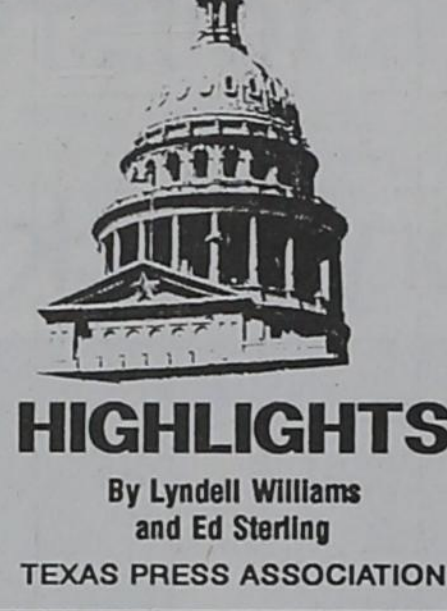
When I think of the second-rate care that veterans are consigned to receiving, I just can't sit still and let the rest of the country go down the same path.

Don't let government run your health care into the ground. Don't let them take it over. The entire history of the 20th century shows that once government gets its hands on something it never lets go. There have to be ways to improve health care without having government run it, as President Clinton is currently proposing. His plan takes us down precisely the wrong direction, and everyone—veterans and non-veterans alike—need to let our elected officials know that this is the wrong way to go.

It may not seem like a big deal now. But 10 years from now, when you're overwhelmed with paperwork and waiting three hours to see a doctor or 90 days to see a heart specialist, it will be much more important to you. We have to ensure that this scenario never happens.

(J. Elliott Williams, 63, served 20 years in the US Navy and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in Vietnam. He is the immediate past president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. The views expressed in this article are his own and do not represent the views of the Society.)

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A program established in the 1970s to relieve crowding in Texas prisons should be abolished, Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush proposed last week.

"Mandatory supervision," the program under which 3,000 prison inmates were released in 1993, allows convicts to go free without a release date being set by the parole board, after time served and good conduct equal their sentence.

Those released under the program are supervised by parole officials until their actual sentences have expired.

Bush's proposal, if passed by the state Legislature, would block the release of nonviolent offenders. The Legislature in 1987 stopped mandatory supervision of violent offenders, except those convicted before the change in the law.

"Every prisoner who is let out on mandatory supervision has previously been denied for a very good reason, so it makes no sense to let them get out of jail without first passing muster with the parole board," Bush said.

But Gov. Ann Richards' campaign spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Bush's proposal would have little effect on the criminal justice system and touted Richards' efforts to lengthen sentences, toughen parole and build more prison cells.

System Bidder Protests
 An out-of-state bidder that failed to get the contract to operate an

electronic welfare system in Texas has filed a protest accusing the state of violating procedures in awarding the contract.

Deluxe Data Systems Inc. of Milwaukee asked the state last week to disqualify a \$200 million contract awarded to another non-Texas firm, GTECH Administrative Services Corp. of West Greenwich, R.I.

In its protest Deluxe Data alleged that GTECH changed its bid after the deadline and received assistance from a former state employee whose staff helped develop bidding criteria.

Andy Welch, spokesman for Texas Comptroller John Sharp, said the Deluxe bid would have cost \$15.6 million more than GTECH's bid over the seven-year contract.

AG Files "Headhunter" Suits
 Attorney General Dan Morales filed two lawsuits last week against companies he accused of "head-hunting," or soliciting patients for treatment at psychiatric hospitals.

One Houston company and two Stephenville firms were named in the lawsuit, which seeks to prohibit them from continuing the practice.

An official of Texas Hotline Inc. of Stephenville, named in one of the suits, denied wrongdoing. Officials of Summer Sky Inc. of Stephenville, which was named in the same suit, and A Place For Us of Houston, named in the other suit, declined to comment when contacted by the Associated Press.

The suits, filed in state District Court in Travis County, seek civil penalties, court costs, attorney's fees and damages.

"This practice is not only detrimental to patients who are misdiagnosed, but also to taxpayers who bear the burden of insurance fraud and health care fraud," Morales said.

Resigns After Inquiry
 The resignation of state Transportation Commissioner Henry R. Munoz III last month came after inquiries by *The Dallas Morning News* into his travel practices and the use of state vouchers.

Munoz of San Antonio, cited family and business obligations as

reasons for resigning, and said his leaving had nothing to do with a request made by the *Morning News* for his travel records.

Munoz, 34, said he had been considering resigning since last year, after a promotion at his San Antonio architectural firm.

However, according to the *Morning News*, officials said the Richards appointee was forced out by top aides of the governor "after more than two years of questionable spending practices and conflicts with other state officials."

Study of Two Trade Pacts
 House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has appointed a special House committee to study aspects of two international trade agreements.

The committee, named last week, will assess the impacts on Texas of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

A second special committee will examine problems of small businesses in attracting capital in today's lending climate. Laney said it will give special attention to agricultural and minority-owned businesses.

Charter Bus Rules Eased
 The Texas Railroad Commission has reversed an old rule by allowing charter buses to operate statewide without having to offer regular route service, Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers announced.

"With this change, travel service should improve for Texas," Nabers said.

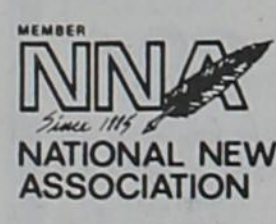
Before the change, no one could provide charter bus service unless the company was willing to provide regular route service as well, Nabers said.

Other Highlights
 ■ Secretary of State John Hannah has predicted that 16.5 percent of Texas' record 9 million registered voters will cast ballots in the March 8 primary elections.

■ Texas Supreme Court candidate Charles Ben Howell sued the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and three prominent lawyers last week, alleging that they promised to raise funds for and support him, then reneged.

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- oven action by TX based Mrs. Baird's
- TXism: "fits like ___ on an ape"
- TX town or small bay
- TX Buckley was in this Broadway hit
- TXism: "grabbin' straws" (desperate)
- in the past
- the Texas "town without a frown"
- Marshall hosts "No Guts, lumberjack contest"
- TXism: "fast ___ up a rafter"
- in La Salle Co. on I-35
- TXism: "just a ___ in the park" (easy)
- TX Vikki Carr '67 hit: "It ___ Him"
- TX A.J. Foyt ___ around the track
- Califano was LBJ ___
- Tyler Co. town named for U.S. president
- TXism for "milk": "___ delight"
- TXism: "between a rock and ___ place"
- Beaumont's "Bubba" Smith was an ___ twice
- TXism for "about"
- this Nacogdoches Co. town is named for a backward Lucas
- San Antonio street: Danny ___
- rattlesnake venom contains amino ___
- Willie's birthplace
- Houston steel corp.
- TX Costa produces the Christian ___ line in U.S.
- TX voting places
- this Japanese co. sells a lot of "boob tubes" in TX
- TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"
- TXism: "it's been a ___ in my side"
- "many moons"
- Dallas born singer of '60s "Family Stone" group
- singer Ritter
- Corpus Christi festival (2 wds.)
- TXism: "confused as ___ astroturf"
- Levelland AM radio
- they're "upon you" in Texas
- TXism: "___ loop man" (good roper)
- TX h.s. students must pass ___ for a diploma
- Houston's Duvall played this Olive moon to Houston: "The Eagle ___ Landed"
- TX Kristofferson's '76 musical
- TX now has ___ mutuel gambling
- TXism: "stingin' stick" (cattle ___)
- Bush's alma mater
- this Scott starred in TX-made "Finding The Way Home" (init.)
- TXism: "couldn't lick his upper ___" (weaking)
- Cowboys 1st coach (init.)
- "___ Ferguson was first woman gov.
- mythical sister of Ima Hogg
- this Sarah gave oath to LBJ (init.)
- TXism: "much obliged" (___ you)
- a chest of drawers
- TXism: "having ___ of fun"
- state senator Eddie from Brownsville
- TX Crier 1st TV job: ___ News Network
- TXism: "following ___ trail" (hopeless)
- meaning of Nueces
- TX film critic Reed
- Bullock is ___ Gov.
- a TX "duster"
- TX Kite prefers ___ to a bogey
- in Mexico, Texans buy ___ chess sets

Unofficial election results

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RETURNS	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	AB	T
US Senate									
Ernest S. Schmidt	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Stephen Hopkins	0	2	1	0	3	0	7	0	13
M. Troy Mata	1	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	11
Roger Henson	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	7
Tom Spink	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Kay Bailey Hutchison	17	119	18	18	19	7	13	34	245
James C. Currey	0	7	2	1	2	0	0	2	14
U.S. Representative, Dist. 13									
Flavius Smith	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	7
Wayne Collins	12	131	18	26	21	7	13	36	264
William M. (Mac) Thornberry	5	6	5	4	1	0	8	5	34
Governor									
George W. Bush	19	131	24	28	24	5	19	37	287
Ray Hollis	3	3	1	0	2	2	2	2	15
Lieutenant Governor									
H.J. (Tex) Lezar	15	94	19	18	12	2	16	26	202
Attorney General									
Patricia (Pat) Lykos	3	20	2	2	5	0	1	9	42
Don Wittig	6	46	6	10	10	4	13	9	104
John Marshall	7	26	5	6	3	1	3	10	61
Tony Garza	4	20	10	9	5	0	1	2	51
Comptroller of Public Accounts									
Teresa Doggett	16	93	18	20	12	2	15	25	201
State Treasurer									
David Hartman	16	81	11	16	19	4	14	22	183
Mike Wolfe	3	24	7	6	1	0	3	7	55
Land Commissioner									
Marta Greytok	15	90	16	20	13	1	16	24	195
Commissioner of Agriculture									
Rick Perry	19	122	21	22	24	6	18	37	269
Railroad Commissioner									
Charles R. Matthews	15	98	20	20	16	2	16	26	213
Railroad Commissioner, unexpired tm									
Carole Keeton Rylander	16	95	15	20	13	3	14	23	199
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1									
George Busch	8	53	10	10	4	3	9	12	109
Oliver S. Kitzman	10	48	7	13	14	1	10	17	120
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2									
Nathan L. Hecht	10	63	6	13	14	5	15	11	137
Charles Ben Howell	8	45	12	11	6	1	4	17	104
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3									
Priscilla Owen	15	97	14	19	13	2	16	24	200
Judge, Ct of Criminal Appeals, Place 1									
Steve Mansfield	8	68	15	17	14	2	8	20	152
John S. Cossum	4	30	5	5	5	0	8	7	64
Judge, Ct of Criminal Appeals, Place 2									
Cathy Cochran Herasimchuk	3	29	2	2	4	2	5	5	52
Sam Bayless	6	36	5	13	8	0	5	15	88
Sharon Keller	2	36	10	8	8	1	7	8	80
Member, SBOE, District 15									
Monte S. Hasie	16	94	17	20	17	4	16	29	213
State Senator, District 30									
Doyle High	7	27	2	6	4	2	3	6	57
Tom Haywood	11	81	16	18	18	2	15	25	186
7th Court of Appeals, Place 2									
Brian Quinn	14	89	18	19	13	1	14	22	190
County Judge									
Robert L. Hawkins	22	110	18	20	21	5	17	29	242
District and County Clerk									
Shirley Ann Hollums	19	107	18	20	18	4	15	35	236
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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RETURNS	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	AB	T
US Senate									
Michael A. Andrews	7	24	8	7	0	6	11	16	79
Richard Fisher	53	76	39	21	6	9	16	26	246
Evelyn K. Lantz	8	12	12	7	0	1	5	12	57
Jim Mattox	98	141	141	64	16	21	21	96	566
U.S. Representative, Dist. 13									
Bill Sarpallus	137	165	72	73	16	26	46	124	659
Governor									
Gary Espinosa	30	46	54	28	4	6	16	24	208
Ann W. Richards	134	212	87	82	18	29	64	135	761
Lieutenant Governor									
Bob Bullock	148	213	106	80	20	28	65	136	996
Attorney General									
Dan Morales	144	206	124	96	21	29	68	136	824
Comptroller of Public Accounts									
John Sharp	145	206	124	96	21	29	68	136	824
State Treasurer									
Martha Whitehead	98	149	74	54	12	15	41	97	540
Grady Yarborough	58	73	52	36	5	13	29	45	311
Land Commissioner									
Garry Mauro	135	197	105	72	15	24	61	127	736
Commissioner of Agriculture									
Marvin Gregory	125	188	86	65	14	20	60	115	673
Railroad Commissioner									
Robert Earley	48	79	41	20	5	7	20	44	264
James E. Ulm Nugent	101	158	81	67	15	25	61	99	607
Railroad Commissioner, unexpired tm									
Mary Scott Nabers	88	128	70	54	11	13	33	94	491
David Young	59	82	48	26	8	14	36	38	311
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1									
Raul A. Gonzales	48	79	82	58	5	10	20	48	350
Rene Haas	34	82	40	30	6	14	24	50	280
Bill Yarborough	81	80	28	21	10	9	29	54	312
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2									
Alice Oliver Parrott	80	112	68	49	6	16	30	58	419
Mike Westergren	60	86	47	32	8	11	32	58	334
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3									
Jimmy Carroll	99	155	71	54	13	21	48	88	549
Margaret G. Mirabal	43	52	48	30	1	3	15	30	222
Presiding Judge, Ct Criminal Appeals									
Charles F. (Charlie) Baird	61	88	64	40	12	9	23	48	345
Mike McCormick	77	111	49	36	2	15	41	67	398
Judge, Ct of Criminal Appeals, Place 1									
Charles F. Campbell	122	164	82	56	13	14	49	99	599
Judge, Ct of Criminal Appeals, Place 2									
Gene Kelly	44	76	33	33	4	9	14	29	242
Norman Lanford	21	24	21	11	3	6	9	22	117
Betty Marshall	42	54	26	15	4	4	19	35	199
Frances M. (Poppy) Northcutt	12	23	20	14	1	3	18	23	114
Bennie Ray	12	8	15	5	2	2	5	5	51
State Senator, District 30									
Steven A. Carriker	136	177	85	61	14	17	54	105	649
State Representative, District 85									
James E. "Pete" Laney	153	225	107	75	23	29	69	143	824
Justice, 7th Ct. of Appeals, Place 1									
John T. Boyd	141	207	107	71	16	20	61	127	750
Justice, 7th Ct. of Appeals, Place 2									
H. Bryan Poff, Jr.	133	197	95	66	15	22	63	128	719
District Judge, 64th Judicial District									
J. Pink Dickens	24	21	20	11	2	10	5	15	108
Jack R. Miller	149	278	142	100	23	27	80	161	960
District Judge, 242nd Judicial District									
Marvin F. Marshall	141	217	105	69	20	21	62	136	771
County Judge									
Polly Simpson	63	180	56	39	16	26	50	79	509
Irene Miller	113	120	110	78	10	16	39	97	583
District and County Clerk									
Betty Rickert	70	93	26	26	12	13	37	65	342
Debra Ball	45	74	17	15	5	10	19	35	220
Joyce Thomas	59	134	124	76	8	16	29	78	524
County Treasurer									
Janice Shelton	72	136	46	42	11	15	47	88	457
Oleta Raper	99	168	112	74	13	26	41	93	626
County Surveyor									
John Alldredge	152	224	99	74	19	27	56	134	785
Justice of the Peace									
Marshall Young	163	247	122	89	22	34	71	146	894
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'Dream Team' tourney planned

The first "Dream Team" double-elimination, three-on-three, tournament is planned March 19-20 at the West Texas University Activity Center.

Entry fee is \$30 per team, with four players on a team. No more than three players on the same high school team may participate on the same team in the tournament.

Divisions include juniors, for 14-15 boys and girls and 16-18 boys and girls; and open division for men and women for persons without college experience; a division for men and women 30 years or older; and a top gun division for men and women.

Entry information is available from Charles Byrd at 655-3536. Entry deadline is Tuesday.

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Buckle Up

A reminder from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety.



MAN INJURED IN WRECK—A Castro County man was injured Thursday when he was ejected from his Ford Bronco at a rural intersection south of Nazareth. Rod Hales was going west when his 1985



Ford Bronco (left) was struck by a 1967 Chevrolet pickup (right) driven by Joan Durbin of Nazareth. Durbin was exiting from a private drive. According to Dept. of Public Safety reports, Durbin's pickup struck the

Bronco on the left side. The impact caused the Bronco to roll over 1 3/4 times, and Hales was ejected from the vehicle. He was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Photo by Anne Acker

People

NHS Drama Club to present its UIL one-act play

Nazareth High School's one-act play cast will present *Where the Lilies Bloom* by Celeste Raspanti Sunday, March 20, at the Nazareth School cafeteria.

Prior to the play, the NHS Drama Club will hold a Mexican Stack-Up dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the play will begin at 1:30.

Dinner theater prices are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Those wishing to attend the play, but not the meal will be admitted for \$1.

The cast will present its play in district UIL competition on Wednesday, March 23, at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Members of the cast are Courtney Hoelting as "Mary Call," Lynette Klemman as "Romey," Carie Wethington as "Ima Dean," Robin Schulte as "Devola," Alston Farris as "Kiser Pease," Casey Hoelting as "Mr. Connell," Lena Durbin as "Mrs. Connell," Karmen Pohlmeier as "Goldie Pease," Dominic Fortin as the "Preacher," and Heather Braddock, Allyn Garza, Jaimye Bingham and Kelly Jones as wedding guests.

The stage crew includes Nick Johnson, Melinda Schmucker, Colby Pohlmeier and Brad Keel.



Mike McCord and Jan Robb

May vows planned

Jean Robb of Dimmitt and Ted Robb of Idalou announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jan Robb, to Mike McCord, son of Richard and Joan McCord of San Antonio.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows May 21 in Dallas. The bride-elect is a 1981 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from West Texas State University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in general agriculture business. She is employed with Opel Jenkins in Dallas.

The prospective groom graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1983. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Texas, graduating in 1987. He is employed by the Dallas Cowboys Football Club. After the wedding the couple plans to live in Dallas.

Breast screening clinic is planned

A mobile mammography unit from High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo will be set up at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on March 21.

Trained medical personnel will perform mammography screenings for \$70 that day.

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

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

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

LGA members plan meeting

The Ladies Golf Association will hold its annual membership meeting March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Country Club of Dimmitt.

A dinner will be served to guests attending the meeting. Members and guests are welcome.

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

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MONDAY-FRIDAY: Spring Break.

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THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, tostados, strawberry shortcake and milk.

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FRIDAY: No School!
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THURSDAY: Nachos, tossed salad, applesauce, peanut butter cups and milk.

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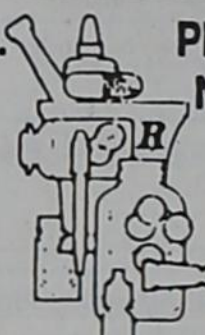
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LT. PERRY BROCKMAN (right) receives congratulations and a Joint Service Commendation Medal from General Linhart on Jan. 3, which was Brockman's last day in the US Navy. Brockman is the son of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth and he is a 1981 graduate of Nazareth High School.

Lt. Brockman earns commendation medal

Lt. Perry C. Brockman of the United States Navy, son of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth, has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal from the US Dept. of Defense.

According to a citation issued to Brockman, he "distinguished himself by meritorious service from Sept. 25, 1991, through Jan. 3, 1994, while serving as operations planner, Missile Employment Branch, Employment Division, Force Employment Plans Directorate, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff and then as Strategic Plans Analyst, Employment Tactics Section, Employment Branch, Strategic Plans Division, Plans and Policy Directorate, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska."

During this period, Brockman's initiative, leadership and technical knowledge were key factors in improving the effectiveness of ballis-

tic missile weapon systems in the Single Integrated Operational Plan, the nation's strategic war plan.

"In an era of unprecedented world change, he met the challenge by becoming the planning expert for building complex missile employment tactics which ensured United States capability to strike the highest priority targets," according to the citation.

He also was responsible for efforts to resolve and reach a common ground on issues affecting Air Force and Navy ballistic missile fratricide avoidance methodologies.

"His lasting contributions will significantly increase the accuracy and confidence of future strategic war plans. By his exemplary performance of duty, Lt. Brockman has reflected credit upon himself, the United States Strategic Command and the United States Navy."

Brockman and his wife, Margo, have a son, Heath.

Hill, Fratesi wed

Lisa J. Hill became the bride of Dr. Gary Fratesi on Feb. 26 when the pair exchanged vows at the Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride is the daughter of Laqueta Hill Dent of Dallas and Bud Hill of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Martha Fratesi of Southbury, Conn. and the late Eugene Fratesi.

Attendants were Debbie Darden of Gaylord, Mich. and Brian Baummer of Avon, Conn.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and Southern Methodist University.

The groom graduated from Naugatuck High School, Harvard University, Southwestern University and Yale University.

The couple will establish their home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Happenings

Sunday Church School classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"Satan's Weapon" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday church worship service at 11 a.m. Ray McDowell of the Amarillo Gideon camp will make a Gideon presentation.

"The Sword of the Spirit" will be the subject of the Lenten mid-week Bible study, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

The Rev. Paul Kenley will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation 3:14-22 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Promenaders plan dance

The Dimmitt Promenaders will hold their annual anniversary dance Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Grand March will start at 8 p.m.

Callers for the dance will be Jimmy Gouge and Billy Foster. Cuers will be Bill and Paula Harman.

Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served to those participating and spectating.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Together We Can

Maynard selected

Karen Maynard of Dimmitt has been selected for associate membership in Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta), a national honor society for biology students at West Texas A&M University.

Maynard is a pre-physical therapy major.

4-H'ers plan meeting about clothing project

Junior 4-H'ers who plan to have a clothing project this year should plan to attend a meeting March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

The first session will cover wardrobe planning and caring for clothing. 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to learn to stretch wardrobes and clothing money.

Junior 4-H'ers are reminded that attending the meetings will fulfill requirements for completing a clothing project report.

Senior 4-H fashion show set March 28

The Castro County Senior 4-H fashion show will be held Monday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the assembly room at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Four categories for this year's show are casual, dressy, formal and specialty in both clothing construction and buying.

Senior 4-H'ers who plan to participate in the show should call the Extension office at 647-4115 for rules and guidelines.

Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swifts and coaches Mark Makeever and Joey Waldo on winning the regional basketball tournament in Levelland. Your fans have enjoyed your 32-5 season. Good luck in winning state this weekend.

The Rev. Neal Dee attended the deacon ordination ceremonies for seminarian Scott Raef on Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Umberger. Also attending were Carol Gary of Lubbock and Lucille Drerup of Nazareth.

Mary Litsch, who has been a pneumonia patient at Methodist Hospital in Plainview, is home now to recuperate. She would enjoy visitors.

Florene Schulte is a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She underwent a knee replacement and should be home soon.

Margaret and Jerome Brockman enjoyed Sunday afternoon in Canyon

at the home of Gerri and Ron Russell and with Paul Brockman.

The 10-day-old baby of Kris and Becky Samford of Midland was flown to a Lubbock hospital on Monday morning to be treated for pneumonia. Dickie and Bernice Hoelting have been in Midland with the Samford family.

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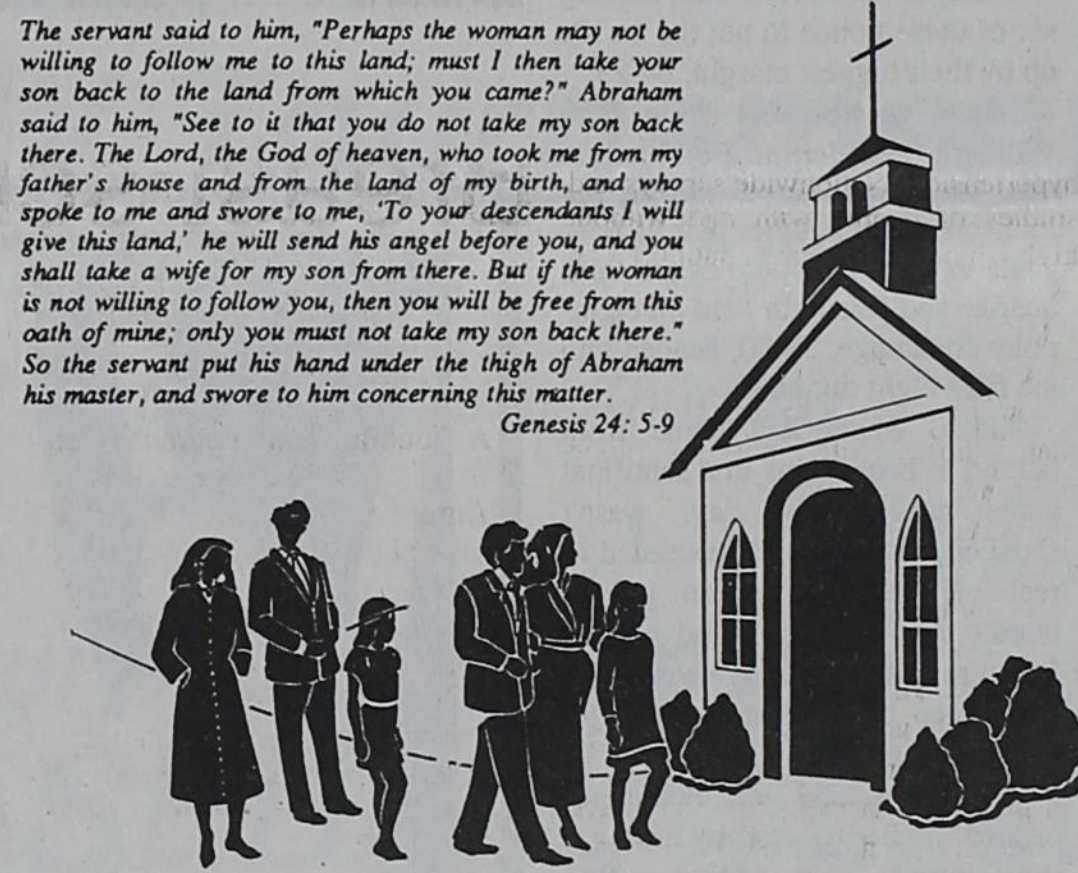
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The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your descendants I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.
Genesis 24: 5-9

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Sports

Naz steals win in the Nick of time

When Nick Johnson raised the basketball and started celebrating Saturday night, he wasn't aware there was still a second left in the game.

After the game was over, he commented that he started his celebration a little early.

But it didn't matter. Johnson had just halted a Sudan rally and sealed Nazareth's win over the Hornets.

Johnson intercepted a pass with four seconds left in the Region 1-A championship game Saturday night at the Texan Dome in Levelland, preserving the Swifts' 43-41 lead and stamping Nazareth's name on tickets to the state tournament in Austin for the first time since the Swifts won the state championship in 1986.

The 43 points was the lowest score the Swifts finished with in a game this season. They averaged 78 points per game during the regular season and played an up-tempo, running and pressing style of basketball. But in the regional tournament, the Swifts proved they can play a slower paced game and half-court defense, as well.

Sudan found that out.

Nazareth held a 43-41 lead with 1:27 left in the title game and had possession of the ball. But Colby Pohlmeier was whistled for a charge with 51 seconds left and Sudan got the ball back.

Hornet Coach Johnny Hampton, a Dimmitt native who guided Nazareth's Swifts to their only state championship in 1986, called a time out and the Hornets returned to the game in a delay offense, working the clock for the last shot.

Nazareth's defense held and Hampton called a second time out with 13 seconds left to set up a play for the final shot.

But Johnson anticipated too well and snatched the ball out of the air to begin Nazareth's celebration.

Johnson said when he recorded that last steal, he thought, "I can't believe I got that. It was a great feeling. I didn't realize there was still a second left and I had already picked up the ball and started celebrating."

Johnson, a 6-0 senior, was playing in his fourth straight regional tournament, but this was his first trip to the finals. He made that trip count, too, scoring a game-high 16 points, pulling down eight rebounds and recording three steals to lead the Swifts.

Johnson said the team's poise down the stretch proved to be the difference.

"We've been in some good close games this year. We found out in those practice games (against Region 1-AA finalists Clarendon and Region 1-AA champion Shallowater) what not to do and I think that helped. We kept our poise, played good defense and executed our offense when we had to."

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Sudan going into the delay really surprised him.

"When we came out of that time

out (with 51 seconds left) I never dreamed they'd try for a last shot. I'm glad they called the second time out so we could gather our thoughts and be ready to pressure them. I think that really surprised them, too, that we'd come out and play our normal pressure defense," Makeever said. "I think they had a set play going, but our pressure took them out of it."

Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling scored the game's first four points, but Sudan's Jarrod Fisher, who led the Hornets with 12 points, had four of Sudan's next five points to give his team the lead before Nazareth reeled off the next seven points on baskets by Pohlmeier, Johnson and Justin Wethington.

The quarter ended with Nazareth on top, 11-7, and the Swifts kept the lead until midway through the second period when Roger Huey nailed a three-pointer to give Sudan a one-point advantage, 17-16. Schilling picked up a pair of baskets in the next minute to put Nazareth back up by three.

Nazareth's lone trey in the game came at the end of the first half, when Scott Brockman swished the nets from the top of the key to give Nazareth a 25-21 halftime edge.

The Swifts had trouble with their perimeter shooting throughout the game, hitting just one of nine three-pointers.

Makeever credits Sudan's defense with a lot of that.

"Sudan's quick enough that no matter how many screens we set, they would get through them and get to our shooters. That's a tribute to their athletic ability."

Johnson sparked a 9-0 Nazareth run early in the second half, scoring six of those points to put the Swifts up by their biggest margin, 34-23.

Sudan got baskets from Tim Williams and Jerimi Bourland to trim the lead to seven points, but Johnson added another pair of field goals in the last minute of the third quarter and Nazareth held an eight-point advantage, 38-30, headed into the final eight minutes.

Sudan, which had come from behind to beat Plains in a semifinal game earlier that day, wasn't satisfied with that and proceeded to reel off the next seven points, thanks to a field goal and pair of free throws by Jerald Weaver and a long three by Williams with 2:55 left.

Then with 2:39 left Pohlmeier padded the Swifts' lead by hitting a short jumper, then adding a free throw after he was fouled by Fisher on the play.

Fisher made up for his mistake on the other end of the floor, however, putting the Hornets within a basket with just under two minutes left in regulation.

Johnson scored Nazareth's second and last field goal of the quarter with 1:45 left.

Fisher again pulled Sudan within a basket after he followed a missed Weaver shot and tipped the ball in with 1:27 left.

Then Pohlmeier was whistled for

a charge and Sudan began its last-minute stand.

Makeever said Nazareth losing its third-quarter lead was a credit to Sudan.

"Four points was all we scored in the fourth quarter. You can say we choked, or we missed easy shots or we had some calls that didn't go our way, but against a good team like

Sudan, I don't know if you could expect to hold that lead. I'm just thankful we had a two-point lead at the end."

Makeever, who is in his fifth year

as Nazareth's coach, was elated. "This is a feeling you don't get to experience too often in a lifetime, and I'm just thankful I'm lucky enough to have it," Makeever said.



WE'RE ON THE WAY TO STATE!
... Swifts celebrate winning Region 1-A trophy Saturday

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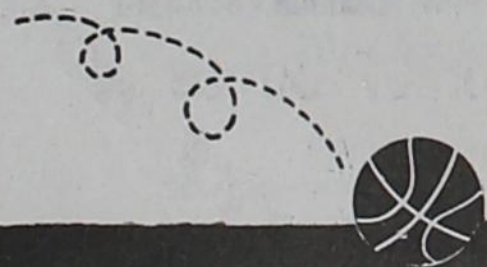
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Naz ices Vega in spite of cold shooting

Nazareth had one of its poorest shooting performances of the season Friday, but still managed to handle Vega, 61-44 in a Region 1-A quarterfinal at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

The Swifts avenged an earlier season loss to Vega with Friday afternoon's win.

Nazareth, which averages 49% from the field, managed to hit just 17 of 64 shots in the game for 26.6%. Vega finished with a field goal percentage of 28.6%.

The Swifts made just one field goal in the first quarter and were 0-of-9 from three-point land.

Coach Mark Makeever was very thankful that the team's defense was sharp, remarking after the game that that was the difference.

"Defense definitely won this game for us," Makeever said. "Colby (Pohlmeier) and Gaylon (Schilling) did a good job defending their big guy, Dusty Walker (6-7 post). They pushed him out about 15 feet and forced him to take a longer shot and he didn't make as many."

Walker still was one of Vega's leading scorers, tying with Justin Moore for high-point honors with 10.

Despite their poor shooting performance, the Swifts still managed to have three players reach double figures and another just a point away from double-digits. Pohlmeier finished with 18 points, Justin Wethington had 15, Scott Brockman had 13 and Nick Johnson had 9. But the shooting percentages on those players was less than desirable.

Makeever didn't have an explanation for his team's poor shooting, though.

"I don't know what was wrong. I guess it's just the Dome, not having a wall behind the basket. We've been here four years and each year it's the same in the first game. We know we're capable of shooting better than this."

The Swifts hit 7-of-11 free throws in the opening stanza to stay in the game, but Vega was on top, 12-9. The Swifts' lone field goal in the period was made by Wethington with 6:07 left.

Vega didn't have as many problems, opening the game with a three-pointer by Cody James and a pair of baskets by Moore. The Longhorns went up by three with 50 seconds left on a Keith Bromman basket.

Nazareth's shooting improved in the second quarter and they managed to tie the game at 20 at halftime.

After the break the Swifts blew the game open, outscoring Vega 14-5 in the third quarter and 27-19 in the final eight minutes.

"We just started making shots in the second half," Makeever said.

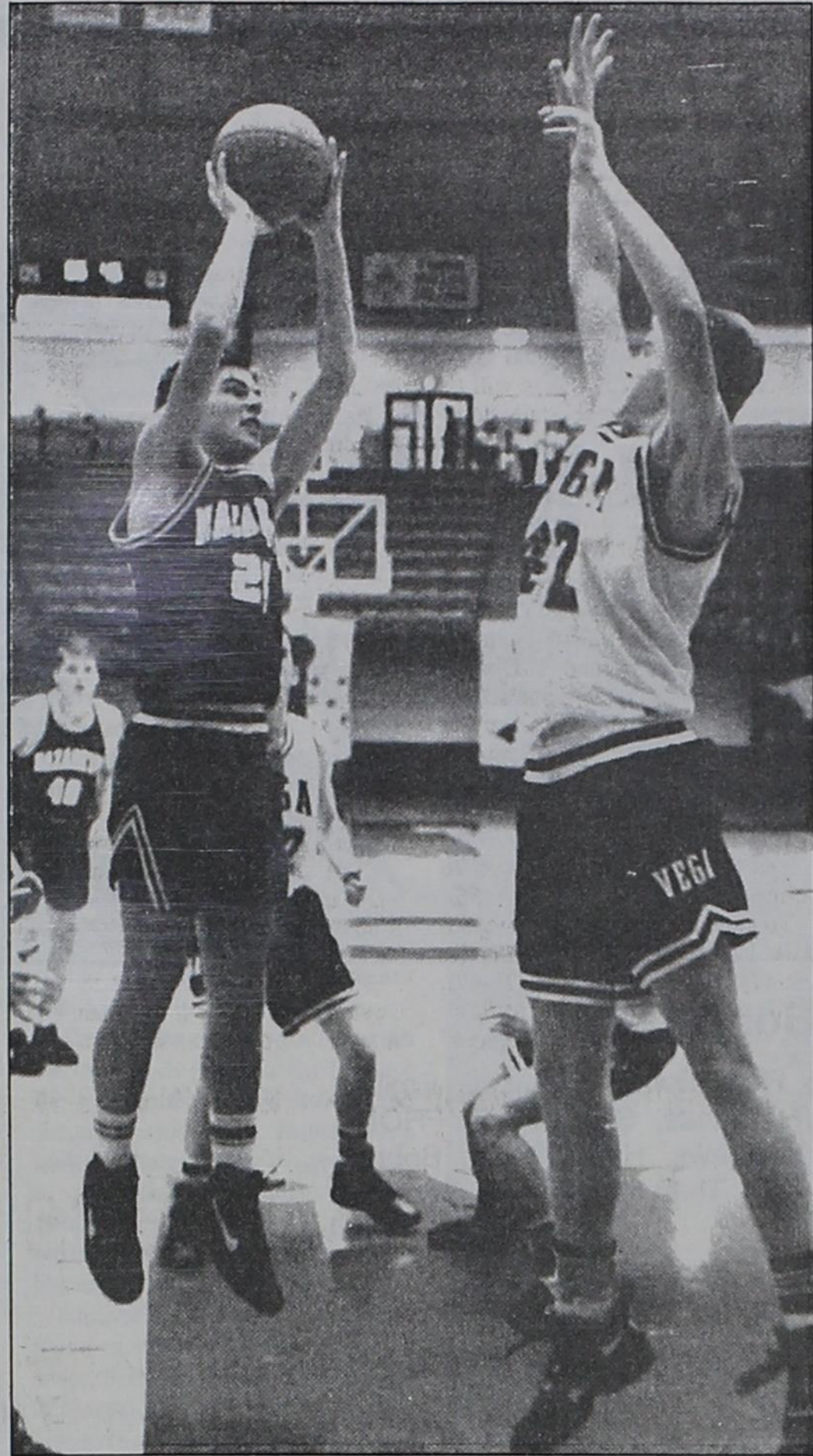
When Nazareth started making shots, Vega turned cold from the field.

The Longhorns didn't score a point in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the quarter and were without a field goal in the first five-and-a-half.

During that span Nazareth was able to take a seven-point lead and turned it into a nine-point lead when Wethington canned a three-point shot with five seconds left.

Nazareth got on track after that, getting treys from Brockman and Wethington and a three-point play by Pohlmeier to go up 45-31.

The Swifts hit 11 of 13 charity attempts in the last 2:15 to hold on for the win.



NAZARETH'S GAYLON SCHILLING (24) puts up a shot against Vega's Dusty Walker (42) during Region 1-A quarterfinal action Friday afternoon. The Swifts got off to a slow start because of poor field goal shooting, but managed to come away with a 66-41 win.

Photo by John Brooks

Bobcats turn up offense in tourney

Dimmitt pulled out the big bats and won one of three games last weekend at the Levelland Tournament.

The Bobcats rallied for eight runs and threw a scare into Levelland before falling, 15-11, Thursday, fell in a close game Friday to Lubbock Christian, 4-2; and defeated Class 3A rival Dalhart, 9-8, on Saturday.

"Used to, we'd come to this tournament and lose two or three games by ridiculous scores," said Coach Bobby Feaster. "We were competitive in all three games. That's our best tournament showing since I've been here."

Against Levelland, the Bobcats spotted the Lobos a 12-1 lead after three innings before coming back to score seven in the fourth. The rally was capped by a grand slam by Gerald Barrios. Dimmitt scored three more in the top of the fifth to close to 12-11, but Levelland came back to score three in the bottom of the inning for the four-run win. The game was called after five innings because of a 2 1/2-hour time limit for tourney games.

"We could have coasted after we got down, but we fought back. We hit the ball really well (nine hits, including a double and a triple by Joe Juarez). That's the closest anybody had played Levelland up to that point."

Friday, the Bobcats spotted LCHS a three-run first, and cut the lead to 3-2 in the second. LCHS scored again in

the fifth for the 4-2 margin. Feaster said the Bobcats had two men on with no outs in the seventh, but a failure to connect on a sacrifice bunt attempt cut down one runner, and the other was tagged out at the plate.

"We had a chance to win," Feaster said. "They beat Hereford 13-3, and they beat Slaton 10-1 for the consolation championship."

In Saturday's game, Dimmitt scored a run in the first and had an eight-run third, then held on for dear life as Dalhart came oh-so-close to winning.

"In the seventh, they had the bases full and we walked in a run to make it 9-8," Feaster said. "The next batter popped up to the shortstop, then Dan Matthews struck out the next man. The next batter hit a line drive to left field, and Stephen Villanueva came from out of nowhere to catch it. It was a heckuva win for us, and Dan gained a lot of respect."

Matthews pitched the first three innings, then came back in the seventh to earn the save.

Dimmitt's game with River Road was canceled Tuesday because of the TAAS testing. The Bobcats will be in action Thursday through Friday at the Plainview Tournament, opening with Dalhart at 4:15 p.m. at Holland Park. Also in the field are LCHS, Hale Center, Lockney, Tulia, Muleshoe, Floydada and Littlefield varsity teams, and JV outfits from Borger, Plainview, Randall, Hereford, Levelland and Frenship.



LOOKING FOR AN OPEN MAN is Nazareth's Scott Brockman (30), who is being guarded by Vega defenders including Cody James (24) and

Jeremy Kinsey (32). The Swifts beat Vega, New Home and Sudan to win the Region 1-A title and earn tickets to the Final Four in Austin.

Photo by John Brooks

Swifts send New Home packing

The regional semifinal game has been a monkey on Nazareth's back for three years.

When the Swifts beat Vega Friday and advanced to the semifinals for the fourth straight year, they were determined not to repeat history.

New Home put up a tough fight against the Swifts in the first half of that Saturday morning semifinal, but Nazareth eventually pulled away and posted an 80-58 victory and earned their first berth in the finals since 1986.

After the game the Swifts walked off the court, but didn't celebrate.

"It was a great feeling to win this game and watch the guys afterward," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "There was no celebration. They went into the locker room and just sat there. They knew they weren't finished. Our goal was to make it to state and they weren't satisfied with just winning that semifinal game."

The Swifts were hot from the field in the first quarter, racking up 25 points behind a pair of three-pointers by Justin Wethington and other treys by Gaylon Schilling and Nick Johnson. The Swifts were 9-of-19 from the field and 3-of-4 from the free throw stripe.

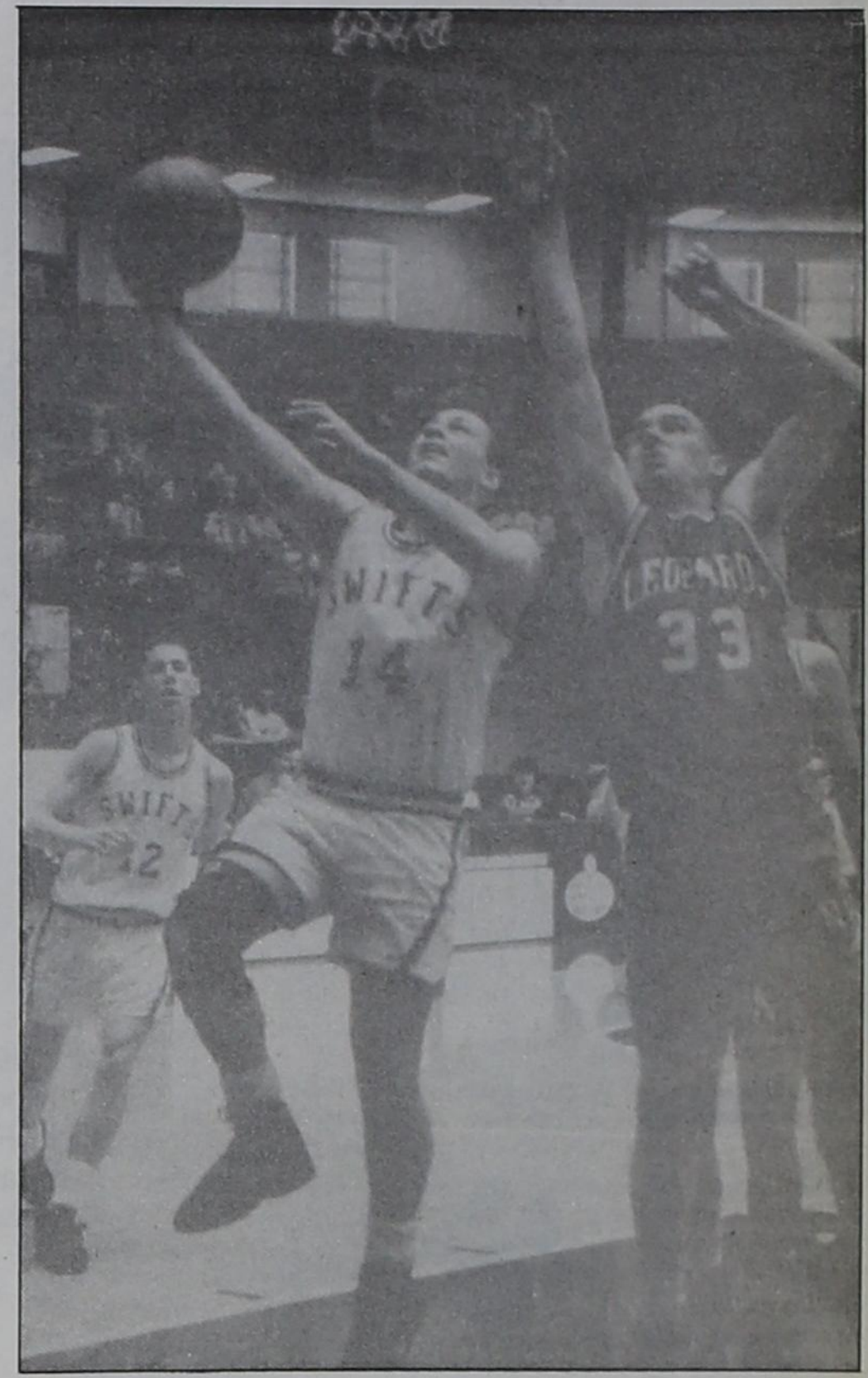
There was a problem, though. The Swifts' defense wasn't stopping New Home and the Leopards almost matched the Swifts basket for basket and were down by just two, 25-23, after the first period.

New Home couldn't keep up the rest of the way, though.

Jason Gandy tied the score at 25 with 6:44 left, then scored on an offensive rebound to knot the game at 29 with four minutes left. That was the last time Nazareth was in danger of losing control of the game.

Johnson scored a pair of quick baskets, then Scott Brockman added a three-pointer. Schilling put Nazareth up 38-30 with 1:46 left.

Makeever went to his bench then and gave his starters a rest, and senior guard Joey Schacher came in and gave Nazareth its biggest lead of the game with 31 seconds left. Schacher stole the ball, then scored with 1:30 left, then canned a three-pointer with 31 seconds remaining



UP AND IN—Joey Schacher (14) helps Nazareth post its biggest lead in the first half against New Home Saturday morning when he converts a steal into two points 31 seconds before intermission in the Region 1-A semifinal. Schacher had just nailed a three-pointer with 1:31 left, then hit this basket to help the Swifts to a 45-32 halftime lead. Nazareth went on to win the game, 80-58. Guarding Schacher is New Home's Shannon Zant (33) and pictured in the background is Nazareth's Brad Keel (14).

Photo by Anne Acker

for a 45-30 lead. A pair of free throws by Schilling put Naz up 45-32 at the half.

The Swifts coasted through the second half, thanks to the second-quarter spurt, outscoring New Home 17-15 in the third and 18-11 in the fourth.

Nazareth's five starters finished

with double-figure scoring, led by Colby Pohlmeier with 18, Wethington with 17, Brockman with 14, Johnson with 13 and Schilling with 11. New Home's top scorer was Greg Armes with 17, followed by Jason Gandy with 13 and Shannon Zant and Channing Crisler with 11 each.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

Friday

Region 1-1A Tournament At Levelland Quarterfinals

Swifts 61, Vega 44
Nazareth 9 11 14 27 -- 61
Vega 12 8 5 19 -- 44

Nazareth: Brad Keel 0-1/2-1; Gaylon Schilling 0-4/4-4; Scott Brockman 4-4/5-13; Colby Pohlmeier 6-6/7-18; Nick Johnson 2-4/4-9; Justin Wethington 5-3/6-15; Trampas Ball 0-0-0; Adrian Farris 0-1/2-1; Casey Hoelting 0-0-0; Joey Schacher 0-0-0. TOTALS: 17-23/30-61.

Vega: Cody James 2-0-6; Junior Blasingame 0-0-0; Jeremy Kinsey 0-0-0; Wes Moore 0-0-0; Dusty Walker 3-4-4-10; Justin Moore 4-2/5-10; Keith Bromman 3-0/3-6; Brandon Taylor 1-0-2; Sanjin Bjelbic 1-0-2; Shannon Tanck 2-3/4-8 TOTALS: 16-9/16-44.

3-point goals: Nazareth 4 (Wethington 2, Brockman 1, Johnson 1), Vega 3 (James 2, Tanck). Fouled out: James, Walker. Total Fouls: Nazareth 14, Vega 20.

Saturday

Semifinals

Swifts 80, New Home 58
New Home 23 9 15 11 -- 58
Nazareth 25 20 17 18 -- 80
New Home: Troy Fillingim 0-0-0; Jason Gandy 5/3-4-13; Shannon Zant 4-3/4-11; Channing Crisler 3-2/2-11; Greg Armes 7-1/1-17; Roy Flores 0-0-0; Shane Zant 0-0-0; Julio Hirschetta 0-0-0; Brad Bell 1-0/2-2; Brandon Nettles 2-0/2-4. TOTALS: 22-9/15-58.

Nazareth: Gaylon Schilling 4-2/5-11; Scott Brockman 6-1/1-14; Colby Pohlmeier 6-6/10-18; Nick Johnson 6-0-13; Justin Wethington 6-3/4-17; Brad Keel 0-0-0; Casey Hoelting 0-0-0; Joey Schacher 2-0-5; Robby Schmucker 0-0-0; Morgan Heck 1-0-2; Trampas Ball 0-0-0; Alston Farris 0-0-0. TOTALS: 31-12/20-80.

3-point field goals: New Home 5 (Crisler 3, Armes 2), Nazareth 6 (Wethington 2, Schilling, Brockman, Johnson, Schacher). Total fouls: New Home 20, Nazareth 13. Fouled out: None.

Championship

Swifts 43, Sudan 41
Sudan 7 14 9 -- 11 -- 41
Nazareth 11 14 13 5 -- 43
Sudan: Jerald Weaver 2-5/8-9; Jerimi Bourland 3-1/1-7; Jacob Fisher 5-2/3-12; Tim Williams 2-0-5; Lee Ray 1-0-3; Michael Jefferson 0-0-0; Michael Weaver 0-0-0; Roger Huey 2-0-5; Britton Roberts 0-0-0; Justin Bellar 0-0-0. TOTALS: 15-8/12-41.

Nazareth: Caylon Schilling 4-0-8; Scott Brockman 1-3/4-6; Colby Pohlmeier 2-2/5-6; Nick Johnson 8-0/1-16; Justin Wethington 2-1/1-5; Brad Keel 1-0-2; Trampas Ball 0-0-0. TOTALS: 18-6/11-43.

3-point goals: Sudan 3 (Williams, Ray, Huey), Nazareth 1 (Brockman). Total fouls: Sudan 10, Nazareth 13. Fouled out: none.

(Swifts win regional championship.)

Baseball

Thursday

Levelland 15, Bobcats 11

Dimmitt 0 0 1 7 3 -- 11 9 5
Levelland 2 1 9 0 3 -- 15 14 1

Friday

Levelland Tournament

Lubbock Christian 4, Bobcats 2

LCHS 3 0 0 0 1 0 0 -- 4 7 0
Dimmitt 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 -- 2 3 3
Glenn, Watkins (7) and Garza. Jason Nino and Gerald Barrios. WP—Glenn (1-0). LP—Nino (2-2).

Bobcats 9, Dalhart 8

Dimmitt 1 0 8 0 0 0 0 -- 9 16 4
Dalhart 0 0 3 1 3 0 1 -- 8 9 2
Dan Matthews, Jason Nino (4), Joe Juarez (6), Matthews (7) and Gerald Barrios. WP—Nino (1-0). Save—Matthews (2). 2B—Juarez, Emilio Nino 2, Jason Nino, Barrios.

Games coming up:

Varsity: Thursday-Saturday—Plainview JV Tournament. March 18—Morton (2) Here, 3 p.m.

Track

Panhandle Relays

Dimmitt Boys

1. Panhandle 126; 2. Happy 76; 3. Highland Park 74; 4. White Deer 67; 5. Booker 51; 6. Dimmitt 37; 7. (tie) Wheeler and Elk City, 34; 9. Shamrock 24; 10. Claude 7; 11. Kress 1.

800: 3. Flores, 2:11.41.

1600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt, 3:42.14.

Dimmitt Girls

1. Panhandle 133; 2. Dimmitt 127; 3. West Texas High 101; 4. Shamrock 77; 5. Boys Ranch 39; 6. Elk City 32; 7. Wheeler 30; 8. Claude 23; 9. Booker 10; 10. Kress 8; 11. River Road 6.

Long Jump: 3. Vick, 14-8 1/4.

3200: 2. McLean, 13:41.19; 3. Harman, 14:03.41.

400 relay: 2. Dimmitt, 53.34.

800: 1. Ethridge, 2:36.20.

800 relay: 3. Dimmitt, 2:03.81.

400: 1. Thomas, 64.88; 2. Vasquez, 66.33.

1600: 1. Harman, 6:15.25; 2. McLean, 6:24.59.

1600 relay: 2. Dimmitt, 4:21.88.

Whirlwind Relays

at Floydada

Hart Boys

Team totals: 1. Post 126; 2. Springlake-Earth 84; 3. Otton 82; 4. Idalou 56; 5. Memphis 54; 6. New Deal 48; 7. Motley County 40; 8. Hart 25.

800: 3. Robledo, 2:06.19.

400: 3. Washington, 54.02.

Hart Girls

Team totals: 1. Hart, 151; 2. Springlake-Earth 116 1/2; 3. Idalou 96; 4. Crosbyton

53 1/2; 5. (tie) New Deal and Memphis, 36.

Shot: 2. Dozal, 30-1 3/4.

Discus: 2. Dozal, 93-7.

Long Jump: 2. Mayhew, 15-0.

400 relay: 1. Hart, 54.53.

800: 3. Robledo, 2:41.16.

100 hurdles: 1. Card, 18.62.

100: 2. Mayhew, 13.73.

400: 1. Garcia, 63.39; 3. Reyna, 70.54.

300 hurdles: 1. Card, 53.33.

200: 3. Rodriguez, 30.29.

1600: Robledo, 6:11.35.

1600 relay: 3. Hart, 4:43.55.

Tennis

Brownfield Team Tournament

Dimmitt 14, Post 4

Boys singles: Art Ortega, Dimmitt, def. Baldree, 6-1, 6-0; Ty Annen, Dimmitt, def. S. Moore, 6-2, 6-2; Brad Beck, Dimmitt, def. Williams, 6-1, 6-1; Chris Perez, Dimmitt, def. B. Moore, 6-2, 6-0; Bryan Portwood, Dimmitt, def. Hair, 6-1, 6-1; Tracy Grand, Dimmitt, def. Varela, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5 in tiebreaker). Boys doubles: Ortega-Annen def. Baldree-S. Moore, 6-2, 6-0; Williams-Moore def. Adams-Perez, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6. Girls singles: Amber Langford, Dimmitt, def. Williams, 7-5, 6-1; Amanda Odom, Dimmitt, def. Puckett, 6-2, 7-6 (9-7); Valdez def. Carrie Matthews, Dimmitt, 7-5, 6-2; Sofia def. Polly Bolton, Dimmitt, 6-4, 7-5; Carrie Bradley, Dimmitt, def. Sanchez, 6-1, 6-4; Andrea Mondragon, Dimmitt, def. Martinez, 6-2, 6-4. Girls doubles: Williams-Puckett def. Langford-Odom, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); Matthews-Bolton def. Valdez-Soria, 6-0, 7-5; Bradley-Amy Wooten def. Sanchez-Martinez, 7-5, 6-4.

Forsan 13, Dimmitt 5

Boys singles: Sims def. Ortega, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Paschal def. Annen, 6-1, 6-1; Rutledge def. Beck, 6-2, 6-0; Alexander def. Perez, 6-1, 6-0; Hedges def. Portwood, 6-1, 6-1; Morino def. Adams, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. Boys doubles: Ortega-Annen def. Paschal-Rutledge, 6-2, 6-4; Sims-Alexander def. Adams-Perez, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2; Beck-Portwood def. Morino-Hedges, 6-3, 6-2. Girls singles: Langford def. Hamby, 6-4, 6-1; Beeson def. Odom, 6-4, 6-4; Rawls def. Matthews, 6-1, 6-1; Carlevos def. Bolton, 6-3, 6-1; Light def. Bradley, 6-1, 6-1; Mondragon def. Vess, 6-3, 6-4. Girls doubles: Carlevos-Rawls def. Langford-Odom, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Light-Beeson def. Matthews-Bolton, 6-1, 6-2; Bradley-Wooten def. Hamby-Vess, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Dimmitt 10, Sundown 1

Boys singles: Beck def. Mitchell, 6-3, 6-4; Adams def. Rangel, 6-3, 6-3. Boys doubles: Ortega-Annen def. Comer-Mitchell, 6-7 (7-3), 6-0, 6-2; Adams-Perez def. Lopez-Belew, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Rangel-Barbee, Sundown, def. Beck-Portwood, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Girls singles: Matthews def. Isaacs, 6-1, 6-2; Bradley def. Bolton, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0; Bradley def. Marroquin, 6-2, 6-3; Mondragon def. Villegas, 6-2, 6-1. Girls doubles: Langford-Odom def. Collins-Eimore, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; Matthews-Bolton def. Isaacs-Heatherly, 6-0, 7-5; Bradley-Wooten def. Marroquin-Villegas, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

Dimmitt 10, Muleshoe 8

Boys singles: Ortega def. Tosh, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0; Villalare def. Annen, 6-3, 6-2; Beck def. Miramontes, 6-3, 6-0; Portwood def. Latham, 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 6-4; Adams def. McGuire, 6-2, 6-1; Perez by forfeit. Boys doubles: Ortega-Annen def. Tosh-Villalare, 6-4, 6-1; Miramontes-Latham def. Adams-Perez, 6-4, 6-1; Beck-Portwood by forfeit. Girls singles: Langford def. Black, 6-1, 6-1; Odom def. Johnson, 6-1, 6-2; Moreles def. Matthews, 6-2, 6-3; Bolton def. McElroy, 6-2, 6-4; Bradley def. Trussell, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2); Mondragon won by forfeit. Girls doubles: Langford-Odom def. Black-Johnson, 6-4, 6-2; Moreles-McElroy def. Matthews-Bolton, 6-1, 6-4; Bradley-Wooten won by forfeit.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS — These women recently claimed the championship of the Plainview Women's Bowling Association City Tournament. Pictured from left are Janice Shelton, Lucy Nelson, Bettye Butler and Floyce George.

Courtesy Photo

Local bowlers win tournament

A local bowling team sponsored by George Real Estate recently won the Plainview Women's Bowling Association City Tournament.

The team has competed in Plainview for 24 years and are charter members of the Wednesday Night Area League.

Team members are Mozelle Lilley Hall, Floyce George, Janice Shelton, Lucy Nelson and Bettye Butler. Three members of the original team have retired and the two

veterans left are Hall and George.

The team bowled well in the tournament, scoring 30 or more pins above their averages in the majority of the nine games bowled.

Nelson was seventh in singles and George was fourth in singles and third in all events.

George said there will be openings in the league for the 1994-95 season, which begins in September, and anyone interested in joining should call her.

Chamber plans 'Casino Night'

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Casino Fun Night" Saturday, March 26, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Tickets for the event will be \$15 per person and will entitle the holder to admission, \$500 worth of fun chips and a food buffet. Games will include blackjack, bingo, craps, and over-under.

At the end of the evening, those holding chips may use their winnings (or leftover chips) to bid on auction items, including the big prize, which is a weekend for two at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, N.M. The trip has a \$400 value and was donated by Dimmitt Agri Industries. Chips have no cash value, and may only be used to bid on auction items that night.

Local merchants will give out bonus chip coupons to those who request them when shopping around town. Coupons will be available March 24, 25 and 26 before the Casino night. This promotion, "Spring Win," is designed to promote shopping at home. Businesses participating in the promo-

tion will display a bright lime green sign on the door.

The 1992 Casino night was a big success and more than 98 prizes were awarded. Prizes expected to be available at this year's auction are gift certificates, clothing items, purses, beef, business services and much more.

Volunteers are needed to help with door duties, food, dealers and more during the event.

Kelly Proffitt is the "pit boss" and Layne Myatt is rounding up dealers and game leaders. Mary Lou Schmucker is in charge of organizing the buffet and is receiving help from Walt Hansen and Doug Pybus at Thriftway, and other volunteers. Greg Odom has agreed to serve as auctioneer.

Others serving on the steering committee are Henry Ramaekers, Avery Thrasher, Mickey Bishop and Bill Sanders. These people, along with Chamber directors, will collect prizes.

Those who need more information or wish to volunteer should call the Chamber at 647-2524.

Police Calls

A former Dimmitt resident is back in Castro County Jail after being extradited from Minnesota on bail jumping and other charges.

Johnny Lopez, 26, is in jail here awaiting arraignment on a bail-jumping charge. He was free on \$10,000 bond on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

After being freed on bond here, Lopez fled the county. A few days after he left, his wife is alleged to have checked their children out of school here. She was located in Minnesota when she applied for assistance there.

Authorities said Lopez was posing as an uncle of the children. When officials with the sheriff's office here contacted Minnesota authorities, it was determined from the description given over the telephone the man was indeed Lopez.

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said extradition proceedings took about 2 1/2 months. The process included a warrant issued by Gov. Ann Richards, service of the warrant to Minnesota officials, and an extradition for Lopez in Minnesota. Once he was cleared for extradition, Fitzgearld drove to Minnesota to pick Lopez up and bring him back to Dimmitt.

Police officers have cleared four forgeries and a burglary during the past week, according to Chief Dewayne Haney. Information has been turned over to District Attorney Jerry Matthews and will be presented to the grand jury.

Dimmitt police arrested a 25-year-old Dimmitt man Friday on three outstanding warrants from El Paso; a man, 41, at 111 NW 11th for public intoxication and disorderly conduct; and a man, 21, in the 600 block of E. Dulin for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Reports in the city over the last week include:

--Burglary of a motor vehicle in the 600 block of E. Dulin, with an AM/FM stereo cassette unit and 10 tapes stolen.

--A youngster was pushed and hit with rocks in the 500 block of W. Bedford.

--Indecent exposure and an assault at La Estrellita Dance Hall on Saturday.

--A window broken out at a church in the 400 block of NE Sixth.

--A Dimmitt High School student was assaulted in the 200 block of NW Sixth.

--A nine-year-old was bitten by a dog in the 500 block of SW Fifth.

--A car was vandalized in the 500 block of W. Bedford.

--A purse with \$150 was lost at a local store.

Police investigated three accidents over the past week.

Thursday, a 74-year-old Dimmitt man ran over a gas meter at Etter and NW Seventh. The man was going east on Etter and turned onto NW Seventh. The driver then stopped, backed up and struck the gas meter, breaking the line.

Neither the man nor his 70-year-old wife were injured.

Friday, a Dimmitt woman was cited for making an unsafe right turn on NW Eighth near W. Bedford. The woman's 1981 Chevy Citation was going west on W. Bedford and made too wide of a right turn onto NW Eighth. The car struck a 1993 GMC pickup that was going south on NW Eighth.

In another Thursday accident, a woman was cited for no liability insurance in an accident in the 700 block of W. Stinson.

A Dimmitt woman was stopped to let children out of her car at Richardson Elementary School. The woman behind her had her foot slip off the brake pedal, and her 1972 Oldsmobile collided with the van in front of her.

Plainview plans softball league

An open men's women's and co-ed softball league will begin April 4 in Plainview and Castro County teams are invited to join.

An organizational meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Plainview YMCA, located at 313 Ennis in Plainview.

Team fees will include a \$200 sponsor fee and a \$15 fee per player. All games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Interested teams are encouraged to send a representative to the organizational meeting.

Participants may pick up registration forms at the YMCA and get information concerning the league by calling 1-293-8319.

More about

Swifts meet Laneville . . .

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Brantley, a 6-0 junior wing, has the other starting wing position. Coach Bernie Gupton rotates two players at point guard and they are 5-11 junior Devoy Brantley and 5-8 senior Keith Renfro. Harris will be playing in his third state tournament.

One of Laneville's losses came to Tenaha in district, 55-47. But the Yellowjackets were playing without four players, who were forced to sit out for two games because of a violation of UIL rules. The four had participated as a team in Hoop-It-Up competition, and UIL rules only allowed three from one school to participate. Other losses were to two-time defending state champion and 1994 state qualifier Troop (Class AA) and Class AAAA qualifier, Austin Anderson.

The Yellowjackets average 70 points per game and they allow 56.

To earn the trip to Austin, Laneville beat Brooklyn in bi-district (91-47), Oakwood in area (71-47), Wells in the regional quarterfinals (93-70), Avinger in the regional

semifinals (55-52) and Karmack in the regional finals (93-61). Laneville and another Class A state qualifier, Lipan, have played once this season, with Laneville posting an easy 86-57 win.

Nazareth's and Laneville's starting lineups are similar as far as height, and both teams like to use a run-and-jump press.

"They play pretty aggressive defense," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever. "They're man-to-man all over and like to use a run-and-jump trap. On offense they want to get it into their posts inside. They rebound well, too."

He said teams that have had limited success against Laneville have run a zone or tight defense inside and have forced Laneville's wings and point guard to shoot. "We may play a sagging man-to-man and force them to shoot outside and see how it works," Makeever said.

He said the Yellowjackets also have a lot of depth, and can play nine or 10 deep in most situations.

Nazareth fans also will have an interest in the Class AAA state tourney because Bryan Huseman, who was a member of the first Nazareth team to qualify for state in 1980, is head coach at Littlefield and his Wildcats will be making their first appearance in the state tournament.

Littlefield (32-4), ranked sixth in the state, will play Sinton (30-7) at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday). In the other semifinal, Ferris (29-3), plays Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (29-7) at 2 p.m.

Littlefield won the District 2-AAA championship while Dimmitt finished as runners-up. The Wildcats then beat Dalhart in bi-district, Seminole in area; Southlake Carroll in the regional semifinals and Brownfield for the regional title.

One of Nazareth's losses was to Littlefield, 59-52, in early December. Another loss came in a practice game at the hands of another state qualifier, Class AA's Shallowater, 81-75 in overtime.

Hart Buyers Club

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The Book Shelf

By CINDY POTTORFF
Rhoads Memorial Library

A variety of popular new books are available at the library.

LaVyrle Spencer's new book, *Separate Beds*, is about a shotgun wedding and its aftermath. Catherine Anderson, born on the wrong side of the tracks, marries into the social elite reluctantly. Groom Clay Forrester regrets his one-night stand since he's in love with beautiful Jill Magnusson. The couple agree to divorce in a year after the baby comes. But Catherine and Clay find out that their neat little arrangement is full of kinks.

Espionage fans, take note: *Extraordinary Powers* by Joseph Finder

has plenty of fast-paced action and intrigue. Former CIA operative Ben Ellison is caught off guard when his father-in-law, Harrison Sinclair, is murdered. Harrison was head of the CIA. Ben is quickly drawn into a web of intrigue and violence after he goes back to work for the CIA. With some help from the CIA he uses both telepathic ability and his photographic memory to unravel the bizarre circumstances leading to the murder of Harrison.

My Life: In Spite of Myself is Roy Clark's autobiography, written with help from Marc Eliot. Like Clark, the story is simple and direct, written cleanly. Clark is a Christian and that is reflected in the way that he does not trash people or sensationalize himself. Clark is a big star, but he paid his dues. Although a naturally gifted musician, he worked years in small clubs and on the road and never really became an "overnight sensation." He also tells of the development of his (and others') theaters in Branson, Mo., where he says he is happiest performing.

Rama Revealed by Arthur C. Clark and Gentry Lee is the final book in the *Rama* series. Here Cosmonaut Nicole des Jardins is able to find out why she is on Rama, what it is all about and who the octospiders really are. Nicole even has a shot at virtual immortality. Will she take it?

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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Three powerful words

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of having lunch with an old friend. His career had taken a new direction since our last visit, and it was time to get caught up.

We had a good visit, swapped some old stories and shared a few dreams. My friend, who asked that I identify him only as "Dangerous Don," then shared a few words of wisdom he had built his career upon.

I should point out that my friend is a nationally syndicated radio commentator who has achieved success as a professional speaker and humorist. You might call him the "Will Rogers of the 90s."

Dangerous Don attributed his success to three powerful words. When I asked what those career building words were, he replied, "And then some!"

He admitted these words of wisdom may have been borrowed. However, it was

so long ago he can't remember who to give credit to. I don't know whether Don was just being modest or if someone else really said it first. In any case, I knew immediately I should share this wisdom with you.

Words to live by

Those were his exact words--and then some. Don went on to tell me the rest of the story. He said when he was in school--shortly after the dark ages--he always did everything his teachers asked him to do...and then some. In college, he carefully prepared all his assignments, read the required materials...and then some.

When he got involved in sports, he did all the exercises, learned all the plays...and then some. When he started his first business he gave his customers all of the products and services they expected...and then some. Later, when he joined the professional speakers tour he worked to inform and entertain...and then some. Today when he puts together his radio

material he works hard to entertain his listeners...and then some.

Then he smiled at me and said, "It's been a good life." In my mind I added the words...and then some.

And then some

Over the next few days I found myself thinking of successful people. The words, *and then some*, seemed to fit every one of them. I thought about successful companies I've done business with. I considered several who have gone the extra mile, provided special service or did more than I expected. The *and then some* phrase fit them, too.

Recently, I attended the funeral of an admired friend. As our pastor described this fine man's life, I found myself adding *and then some*.

That is when it hit me. What our great nation really needs is a few more *and then some* people.

What if all parents devoted their lives to instilling honesty, virtue and ethical

values into their children. What if they worked hard to see that each child learned to read, write and excel before they start to school. That's what my mother did...and then some.

What if all teachers and professors shared not only the wisdom of the ages, but taught by example as well. I was fortunate enough to have several educators who were positive role models...and then some.

What if the women and men we elect to serve us in the House and Senate became *and then some* folks. Then I realized that most already are. They spend our money...and then some. They raise our taxes...and then some. They take credit for all that's good...and then some. They deny any part of all that's wrong...and then some.

Alas, it just goes to show that you can have too much of a good thing. *And then some*.

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

USDA raises loan price, deficiency pay

The loan level and advanced deficiency payments for 1994 wheat and corn crops have been raised, according to Texas Corn Growers Association and USDA.

The hikes were announced by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy.

The 1994 corn price is \$1.89 per bushel, an increase of 17 cents per bushel from 1993. The 1994 wheat price level is \$2.58, an increase of 13 cents per bushel from last year.

Producers may request 50% of their estimated deficiency payments for 1994 wheat and feed grains during the signup period, which runs through April 29. The advance deficiency rate for corn is 20 cents per bushel; for wheat, it's 42.5 cents per bushel.

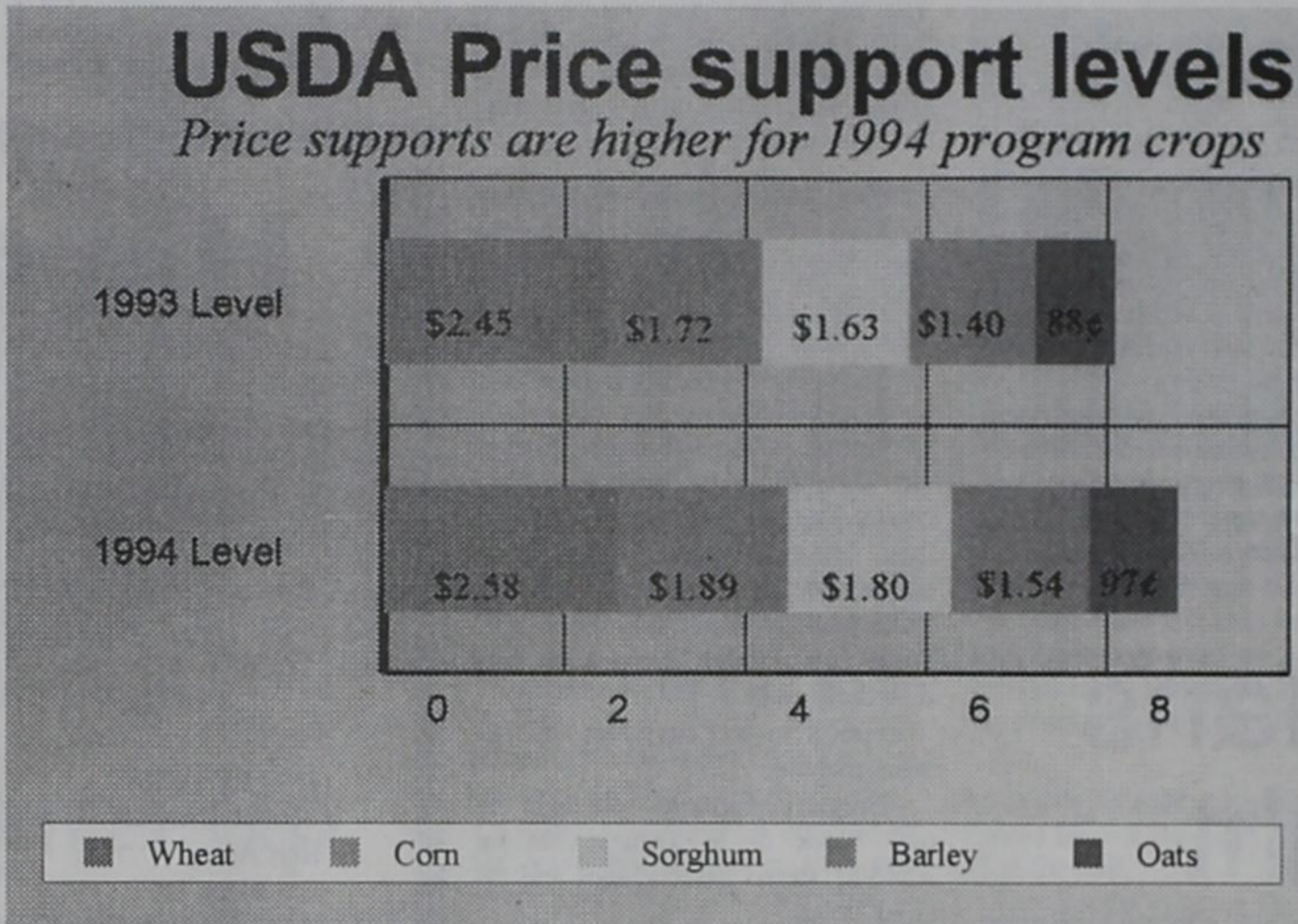
"TCGA and the American Corn Growers Association have urged the secretary to raise the loan rate since he took his position," said Carl King,

TCGA head. "We feel that this is a step in the right direction on the Clinton Administration's part to help increase farm income."

"An increase in loan rates will mean more money in the pockets of agricultural producers," Espy said in an ASCS news release. "It also demonstrates the commitment of this Administration to increase farm income which, in turn, will have a positive economic effect on rural areas."

Advance deficiency payments may also be requested for cotton during the signup period. The advance payment rate for upland cotton is 6.45 cents per pound.

Also announced recently were price support levels for grain sorghum, \$1.80 per bushel with an advance deficiency payment rate of 23 cents per bushel; barley, \$1.54 price support level with an advance deficiency payment rate of 26 cents per bushel; and oats, 97 cents per



bushel price support level. There is no advance deficiency payment rate for oats.

Espy also said that upland cotton producers may plant designated crops,

such as oilseeds (soybeans, sunflower seed, safflower, canola, rapeseed, mustard seed and flaxseed) and mung beans on up to 50% of the announced 11% acreage reduction requirement.

Producers must agree to forego deficiency payments on an acre-for-acre basis for each acre (or portion of an acre) of the reduced acres planted to designated crops.

More about

OM wins . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

long-term problem *The Iliad* and earned a first-place award. Gonzales and Ontiveros each received a Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in composing original music for their long-term solution and presentation.

The Dimmitt Middle School "Structures" team of seventh graders Jason Hall and Kurt Webb; and eighth graders Jeremy Matthews, Timothy Proffitt, Hank Morgan and Jared Townsend also earned a first-place award and Ranatra Fusca award. Webb earned an individual Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity in the spontaneous competition. The team's structure held 680 pounds without crushing.

Members of the Dimmitt Middle School's *OM Believable Music* team are sixth graders Christie Bryan, Lacy Loudder and Julie Merritt; seventh grader Emily Robertson; and eighth graders Tracy Damron and Kaci Schulte. This team also finished first and received Outstanding Omer Certificates for demonstrating outstanding qualities in the spirit and philosophy of the OM program in addition to their first-place honors.

Domestic wells need occasional sampling

Domestic water wells should be sampled occasionally to ensure your water is safe.

Water wells could contain microorganisms that contaminate water you drink, cook and wash dishes with. Unsafe water can spread

a number of diseases known as waterborne infections: typhoid, cholera and dysentery, to name a few. All of these illnesses are caused by bacteria in the intestines of infected people and animals who may not always appear to be sick. Water

supplies can be contaminated when the feces from these infected individuals are not properly disposed of, and instead seep into underground water or run off into surface water supplies.

Unfortunately, disease-producing microorganisms are very hard to detect in water samples, but coliform bacteria are not hard to detect. Coliforms are a group of bacteria that do not cause disease, but which are found in the lower intestinal tract of human beings and other warm-blooded animals. Millions of coliforms are passed through human and animal waste. When coliform organisms are found in water samples, they do not cause disease but instead indicate that feces may have contaminated the water and immediate action should be taken to stop the contamination.

When well water shows coliforms, disinfection procedures should be followed. If a doctor suggests that gastric cramps or chronic diarrhea may have been caused by contaminated water, well disinfection should be performed immediately and water samples should be submitted for analysis. In addition, recently constructed or repaired wells must be disinfected to prevent bacterial growth in the well and in the plumbing system.

For some water sources, continuous disinfection equipment should be installed. Any water source with repeated samples showing coliforms, shallow wells, hand-dug wells, cisterns and surface water systems should have continuous disinfection equipment installed. Local water well drillers and plumbing supply stores should have the information you need.

For water samples, use a sample container provided by an approved

laboratory. Find a good location to take a sample, preferably an outside faucet that does not leak. Avoid rubber bases, fire hydrants, dirty areas and areas behind bushes. Do not take samples from kitchen or bathroom sinks; avoid sampling on extremely windy days or when it's raining, open the sample area faucet to full flow for three minutes to allow the line to clear, then reduce the flow to a slow, steady, sprayless stream.

You should exercise care in handling samples. Samples are extremely easy to contaminate. Do not touch the inside of the container, don't rinse it, fill the container without splashing, then seal it.

For water samples, you should complete Form G-19, available along with a test container from a public health laboratory. Questions about the form may be answered by calling Extension Agent Andy Williams at the Castro County Extension Office, 647-4115. Public health laboratories in this region include the Amarillo Bi-City-County Health Dept. (371-1100), Lubbock City Health Dept. (767-2908) or Texas Water Commission

district offices in Amarillo (353-9251) or Lubbock (796-7092).

Samples must be prepared properly for shipment. Leaking samples cannot be accepted for analysis. A sample must arrive at a public health laboratory within 30 hours from the time the sample was collected.

Results will be forwarded to you after completion of the tests. The most important part of the results will be indication of found coliform organisms.

A "not found" report indicates coliform organisms are absent and means the water is considered bacteriologically safe to drink at the time of sampling. A "coliform found" report indicates that coliform organisms are present and the water may be unsafe. If routine bacteriological testing reveals the possibility of contamination, well disinfection is recommended.

When a laboratory analysis report indicates "unsuitable for analysis," it means the lab wasn't able to conduct a valid test. A well owner should consider disinfection before resubmitting a sample.

GED classes offered here

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

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

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

All classes are free and are sponsored by the Dimmitt Independent School District and the Region 16 Education Service Center.

Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!

JTPA info available at local courthouse

A program to help county residents become more self-sustaining is available for review by county residents every Tuesday and Thursday at the Castro County Courthouse.

JTPA is operated here by the Texas Employment Commission office in Tulia. Trent Morris, a job service representative from Tulia, is available each Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Commissioners' Courtroom. The phone number here is 647-4784.

"We urge anyone who is interested in JTPA to come to the courthouse and talk," Morris said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to get your education and learn to be independent."

JTPA, which is federally funded and administered by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, can send eligible applicants to area colleges for short-term, vocational training.



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Second grade plans program

Richardson Elementary School's second graders will present a program today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.

The public is invited to hear the students sing a selection of patriotic and other songs, directed by Ruby Teaschner.



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Topdressing can boost wheat production

Split applications of nitrogen (commonly known as topdressing) in which only part of the project amount needed is applied before planting and the remainder is applied while the crop is growing often best satisfy the nitrogen requirement of wheat.

Applying all the nitrogen pre-plant can result in more lodging and also excessive losses of the nutrient because of leaching or denitrification. Split applications are especially appropriate for sandy soils and grazing systems.

Wheat plants need nitrogen for producing proteins. Because proteins comprise the largest portion of cell contents, nitrogen is needed in largest amounts of any mineral plant nutrient. Wheat plants deficient in nitrogen become light green, yellow and in severe cases, leaves may turn brown and die.

This symptom begins with the oldest leaves and progresses to the youngest. Wheat may take up nitrogen as either ammonium or nitrate. Wheat plants respond to shortages of nitrogen by making smaller leaves and fewer tillers or no new tillers. Any shortage of nitrogen coincidental with the time of growth of a given tiller bud will likely result in the failure of that bud to begin growth.

On the other hand, the plant continues to make new tillers as long as the nitrogen supply holds out, until some other factor becomes limiting or until the plant goes reproductive (Feekes Stage 6) and hence the cessation of further tiller formation.

With the signal to shift to the jointing stage, the plant no longer directs nitrogen into more tillers. It directs it to the stems and new

leaves on the existing tillers. Splitting the nitrogen application allows for flexibility in adjusting nitrogen fertilizer rates, taking into account the potential yield of the crop. Using topdress applications to enhance production requires that the nitrogen be applied prior to the jointing stage to achieve maximum yield benefits. This can be accomplished by making the application when the leaf sheathes have become strongly erect (Feekes stage 5.0).

At this stage of growth, head size is determined. Nitrogen applications at this time have the potential to show the greatest benefit, increasing the number of seed per head and seed size. Later applications, such as those made at jointing and beyond, can still have a positive impact on the wheat crop, but the response will be much

greater when applied at Feekes stage 5.0. Later topdress applications may affect the protein content of the grain, but are too late to affect the major yield components such as number of kernels and size of the heads. However, if nitrogen is limiting optimal growth and development of the crop, nitrogen applications beyond the jointing stage will have positive benefits on yield and grain quality.

Grazing wheat is a common practice in the Rolling Plains. Forage removal places additional stress on nitrogen supplies and should be considered in compiling nitrogen recommendations. Nitrogen requirements can be calculated based on projected forage and grain yield—each 1,000 pounds of dry forage requires 30 pounds of nitrogen,

each bushel of grain requires 1.5 pounds of nitrogen. Generally, producers apply a large portion of the total nitrogen needs in the fall. However, after several months of grazing, the decision must be made if additional nitrogen will be needed to attain their yield goal (based on moisture and overall health of the crop).

An estimate of nitrogen can be made by assuming that each 400 to 500 lbs. stocker calf consume enough forage to remove 15 pounds of nitrogen per month. Multiplying the number of stockers per acre by the number of months on pasture, multiplied by 15 equates roughly with the amount of nitrogen removed from the wheat pasture.

Here are some notes to remember:

* Nitrogen should be in soil two weeks prior to jointing for maxi-

mum yield.

* 1.5 pounds nitrogen is required per bushel of grain.

* Approximately 30 pounds of nitrogen is needed per 1,000 pounds of dry forage produced.

* Grazing removes nitrogen from the production system.

* Sources of topdress nitrogen used makes little difference.

Disaster sign-up extended

The deadline to request disaster benefits for 1993 disaster-affected crops has been extended to Friday.

The final date to make an application for deficiency payment forgiveness for 1993 also has been extended to Friday.

All owners need to sign the application for disaster benefits and deficiency payment forgiveness by March 11.

All producers must file Forms CCC-440 (Certification of Crop Insurance) and Forms AD-1026 by the Friday deadline.

The County Committee may approve late-filed signatures for owners and other producers on a farm through May 27. Producers have until May 27 to submit production records.

WTRT plans annual meet

West Texas Rural Telephone cooperative will hold its 40th annual membership meeting March 22 at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn in Hereford.

A catered meal of barbecued beef and sausage from K-Bob's Steak House will kick off the meeting at 6 p.m. The meeting will be highlighted by the business session at 7 p.m., with new directors from Dawn, Hub and Parmer exchanges to be elected; a review of financial reports; and drawings for over \$1,000 in door prizes.

Later this month, the cooperative will mail capital credit checks totaling \$98,420.43 to members who obtained service from the cooperative in 1971. They are the customer's allocation of revenues, less expenses, achieved by WTRT in 1971. Allocations are based on telephone service purchased by members, including equipment, access lines and long distance calls. Capital credits are tabulated on a proportionate basis with all other WTRT members during the same period.

The financial report will show a net margin of \$655,121 for 1993, up from \$578,277 in 1992 and \$594,563 in 1991.

Soil test can help with lawn

A soil test is the right first step toward a more beautiful lawn, according to J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension Agent.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has launched a new program called SOIL TEST that helps home gardeners determine the best fertilizer and the correct amount for their lawns based on individual soil tests, rather than general recommendations for geographical areas.

"A soil test helps prevent over-fertilizing your lawn," he said.

Adding more of any nutrient than a lawn can use costs extra money, may contribute to disease problems, and

the excess nutrients may contaminate groundwater sources.

"Applying just the right amount of plant nutrients prevents excessive leaf growth at mowing time," said Dr. Michael Hickey, director of the Plains Soil Testing Laboratory in Lubbock. "These clippings are usually bagged for trash pickup, which strains our landfill capacities."

As more home gardeners follow the "Don't Bag It" lawn care plan, where clippings are recycled back into the lawn, nutrients in these clippings return to the soil and, in time, back to the plant as food.

"SOIL TEST now so you'll be ready for the growing season," Hickey said. "The odds are you'll need some fertilizer, but probably less than you think. Find out for sure with a SOIL TEST."

The Extension Service is encouraging homeowners to pick up a new SOIL TEST kit at retail stores where fertilizers are sold, or from county extension offices. The kit contains simple directions, a plastic bag for the soil sample, an information card and prepaid mailer. The \$13 cost covers the soil analysis, preparation of the report and postage.

"For about the cost of one bag of fertilizer, you can get information that could reduce what you spend on fertilizer," said Ragland. "Allow 10 working days to receive your personal SOIL TEST lab results."

The report will tell you what nutrients are already in your soil, which fertilizer (if any) to use and how much you need to put on your lawn. The report recommends how much fertilizer to apply at first, as well as during the rest of the year. It takes all the guesswork out of fertilizing your lawn.

"There's no more confusion about the numbers on the bag," Ragland said. "Instead, use your SOIL TEST report when you buy fertilizer. It's one more way you can give your lawn the best start while protecting the environment."

For more information, contact the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

FmHA plans training session

A meeting is planned Wednesday in Plainview for persons or organizations who might consider packaging housing loan and grant applications for additional housing in Dimmitt.

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) officials will host the meeting and certification training at 10 a.m. at the Farmers Home Administration District Office, 500 Dallas St., Suite A, in Plainview.

FmHA officials said there is a need for 50 single family houses, or some type of apartments or other housing in the Dimmitt area. Organizations that have as one of their purposes assisting very-low and low income families to obtain affordable housing will be particularly interested in the training.

Hospital board sets meeting date

The Castro County Hospital Board usually holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday. However, the board agreed last week to reschedule its March meeting from the 23rd to the 30th.

Board meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Ettie McDermitt Meeting Room in Plains Memorial Hospital.



JUNIOR BEE WINNERS—Rachal Harman, left, won first place in the junior bee at the Castro County Spelling Bee on Monday. She will be recognized at the Regional Spelling Bee on April 9 at West Texas A&M University at Canyon. Finishing second was Brent Josselet, center, and third went to Chris

Reynolds, right. County Judge Polly Simpson, at rear, is the chairman for the bee, which is co-sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News. The spellers received cash prizes paid by Castro County. All three are students at Dimmitt Middle School.

Photo by John Brooks

Wheat virus is puzzling

AMARILLO--Texas A&M University scientists studying a new virus being reported in wheat and corn fields scattered across the Great Plains say it doesn't readily fit existing groups of known plant viruses, and there isn't enough information to tell the economic impact of the disease.

The virus first appeared last June in silage and sweet corn in the Texas Panhandle. Infected plants were yellowed and severely stunted. Diseased corn samples were sent to several laboratories for diagnosis. Tests ruled out maize dwarf mosaic, wheat streak mosaic and several other viruses.

By October, the virus was found on plants in many Texas Panhandle wheat fields. Plants appeared yellowed or streaked and stunted. It has also shown up in a Kansas wheat field.

The fact that the virus has appeared on some plants in corn and wheat fields in so many states may indicate it has been present for some time but was favored last spring by a particular

set of environmental conditions in corn which made it obvious, they said.

This could also indicate the virus may not ordinarily have a major economic impact on wheat, although it had a serious effect last year on infected sweet corn. Scientists stress this is purely speculative at this point.

Scientists had initially labeled the virus as a tenuivirus, which is transmitted by planthoppers. Specialists have failed to positively link the "new" virus to the tenui group. The insect which actually vectors the "new" virus is unknown.

Last season a large population of leafhoppers (an insect totally different from planthoppers) was noted in the Texas Panhandle. Some specialists speculate they may be transmitting the new virus.

"Virologists working with tenuiviruses say only planthoppers can vector the disease, but I suppose there's always a first time for

everything," said Dr. Nancy Robertson. Her research--and work by others--was hurt because the sweet corn had been harvested before specialists could begin their work. When it was discovered in wheat, the wheat soon went dormant for the winter.

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BID NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is accepting bids for a track loader for the sanitary landfill. Specifications may be acquired by calling 806/647-2155 or at the City Manager's office at 200 East Jones Street. Bids will be opened Monday, March 21, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. The City of Dimmitt reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Q's & A's

Where does our tax money fit in all of this?

Editor's Note: While the Castro County Hospital District was establishing rural health clinics in Dimmitt and Hart last year with a \$300,000 loan commitment, it also was in the middle of a \$550,000 hospital remodeling and upgrading project. Then, when Dr. Bill Lee retired in December, the hospital district purchased his High Plains Clinic for a reported \$490,000 and converted it to a third rural health clinic, the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

These expenditures caused concern among many taxpayers, who already were paying one of the highest hospital property-tax rates in the state (35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation).

"Where is all this money coming from?" many asked. "We agreed to the tax-rate hike several years ago to save our hospital, and assumed the rate would come back down when that goal was accomplished. Why is the hospital district now spending all this money? And are all these expenditures necessary?"

In a recent question-answer session between News Publisher Don Nelson and hospital district officials, these questions and others relating to taxes and the remodeling project were addressed.

Fielding questions were James Welch, hospital board president; Stanley Schaeffer, hospital board member; Cenci Hardee, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics; and Dr. Gary R. Hardee, medical director of the Hardee Community Family Clinic.

How has our tax income been used since the rate was raised to 35 cents? I know we were losing money on Medicare and Medicaid; we had some lawsuits and things like that. I don't remember whether we had a settlement to pay off then or not.

SCHAEFFER: I think all the lawsuits basically had been settled. At the time we owed Medicare around \$380,000—

WELCH: That they had overpaid us at that time. And in order to keep the hospital open, we had been having to borrow operating money from the bank.

SCHAEFFER: We owed the bank between \$400,000 and \$500,000. It was a little over five at one time. Our total debt was in excess of \$800,000.

WELCH: So we had that much indebtedness facing us when we raised the tax rate, so we had to raise it enough to be able to meet that indebtedness and still be able to operate.

SCHAEFFER: The reason we were so much in debt to Medicare was because Medicare got so far behind on processing claims that they started advancing hospitals money based on the average daily census. The hospital was supposed to submit those census figures quarterly, I think, but the hospital administrator at that time had not updated the figures, and our census was declining. So actually, when it all washed out, they had over-advanced us approximately \$380,000.

How much income now is generated by that 35-cent tax rate?

SCHAEFFER: It's approximately \$1.2 million.

And that would be about 50% of the operating cost?

CENCI HARDEE: The budget will be a little over \$3.6 million for operating cost for the year.

So the tax income is just about one-third of our operating cost?

WELCH: Yes, about one-third.

The rest comes from Medicare, Medicaid and patient payments?

WELCH: Yes.

How much have the staff salaries and other costs gone up since the tax rate hike? Are we competitive now with other hospitals?

SCHAEFFER: We're still below scale.

DR. HARDEE: Especially nurses. Especially LVNs. There are communities around here that are paying higher salaries. The RNs are making more money now, too, but I believe the LVNs have gotten the greatest percentage of raises. They've gotten a significant raise over the last few years.

SCHAEFFER: There's a lot more competition, I think, for LVNs. Most hospitals are trying to go that route—to cut back on some of the RNs.

DR. HARDEE: I think that's what it is, yes. From a standpoint of cost, you can do the same things with an LVN as you can with an

RN—for certain types of things in a hospital — and it's more cost-efficient. It's not as expensive.

SCHAEFFER: But to answer your question, we're still not competitive, salary-wise.

WELCH: Even though we've had several salary increases over the years, it's hard for us to keep up with the pay scales in Lubbock or Amarillo.

Are we staffed adequately for our patient load?

SCHAEFFER: Adequately, yes. Not overstuffed.

With the upgrades that have been carried out at the hospital, and the remodeling project, does that make the hospital more serviceable? Do you anticipate more people being able to get their hospital care here rather than being sent to a larger hospital somewhere else? Do you think we'll retain more patients?

WELCH: I think that's true. We needed to upgrade our facilities, and we've added some equipment that will allow us to give added service, and better service.

SCHAEFFER: A lot of the things that were taken as remodeling and upgrading were really just compliance procedures, to bring us into compliance with things that we were deficient in.

DR. HARDEE: They've passed several new laws through the years that are requiring not just hospitals but a lot of public facilities to change.

SCHAEFFER: All the way from fire safety codes to the Americans With Disabilities Act, just to bring us up to compliance—I'd say probably 75 to 80% of it was that.

How much was the cost overrun on this project? \$65,000 on a \$550,000 contract?

WELCH: That's about right.

SCHAEFFER: That wasn't an overrun; we made some additions to that contract after it was let.

DR. HARDEE: It was my understanding from that last board meeting that the state mandated some changes (while the project was in progress).

Even with the overrun, that (cost) will all come out of Disproportionate Share Funds, is that right?

WELCH: Right.

Have we had a higher patient load, a higher occupancy rate, in the hospital lately than we had before?

SCHAEFFER: I think the census has gradually gone up the last three years, hasn't it?

DR. HARDEE: Looking at the figures that we get every month, it looks like it has gone up fairly steadily over the last couple of years.

Do you think that with the combination of the rural health clinics and the increased specialized services available here, that that will continue to be the case?

DR. HARDEE: That's one of the goals—to try to make it so that we can be more efficient and provide as much care locally as possible.

SCHAEFFER: Overall, it's better for the family. If they can get their care here, rather than have to go to Amarillo, then there's not as much expense involved, or trips back and forth.

DR. HARDEE: There's always going to be some things we cannot do here because we don't have the . . . facilities. There are more invasive procedures that they can do in the larger cities. We can do a lot of the primary care for the day-to-day type of diseases, which are the main things that put most people in the hospital.

Are you board members comfortable with the hospital status at present? Are there any more upgrades, equipment purchases or specialized services planned, say, within the next year or two?

WELCH: We don't have any major things. Of course you always have such things as equipment replacement.

What working relationships or contracts does Plains Memorial Hospital have with metropolitan hospitals in this area regarding specialized services, indigent care and so forth? Or are there any such contracts?

SCHAEFFER: We've got a working relationship with University Medical Center (in Lubbock). It's not a formal contract.

DR. HARDEE: I thought there was some kind of a contract that we had to enter into with them. I'm not sure of the specifics, but when the lawsuit from Northwest (Texas Hospital in Amarillo) came down with regard to indigent care, we had to come up with an indigent-care policy, and that basically was that we would send our indigent patients to University Medical Center, and that the county hospital district would be obligated for their care, (which we were anyway), and that we would pay at a certain rate.

When the Castro County Hospital District sends an indigent patient to a metropolitan hospital, the Castro County Hospital District is obligated to pay that bill—isn't that right?

SCHAEFFER: If we were closed down here, the hospital district would still be obligated.

DR. HARDEE: We still wouldn't be out of the tax situation for that very reason. Without the hospital, in fact, we'd face the possibility of having to raise the tax rate because the metropolitan hospitals are so much more expensive. We do, I think, a fairly good service for the patients and taxpayers alike in that we provide service that's fairly inexpensive when compared to those other hospitals.

CENCI HARDEE: We just received an updated fee schedule for medical services across the United States, and the fees for the clinics here are below the 20th percentile.

We have a bargain here. When Methodist Hospital took over (Central Plains Hospital in) Plainview, the charges in Plainview got really expensive. That's what we're trying to not do here.

The Methodist hospitals in Lubbock, Plainview and Leveland are all on a "preferred provider" list provided to a friend of mine by his insurance company, and he has to go to one of these specified "preferred providers" instead of coming to Plains Memorial. He can't get his prescriptions filled here; he has to go to an Amarillo pharmacy to do it. If that's what it's coming to, how does Plains Memorial become a "preferred provider"? Or can we do that?

CENCI HARDEE: We're working on that.

DR. HARDEE: That's one of the things that's coming if Clinton gets what he wants in health care. He has his "health care alliances." That's basically HMOs (health management organizations) or PPO (preferred provider organization) type things. If there is a big change, that's maybe one of the things that's coming. To this point, there have not been that many HMOs or PPOs in this area. Sooner or later it's going to reach the point where there's a lot of it here, and hospitals are going to have to address that directly. And so will the health clinics.

SCHAEFFER: I think we'll be in

a better position to address that situation.

DR. HARDEE: Right. We'll be in a better negotiating position. We're dealing from a little bit more of a power base when you've got several clinics and the hospital all involved together in providing health care.

CENCI HARDEE: This is all still very much in the early stages. The board hasn't priced anything; they don't have any definite proposals together for local employers. This is what we're hoping to do sometime in the future.

Is it left to the insurance companies or the HMOs to contact the hospital, or vice-versa?

DR. HARDEE: Usually it's the insurance company that contacts the hospital. I've been contacted by FirstCare, but it's just sort of "Hi, we're in your area and we might come and talk to you"—that sort of thing.

CENCI HARDEE: Actually, FirstCare did talk to Plains Memorial, and they didn't need to set up an agreement with Plains Memorial because the fees here were already below what they were negotiating for with other, big-city hospitals.

DR. HARDEE: They'd have no problem paying our full cost.

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where three grades of the sweetener are pumped from rail cars into truck tankers for delivery to area food processors," the story said.

"The new facility replaced an obsolete 10-year-old Garland terminal and thereby cut the corn syrup transit time from American Maize's Dimmitt factory to the Metroplex from nine days to three days, says Robert Sieffert, the company's transportation/distribution manager.

"The facility cost more than \$500,000, excluding the real estate costs.

"The corn syrup ... is transferred from tanker trucks for delivery to Coca-Cola, Dr Pepper, Pepsi, Mrs. Baird's Bakeries, Big Red, Campbell Soup, Borden, Ocean Spray and other end users in the region.

"American Maize contracts with Steere Tank Lines to operate the facility with about 15 employees.

"The terminal can handle about four times as much syrup as the Garland site, which had no room for expansion and required rail cars to move over three railway lines in transit from Dimmitt, Sieffert says.

"Now the syrup stays on Burlington Northern from the factory to the transfer terminal, where up to 350,000 gallons of syrup can be retained as inventory in 24 rail tanker cars.

"Tom West, terminal supervisor, says workers, using an \$8,000 pump, can empty the 50,000 pounds of syrup from a typical rail tanker and transfer it into a stain-

less steel truck tanker in about 25 minutes. ..."

It's good to know that they're having to rev up and expand in the Metroplex to keep up with us.

Mike Harden of the Columbus, Ohio, *Dispatch*, thinks many state mottos on license plates are too stuffy. Here are some of his proposals for livening them up:

ARIZONA: *Bring Us Your Sinuses.*

CALIFORNIA: *Shake, Rattle and Roll.*

FLORIDA: *Ponce DeLeon, the First Man to Come Here Without His Wife.*

IDAHO: *Baked, Mashed or Fried?*

INDIANA: *No One Stops Here On Purpose.*

KENTUCKY: *Buy It Here. Drink It Somewhere Else.*

MARYLAND: *Birthplace of the Indianapolis Colts.*

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NEVADA: *Three to One Says You Can't.*

NEW JERSEY: *A Good Place to Dump It.*

NEW YORK: *Watch Your Wallet.*

NORTH CAROLINA: *Don't Believe Everything the Surgeon General Tells You.*

OREGON: *Visit Here. Live Somewhere Else.*

RHODE ISLAND: *Just Don't Blink.*

WISCONSIN: *Eat Cheese or Die.*

More about

Election results...

Citizens Center. The later in the evening it got, the more subdued the atmosphere. By 9 p.m., most of the decorations were down, and everyone was headed home by 9:30.

Collins wished Thornberry luck in the general election against incumbent Bill Sarpalus, and said he was happy with the experience.

"We worked hard and did our best," Collins told the media. "It's been a good experience for us."

While Collins traveled extensively throughout the district and hit Republican voters with at least three direct mail pieces, he was unable to match Thornberry's spending on television and other media.

County treasurer

County Treasurer Oleta Raper was returned to office Tuesday, defeating challenger Janice Shelton, 626-427.

Raper carried all but one box Tuesday. She has no Republican challenger.

District judge

District Judge Jack Miller took the color out of Pink Dickens in the Democratic primary, basically assuring him of a return to the bench of the 64th District Court.

Miller, a Dimmitt native who moved to Plainview a few months ago, beat Dickens 4,082-1,462.

Miller won overwhelmingly in Castro County, 960-108; 1,901-700 in Hale County; and 1,221-654 in Swisher County.

There is no Republican candidate in the race.

State senate

Democratic incumbent State Sen. Steve Carriker will again face Tom

Haywood in the general election after Haywood defeated Doyle High for the Republican nomination.

Haywood narrowly lost to Carriker in 1992. This year, Haywood defeated High, 68% to 32%.

Local winners in GOP statewide races included Kay Bailey Hutchison for US Senate, Don Wittig for attorney general, and Oliver Kitzman, Nathan Hecht, Steve Mansfield and Sam Bayless in judge's contests.

County voters followed state trends in most other races. Democrats Jim Mattox and Richard Fisher will square off in the April runoff after leading a four-person field for US Senate. Mattox carried the county handily, 566-246.

Other county winners in contested statewide Democratic races included Gov. Ann Richards; Martha Whitehead for state treasurer; Jim Nugent and Mary Scott Nabers for railroad commission seats; and Raul Gonzales, Alice Parrott, Jimmy Carroll, Mike McCormick and Gene Kelly in judicial races.

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School board takes a DARE

Dimmitt school board members gave their tentative approval Monday to a new DARE program that could begin next fall.

Pending approval of a grant, the program could begin next August in all three county school districts. The course, which was started by the Los Angeles Police Dept 10 years ago, has met with overwhelming success across the country.

Success in other areas, though, doesn't guarantee it will work here, said Retta Welch, school-community liaison.

"If we find out it doesn't work, we just cancel the grant and move on," Welch said.

Welch and administrative aide Doricell Davis told the board the program would be a joint effort between the schools and the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., with cooperation from the city governments of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. The teacher would be a certified peace officer employed by the Sheriff's Dept.

Welch and Davis explained that an officer would have to go through intense training at a special DARE school.

"It takes a special person," Welch said. "Not everyone who goes to the school makes it through."

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

--Heard reports from David McCormick on local FFA exhibitors at the Houston Livestock Show and from Alan Steinle and Richard Wood and assistant coaches Neila Malcom, Nita Krob, Ty Johnson and Don Bell on the just-finished basketball season.

--Learned about student teachers Leslie Johnson, Leslie Cates, Jennifer Elliott and Becky Schroeder.

--Authorized the sale of two 1977-model vans and the purchase of a school bus.

--Adopted the 1994-95 school calendar, with school going from August 15-Dec. 16 and Jan. 4 to May 25.

--Adopted a resolution against unfunded and under-funded state and federal mandates.

Following an executive session, the board voted unanimously to renew contracts for all Dimmitt teachers and coaches.

Obituaries

Ramon Borrego

Ramon Borrego, 69, of Plainview, died Friday.

Services were Tuesday in Templo Magdiel Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Steve Martinez officiating. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Borrego was born Oct. 18, 1924 in Zaragoza, Coahuila, Mexico. He married Francisca Ramirez in San Carlos, Mexico. He was a farmer in Olustee, Okla., and he moved to Plainview in 1978. He worked for Excel until retiring in 1986, and he was a member of Templo Magdiel Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, seven sons, Raul Martinez of San Antonio, Mario, Arturo and Rogelio, all of Plainview, Reginaldo of Kress and Ruben of Dimmitt; three daughters, Yolanda Trevino of Pontiac, Ill., Guadalupe Gutierrez of Dallas and Oralia Shears of Plainview; two brothers, Alejandro Borrego of Bowie and Rafael Borrego of Mexico; two sisters, Antonia Luna and Carmela Galvan, both of Sonora; 58 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Robert Kelly

Graveside services for Robert "Sweetie" Kelly of Dimmitt were held Wednesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Kelly, 64, died last Thursday at his home after a brief illness.

After having an autopsy performed, County Judge Polly Simpson ruled the cause of death as a heart attack.

Mr. Kelly was born March 31, 1929, in Roberts County. He had lived in Dimmitt more than 20 years, and for many years was a custodian at the Castro County Courthouse.

He had no known survivors.

Correction

In the advertisement in last week's issue thanking those who contributed to the Nazareth Buyers Club to benefit the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, the name of Cargill, Inc., was inadvertently omitted from the contributors' list.

The Nazareth Buyers Club wanted to be sure that all contributors were recognized and thanked publicly.

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Water: New pivot systems spur drilling



Woody Williams *The Canyon News*

Water rigs have shown up across the Plains region in recent months to drill wells for tie-in to new center pivot systems.

LEPA use growing by leaps and bounds

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

LUBBOCK — Informed sources around the Plains region say the year 1994 appears to be looking like the "Year of the Pivot" on many farms and ranches.

Power companies reportedly are working through heavy schedules of new installations for center pivot hookups, according to one Soil Conservation Service official in the area.

A growing number of new systems are the new Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) systems, which approach 95 percent efficiency with use of various attachments like watering socks, one source said.

A good crop year in 1993, with extra profits that could be plowed back into improvements, is credited with setting up the current surge of interest.

Of course, conservationists point to the investment in pivots as a wise move for several reasons — the most frequently quoted one being the belief that the systems will pay for themselves in anywhere from four to eight years due to efficiency and lower labor costs.

Despite the current surge, interest in pivots has been growing for several years, according to statistics available from the High Plains Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

An additional 1,507 center pivot irrigation systems have been put into operation between 1990 and 1993 within the 15-county district, according to a recent inventory update.

That brings the total number of systems in use in the district to 6,433.

The current tally shows Parmer County with 1,258 center pivots; Lamb County, 1,250; Castro County, 786; Bailey County, 671; and Hale County, 604.

The total in other counties is Deaf Smith, 433; Hockley, 349; Cochran, 347; Lubbock, 304; Lynn, 170; Crosby, 141; Floyd, 78; Randall, 389; Potter, 3; and Armstrong, 0.

The largest increase was found in Castro, with 230 new pivots.

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CHESTER WHITE SWINE SHOW IN LUBBOCK — A total of 375 boars, open gilts and bred gilts will be offered for sale from leading swine herds from 17 states.

The event will be held at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds.

March 11

4-H Teen Leader Retreat, Wilkes Lodge, Avinger

March 16-27

AUSTIN LIVESTOCK SHOW — To be held in the Travis County Exposition Center.

March 18-20

OLD TRACTOR SHOW IN PLAINVIEW — The second annual Plainview Old Tractor Show will be held at Ollie Liner Center, with unloading and set up set for the 18th.

March 23

TEXAS COMMERCIAL EGG CLINIC — Ramada Inn, College Station.

Man finds wheat is kitty litter substitute

Special to AgReview

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. — In 1987 cat, owner Ted Kiebke set out to find a way to solve his litter box problems — and his answer may come as good news to the nation's wheat growers.

Wheat, in fact, may be the answer to a perfect kitty litter ingredient, he discovered.

His odyssey of inspiration and invention took him into a realm that led him to turn up a totally new and unexpected litter box recipe — wheat.

Any cat owner will know what you're talking about here: the continual purchase of pound upon pound of replacement clay litter, endless box cleaning, and, probably worst of all, the smell.

"I was one of those consumers purchasing litter every three days," Kiebke said. "When the scoopable litters came out, I bought some, thinking it was going to be great. But the first time I tried it, I said, 'That's enough of this stuff.'"

"It did form scoopable clumps from the cat urine like it was supposed to,"

he said. "But it smelled, the clumps broke up, and the cats tracked it all over the house."

Kiebke thought the concept (of a scoopable litter) was a good one, though, and set out to find a way to make it better.

What he came up with, over the years, was a product called Litter Mate, which hit store shelves in several Midwestern states this year.

Kiebke expects it to be a hit for solving four problems:

1. It is good for cat owners tired of the smell, and continual trips to market to replenish the supply.

2. It's good for the environment: it's flushable, and 100 percent biodegradable.

3. It's created a new market for America's farmers, since it is made with 100 percent renewable ag products — wheat, corn cobs, baking soda and natural fragrance — not clay, like traditional fillers.

4. It's meant jobs for local people in the Midwest, where it is produced.

The cat litter industry in the United States alone is big — serving 70 million domestic cats with about 1 million

tons of litter every year. There are hopes the product — produced by Productive Alternatives in Fergus Falls, Minn., — can capture a good percentage of that market one day.

The product grew from trial and error, Kiebke explains.

He experimented with many materials at first — rosin, cement and other additives like corn meal, but none was quite right.

The elusive ingredient, wheat, hit him between the eyes one night when his wife was boiling spaghetti noodles for dinner.

Reading a list of ingredients, it dawned on him why spaghetti was so hard. It was the high gluten content of durum wheat, or semolina.

Durum wheat turned out to be the ingredient he had sought.

Liquid poured on it formed a clump, which dried and held together well — making it easy to scoop out and dispose of.

Yes, the near-perfect cat litter was in his reach.

A second spinoff was the fact the litter box didn't smell. Live enzymes in the wheat interact with enzymes of cat urine, neutralizing smell. Oxidation, the natural fermentation process, created alcohol as the end result, not ammonia.

His product was, at first, just an additive for clay litters. But market research revealed consumers probably would be unwilling to go to the trouble of mixing.

At that point, Kiebke teamed with a firm called Productive Alternatives to develop a pre-mixed formula. It currently is about 25 percent durum wheat and 75 percent hard red spring wheat, which is raised in the Midwest and purchased at mills in processed form.

Along the way, the company producing Litter Mate was helped along the way by Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, a state agency providing technical and financial support to companies introducing new commercial and industrial products made from ag commodities.

At first, Minnesota-based Target stores sold Litter Mate at locations in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin on a test marketing basis.

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Evidence of herd expansion afoot in industry

The U.S. cattle and calves herd is entering its sixth consecutive year of expansion. On Jan. 1, 1989, the U.S. cattle herd numbered 98.1 million head, the lowest inventory since 1961. Since 1989 U.S. cattle and calves inventories have increased relatively slowly and numbered 101.75 million head on Jan. 1, 1994.

That means the herd has been growing at a rate of 736,000 head per year or at an average rate of less than 1 percent per year over the 5-year period. In 1993 the U.S. cattle herd grew by 1 percent, but the beef cow herd grew by 3 percent.

This, along with a 4 percent increase in heifers being held as beef cow replacements, indicates that cattlemen may be planning for increased rates of herd expansion in the future.

The continued decline of the U.S. dairy cow herd has contributed to the slow expansion of total U.S. cattle and calves numbers. The slow herd expansion, coupled with increased exports of U.S. beef have contributed to a relatively strong market for cattle and calves since the last half of 1987. Six and one-half years of favorable prices for cattle and calves was unheard of prior to this market. In the past, rapid herd build-up in reaction to good prices has usually



LIVESTOCK MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Ernie Davis

killed a good market within two years. This has not been the case as herd expansion has been surprisingly slow. Probably the single most important factor contributing to the more deliberate herd expansion is the 1986 tax reform. The tax reform eliminated those people that were in the cattle business for tax benefits. Most people in the cattle business today are there to make a profit and even with the more favorable prices, profits have not been large.

HERD EXPANSION: Ranchers indicated in the January 1 report they were holding 6.4 million heifers for beef cow replacements. That is 4 percent more than were being held a

year ago and the largest number in 12 years. Usually, however, heifer replacement intentions and what actually makes it into the cow herd is only about 70 percent. For example, on January 1, 1993 beef cow replacements were 7 percent greater than those being held in January 1992, yet the beef cow herd only grew by 3 percent. Last year, numbers of beef heifers kept as replacements were about 18 percent of the beef cow herd. Again, this year the number of beef heifers being held as replacements equal about 18 percent of the nation's beef cow herd. If 75 percent of the intended replacement heifers actually make it into the beef cow herd, that will be 4.82 million heifers actually entering the herd. Last year's beef cow slaughter was 2.96 million head. Usually death losses and exports run about 2.5 percent of the beef cow inventory, which would be 872,000 additional beef cows lost from the herd. Therefore, the net heifers' addition to the beef cow herd would be about 1 million head, or an increase of 3 percent in the U.S. beef cow herd from January 1994 to January 1995.

CALF CROP: Probably the most significant number in the January 1, 1994 Cattle Inventory report was the revised estimates of the 39.64 million head calf crop. The 1994 calf

See DAVIS, Page 6

Fields of Holland nurture U.S.-bound bulbs

By JENNIFER MERIN

Associated Press

HILLEGOM, Netherlands (AP) — Every year, thousands of tourists who visit Holland's flower fields purchase tulip, daffodil and other flowering bulbs for their gardens at home.

Others order flowering bulbs from catalogs or purchase them at local gardening outlets.

For novice or expert gardeners, the choice of flowering bulbs is an excellent one. These perennial plants can produce lovely flowers year after year and are varied enough in color, shape and blooming season to please almost anyone.

They are also very easy to grow, because bulbs are actually tiny, self-encased plants, rather than seeds. When they are placed in the ground at the right time of year and with proper conditions, they are almost guaranteed to bloom.

However, getting the bulbs to produce year after year can be tricky if your garden doesn't happen to be located in the foothills of the Himalayas or the steppes of Eastern Turkey, where many of these favorite flowers originated.

Many gardeners are content to treat the bulbs as annuals, replanting each year. But, with proper care and nurturing, the bulbs can actually flourish as perennials anywhere climactic conditions approximate those of their natural habitat —

with cold winters and hot, dry summers.

The sandy, wet lowlands of Holland, where Dutch cultivators have been successfully growing and hybridizing tulips and other bulbs for 400 years (1994 marks the 400th anniversary of first tulip that bloomed in Dutch soil) is a case in point.

"Through centuries of cultivation, Dutch growers have developed special techniques for treating tulip bulbs so they produce exceptionally well year after year," says Franz Roozen, technical director for the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom. "We subject plant stock to a series of heat and humidity treatments each summer before planting that almost perfectly replicates the tulip's native habitat. By the time the bulbs are tucked into the soil for their winter's sleep, they've been fooled into 'thinking' they've been through another summer drought in the Himalayas. Of course, we don't recommend that non-professionals attempt this, but there are measures that all gardeners can take to assure perennial performance."

Roozen advises gardeners who wish to maximize yield year after year choose tulips or other bulbs that are designated good for "naturalizing" or "perennializing."

In general, species or botanical tulips and their hybridized strains — those that have not been extensively cross-bred and are therefore closest to the bulbs

found in nature — are best bets for perennializing.

The Netherlands Flower Bulb Institute lists in its booklet, "Guidelines for the Utilization of Flowering Bulbs as Perennial Plants in North American Landscapes and Gardens," an appealing variety of 72 tulip bulbs with potential for perennializing in North America.

Among those most highly recommended are single early tulips such as the early spring-blooming pink Christmas Marvel and the mid-spring-blooming red and yellow Keizerkroon; triumph tulips such as the mid-spring-blooming red and white Merry Widow and late-spring-blooming red and yellow Kees Nelis; lily-flowered tulips such as the late-spring-blooming lavender and pink Maytime and violet and white Ballade; fringed tulips such as the very late-blooming wine-colored Burgundy Lace; and most Darwin hybrids in red, rose, orange, yellow and two-tone colors that bloom from mid to late spring.

Planting at the proper time is essential. Tulips and other spring-flowering bulbs must be planted in the fall so they can undergo a natural "cold treatment" in the ground during the winter. The cold weather triggers a chemical reaction within the bulb that causes the blooming process to begin.

The precise month for planting spring-blooming bulbs varies within eleven climate zones in U.S.,

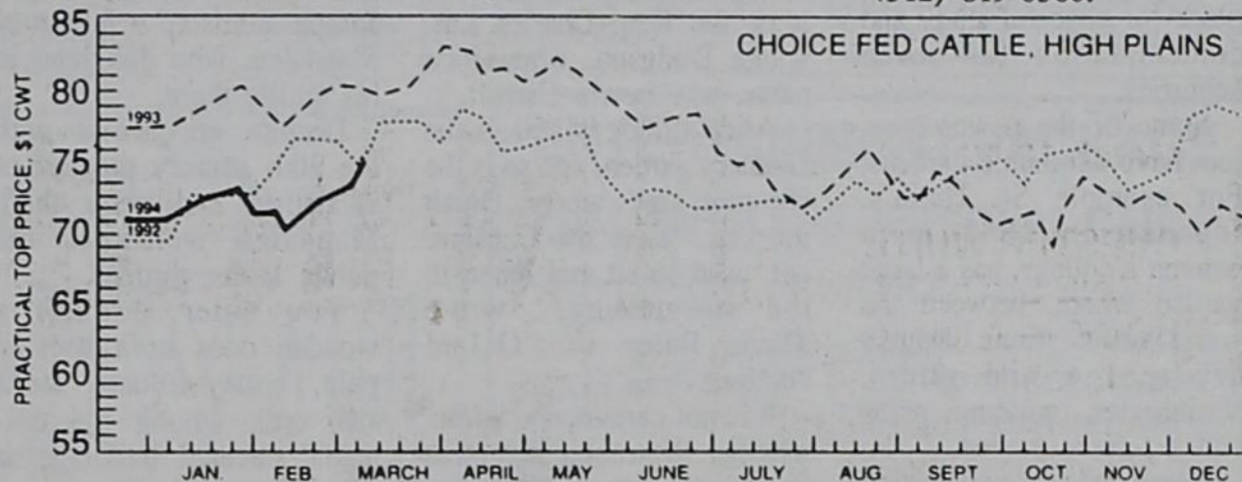
according to U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines. Bulb packaging usually indicates when bulbs should be planted in specific climate zones, or instructions are available from professional growers.

Properly prepare the area you intend to plant. Well-drained soil is essential for perennializing; wet soil can promote fungus and disease and can rot bulbs. Adding

organic matter such as shredded pine bark, compost or peat moss can facilitate drainage in areas where soil tends to be too moist.

Plant bulbs at the proper depth. Eight inches, measuring from the base of the bulb, is standard. If you plan to add mulch to the surface after planting, include the depth of the mulch in the overall planting depth.

For further information on techniques for perennializing tulips and other flowering bulbs, contact the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center, 426 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231, (718) 596-5400. For information on special gardening tours to Holland, contact the Netherlands Tourist Board, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60611, (312) 819-0300.



Courtesy Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo

Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through Mar. 4.

KITTY

From Page 2

At the same time, however, the firm was eyeing international marketing plans — with feelers already going out to Japan, the European countries and Canada.

Jim Sladek, handling marketing, painted a picture of the potential for the product.

"With the U.S. cat litter market, we figure if 18 people use this product, we could consume an acre of wheat," he said. "And if 1 per cent of the market were using Litter Mate, would consume 40,000 acres per year."

If farmers every claimed a 50 percent market share, the product would consume 2 million acres of wheat per year.

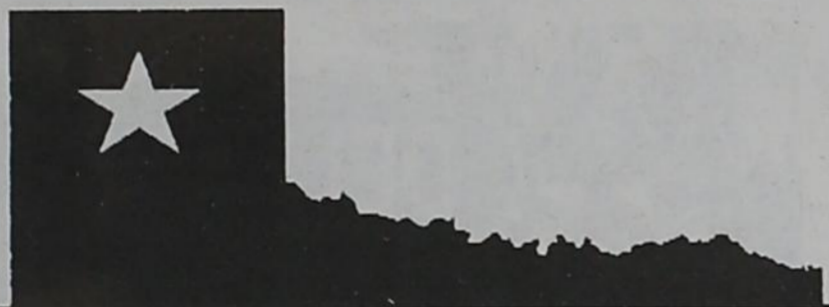
These positive features

led Kiebkke to gamble on a product he thinks cat owners will like.

It has initially hit the market in Minnesota area discount stores, and there are plans to expand its availability.

(Story revised from an article by Eileen Chanen in CA Highlights, the national monthly newspaper of Communicating for Agriculture, by permission)

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Historical locale is gardener's dream

By AUDREY WOODS

Associated Press Writer

OXFORD, England (AP) — Between the Thames and the River Cherwell, Oxford spreads green and gold in the sun, its velvety lawns and meadows scattered among the spires and stone quadrangles of the university.

The cloisters and gardens of Oxford's oldest colleges have been offering scholars a place for peaceful study and contemplation for seven centuries.

Some of the newer ones, too, have admirable gardens. For example St. Hugh's, founded in 1886 as a women's college, has a large garden where, between the wars, tutor Annie Rogers developed a wild garden, shrubberies, winding paths and a terrace garden.

There are 35 colleges at the university now, and the luckiest have fine gardens. Most fortunate of all are Worcester, Magdalen, Trinity and St. John's, which were built outside the walls of the medieval market town and weren't restricted by the narrow streets.

Worcester College has a secluded lake and ornately carved stone benches where students can sit and watch the college ducks.

The large gardens at St. John's include a famous rockery and wide lawns where drifts of purple and lavender crocuses blossom in February with the last of the snowdrops.

Christ Church College, built within the town walls,

has a literary link of universal appeal.

All who have read "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Alice Through The Looking Glass" will have shared some of the joy of a childhood in the Christ Church gardens.

The stories were written in the mid-19th century for Alice Liddell, daughter of the college dean, by mathematics tutor the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, whose pen name was Lewis Carroll.

Alice's door is still in the Deanery garden, and so is the chestnut tree where Dinah the cat, "alias the Cheshire cat, used to sit and listen to the storytelling," wrote Mavis Batey in "Oxford Gardens."

It is not certain, she wrote, whether the rabbit hole was in the garden or the river bank, "but it was undeniably at Christ Church, through the Alice books, that Lewis Carroll captured for all time the wonder of childhood and its unending happy summer days."

Today's children still can walk where Dodgson took Alice and her sisters — to Christ Church Meadows adjacent to the college, to feed the ducks at Worcester, and to the Botanic Garden.

Founded in 1621 as a physic garden for the study of medicinal plants, Oxford's Botanic Garden is one of the oldest in the world. It remains a center for horticulture and a haven from the traffic of High Street.

There are formal beds, a walled garden, hothouses with tropical plants, and a walk along the Cherwell.

Across the High Street at the foot of Magdalen Bridge is Magdalen (pronounced Maudlen) College, founded in 1458 and blessed with 80 acres — including a deer park and lovely, tree-shaded riverside paths called Addison's Walk. They are named after 18th century essayist Joseph Addison, a fellow of Magdalen, who delighted in his strolls there.

Despite encounters with the 20th century plagues of vandalism and petty theft, Magdalen welcomes the public to its gardens.

You enter through a wooden door in a wall of pale, honey-colored stone and walk among the college's splendid buildings to the cloister.

There, a covered walkway surrounds a rectangle of perfect lawn. "Grotesques" carved in the stonework in the early 16th century represent the virtues and vices and biblical figures. Goliath is there with a pebble in his forehead, and David with his sling. If you go in early summer you may see the huge wisteria in bloom on one wall, its pale purple panicles of blossom scenting the whole cloister.

A passageway opens onto the gardens.

Across the pristine lawns are the New Buildings (new in the 1730s), which have another magnificent wisteria and benches where students

can read and sit in the sun. A huge, 193-year-old plane tree shades the westward path that runs between the deer park and herbaceous beds.

Eastward from the plane tree, the path goes to the River Cherwell. A tall wrought-iron gateway, flanked by colorful herbaceous borders, opens onto a small bridge across the river, which is very narrow at this point. A path shaded by chestnut trees runs along the Cherwell, brambles, ferns, periwinkle and long grass thick along its banks.

A wooden bridge crosses the water into the Fellows' Garden, richly planted with shrubs and trees. At the bridge you can turn for a fine view of Magdalen's 144-foot tower, across the meadow where the deer graze.

In spring the water meadow is one of Magdalen's glories, covered in drifts of snakeshead fritillaries that have grown there for centuries — "since medieval times, anyway," says Magdalen's youthful head gardener Tony Young.

"They used to be everywhere along the Thames basin," he said. But when farming practices changed, many were lost. Magdalen's is one of the biggest concentrations of snakeshead fritillaries in England.

Young, who came to Magdalen six years ago when he was only 25, tends the gardens with a staff of six.

His responsibilities include the 60 deer that graze in the

meadow in summer, after the fritillaries have finished and gone to seed.

"We have to wait for them to seed so we can't actually cut until July," he explained. "It has to be cut in the old-fashioned way, bound up and let the seeds drop."

Then the deer keep the meadow trimmed and fertilize it with manure at the same time. It is a water meadow and the Cherwell floods it, enriching the soil with silt. And so it has gone for centuries, providing a natural preserve for the fritillaries.

In the 18th century, culled deer provided meat for the college. Now Magdalen's own venison is used only for special occasions.

The deer were first mentioned in college accounts in 1706 and 1707. But swans have graced the Cherwell from earliest times. R.T. Guenther, in his "Oxford Gardens," reports that in 1490, the swankeeper was allotted 3 shillings 1 pence for their care and feeding.

The college made a present of one of its swans and a peacock to King Henry VII's queen, Elizabeth, in 1490, and two swans to the archbishop of Canterbury in 1496. Magdalen gave up the peacocks in the 1850s.

Change is not taken lightly in Oxford.

A case in point: Around the turn of this century the ivy that clothed the walls of Magdalen's tower was causing some worry among those who feared damage to the 16th century masonry.

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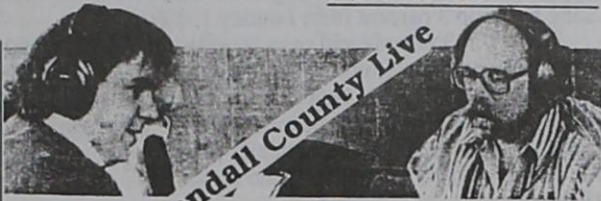
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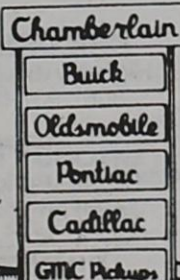
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STRUCTURE OF THE BEEF COW HERD

The number of farms and ranches having beef cows increased to 910,080 operations in 1993. There was an increase of 2,850 operations from the previous year. Texas had 130,000 operations with beef cows. Those operations having 1 to 49 head of beef cows comprised 80.8 percent of the operations and had 32.6 percent of the U.S. beef cow herd. Operations having 50 to 99 beef cows comprised 11.3 percent of the operation and have 19.5 percent of the beef cows. Operations having 100-499 head of beef cows comprised 7.3 percent of the operations and have 35 percent of the beef cow herd. Operations having 500 head or more comprised 0.6 percent of the operations and have 12.9 percent of the beef cows. What this says is farms and ranches with less than 100 head of beef cows control 52 percent of the herd. From a production and marketing stand point this would be too small to achieve most production and marketing efficiencies available to the industry.

TEXAS NUMBERS

Texas cattle and calves were estimated at 14.8 million

head on January 1, 1994. This represented an increase in the Texas herd of 3 percent from a year ago and is in response to relatively high cattle prices. Cow inventories in Texas were estimated at 6.2 million head, up 4 percent from a year ago. Texas' beef cows totaled 5.81 million head, up 4 percent from last year. Dairy cows numbered 390 thousand head, up 3 percent from January 1, 1993.

Heifers 500 pounds and over were listed at 2.55 million head, up 4 percent from last year. Heifers 500 pounds and over and being kept as beef cow replacements totaled 980 thousand head, down 6 percent from a year ago. This implies Texas ranchers are currently planning not to continue beef cow herd expansion at the higher 1993 rates during 1994.

Texas' calf crop was 4 percent greater in 1993 relative to 1992. The 1993 Texas calf crop was estimated at 5.35 million head. The average value of Texas' cattle and calves was estimated to be \$595 per head, bringing the total value of Texas cattle and calves to \$8.81 billion, an increase of just a fraction over last year's value.

JANUARY FEEDER CATTLE SUPPLIES

Prior to the release of the January 1, 1994 Cattle Inventory report, expectations were for a 1993 calf crop increase of around 3 percent over that of 1992. The increase in the 1993 calf crop, however, was only 1 percent. As of January 1, 1994, however, there was 0.3 percent fewer cattle and calves outside feedlots than a year ago. With more

steers and heifers on feed January 1, it contributed to a fractional decrease in January 1 feeder cattle supplies relative to a year ago.

Estimated January Feeder Cattle Supply Slrs and Holhrs, 1980-1994 Million had

Total January 1 feeder cattle supplies numbered 33,263 million head, down 103 thousand head from a year ago, just a marginal decrease.

There will not be an estimate of the number of calves weighing less than 500 or feeder cattle weighing over 500 that were not in feedlots on January 1, 1994. These were useful statistics because they provided estimates of available supplies of cattle and calves available to feedlots during the year. With the discontinuation of the weight group breakdowns in the Quarterly Cattle on Feed report, weight groups can no longer be estimated. All we know is the total estimate of the feeder cattle and calves.

Nevertheless, it is known that with larger supplies of cattle and calves already on feed this year, there are fewer left in the country. Tighter supplies should keep feeder cattle and calves prices more in line with year ago prices. Now, instead of expecting 1994's 40,000 pound steer prices to average \$8 to \$12 per hundredweight (cwt.) below 1993's average prices, they should average only \$4 to \$8 cwt. below year ago prices. Lower prices are still expected because of higher feed grain prices and because feedlot monetary losses from lower priced fed cattle should reduce the demand for feeding cattle.

Farmer, 39, typifies changing face of ag industry

By BARNABY J. FEDER

NY Times News

BROADLANDS, Ill. — It is more than two months before David Rothermel starts running flat out to plant corn and soybeans on nearly 3,000 acres here in central Illinois, but the tall, 39-year-old farmer with the neatly trimmed beard is still pretty busy by most people's standards.

There are hours spent on big decisions, like which strains he will plant, how he will spend close to \$100,000 on fertilizer and a similar amount on chemicals, and how he will market his crops.

Many more hours are gobbled up by smaller chores, like a trip last week to Paxton, Ill., to get an irrigation engine repaired.

Whether it all pays off will not matter much outside the small circle of two full-time employees, investors who own a large part of his farm and, of course, the Rothermel family, which includes his wife, Judith, and their daughters, Christine, 9, and Patricia, 11.

But in the longer term, the world clearly needs Ameri-

can farmers like Rothermel, who have large operations and a willingness to innovate, to make a lot of smart decisions.

"We have to grow as much food worldwide in the next 40 years as we have in the last 14,000," said Dean Kleckner, head of the Farm Bureau, a farm group in Park Ridge, Ill., with more than four million members, including Rothermel.

The Rothermel home — a white, tree-sheltered, two-story farmhouse, which the family shares share with a golden retriever and assorted cats — was built 50 years ago when Rothermel's grandfather was farming the rich land here, about 150 miles south of Chicago.

About 98 percent of all farms are still operated by families like the Rothermels, but there are far fewer farmers and far greater differences among them than Rothermel's grandfather could have imagined.

Indeed, while policy-makers in Washington and some farm advocacy groups talk of a mythical "average family farmer," agricultural economists say attempts to

draw useful insights from such averaging are doomed by the disparities in size, specialization, and most of all, between those who rely largely on their farms for income and the majority who have substantial nonfarm earnings.

Rothermel is part of a crucial minority that operates farms big enough to generate annual revenues of more than \$500,000.

Families like the Rothermels owned slightly more than 2 percent of the nation's farms in 1992, but accounted for more than 35 percent of the output as measured in cash receipts.

Farms that are almost as large accounted for another big chunk, so that the top 5 percent, with revenues of \$250,000 and more, accounted for more than half the total output.

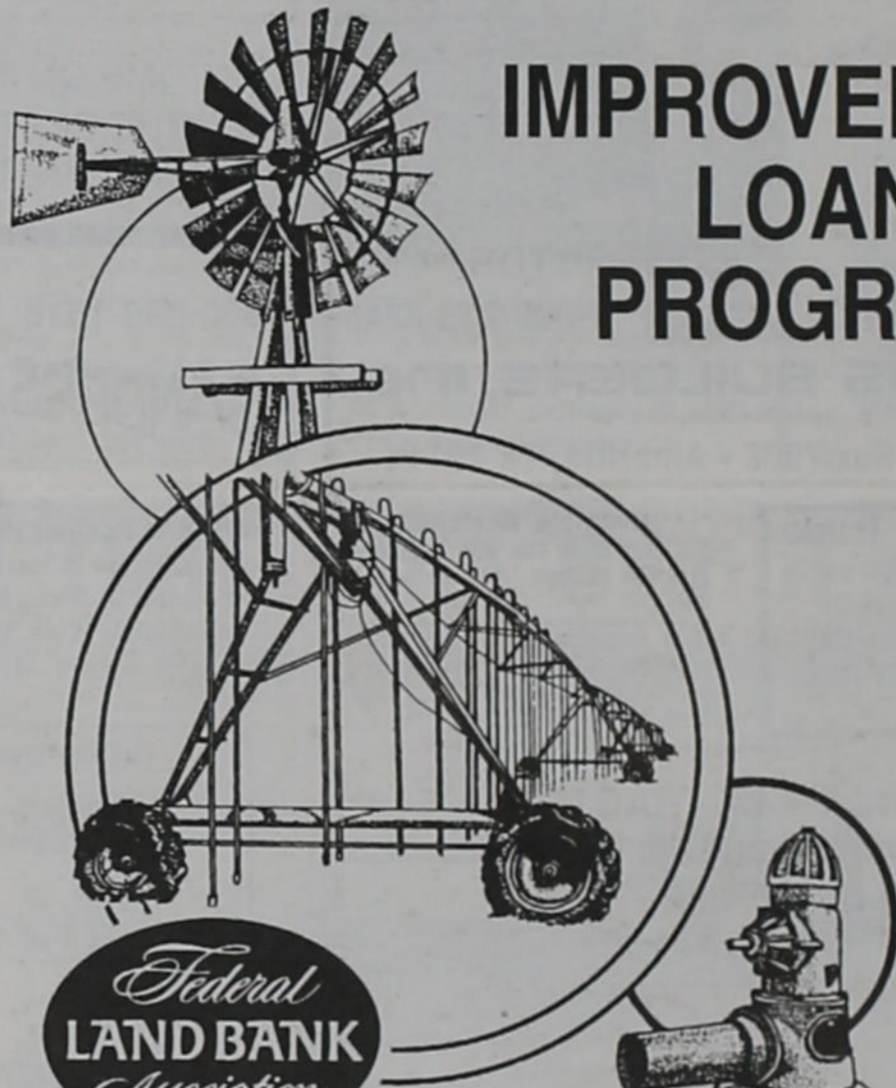
The larger farms are not only dominating production but are also the quickest to adopt new technology. And they are leading the way toward what some experts call the industrialization of agri-

culture, a process in which more farmers work directly under contract to food processors.

The trend is furthest along

in the poultry and hog segments, but in regions where food processors have set up big purchasing stations, as Frito-Lay has done just north

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July 28

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Price to farmers is steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department's index that measures movements in prices farmers receive for the goods they sell was unchanged in February from January.

The department reported Monday that producers received higher prices for cotton, hogs, lettuce and strawberries in February, but they received lower prices for cattle, milk, tomatoes and sweet corn.

Prices were 5 percent higher than in February 1993. Increases for corn, milk, onions and soybeans offset declines for cattle, celery, lettuce and sweet corn.

Despite the stable index, there were some changes for crops grown in the 1993 disaster areas.

Soybean prices dropped 8 cents in February, to \$6.64 a bushel, largely on news of improved crop prospects in South America, but were up from \$5.56 a year earlier. The index of all oilseeds, including soybeans, was 17 percent higher than a year earlier.

Corn prices rose by 3 cents, to \$2.73 a bushel, compared with \$2 a year earlier.

Durum wheat, used to make pasta, rose 26 cents, to \$5.23 a bushel. It sold for \$3.08 a year ago.

Some of the prices paid to farmers in February:

—Upland cotton was reported at 66.2 cents a pound in February, up from 63.7 cents in January. A year earlier, cotton was 53.8 cents a pound.

—Hogs averaged \$47.30 a hundredweight, up from \$43.50 in January and \$44 a year earlier.

—Lettuce was \$10.70 a hundredweight, up from \$8.03 in January but down from \$18.80 a year earlier.

—Strawberries were \$1.01 a pound, compared with 80.1 cents in January and 93.6 cents in February 1993.

—Cattle were \$69.10 a hundredweight, down from

\$70 in January and \$75.80 a year earlier.

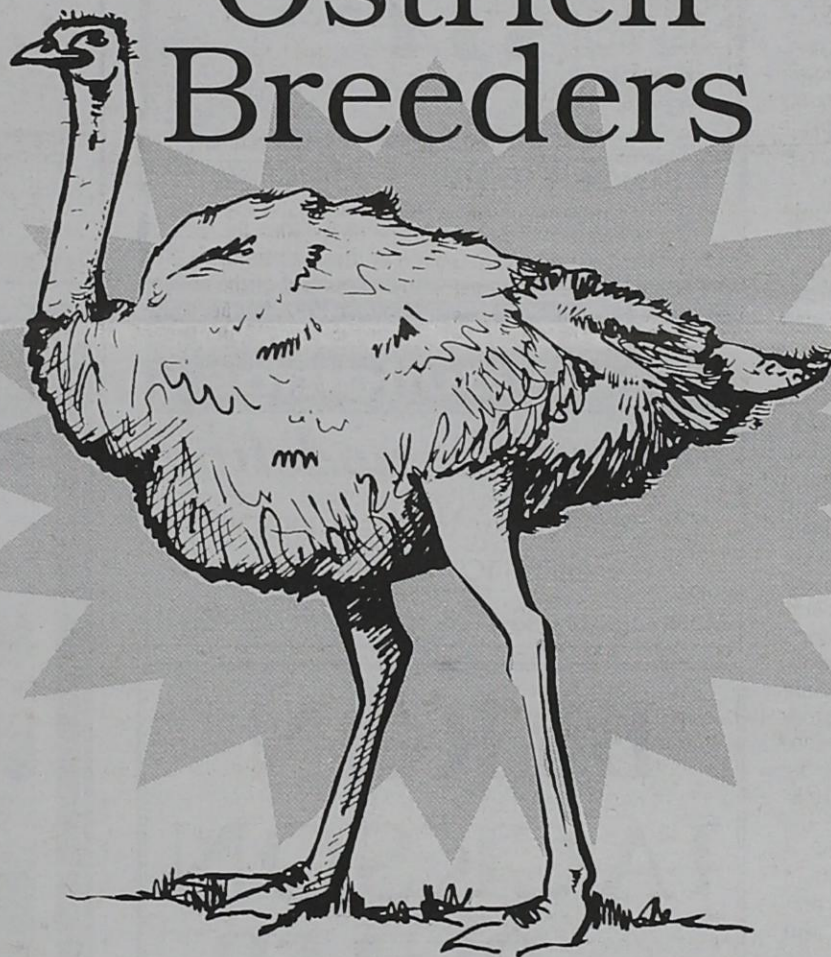
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'Libbie' Custer novel looks past legend

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FORT WORTH — Elizabeth Bacon Custer spent 12 years married to one of the most controversial men in American history, and then the next 56 telling his story the way she wanted the world to believe it — that Gen. George Armstrong Custer was a full-fledged, no-warts hero.

Now Fort Worth author Judy Alter has used fiction carefully based on fact to produce "Libbie" (\$9.95 paperback), a new novel from Bantam Press. Alter hopes it will bring attention to the distaff side of the Custer legend and, not coincidentally, embellish her own reputation as a writer.

"I wanted to do a book New York (publishers) would see as important," Alter, 55, said candidly in a recent interview in her office at TCU Press, where she is director. "I've done other books, juvenile fiction and short stories. This time I really wanted one that would advance my career, so I needed to write about a person the public would know."

With a writing track record firmly established in Old West themes, Alter looked for a similar subject.

"I have a funny feeling about writers, that we all find our voices in one place or another," she said. "I'm better at writing about the last century, not this one."

Alter considered writing about Libbie Custer, best remembered for three reminiscences of her husband that were more whitewash than dirty laundry, and then almost rejected her.

"I read about her, and she came across as a picture-perfect lady," Alter recalled. "When I thought about her, I got bored. Then I talked to the westerns editor at Bantam and he said he was very interested in her. I read some more contemporary accounts of her life with (Custer) and I came to see she was a wonderful character. I felt I could create a good, strong story with her."

The Libbie portrayed by Judy Alter retains some 19th-century prissiness; as the pampered daughter of a Michigan judge it would have been ludicrous to portray her otherwise. But Alter's description of the sometimes-stormy Custer marriage and Libbie's candid perceptions of her husband's weaknesses as well as strengths ring true.

"I think everybody who remembers her thinks of her as Custer's apologist, but there were hints everywhere that theirs was not a perfect marriage," Alter mused. "It's documented he fathered a child by a Cheyenne woman, hints in his own letters that he had a strong eye for other women, whether he acted on that or not. And she apparently had outside interests, too, relationships with other men that may not have been love affairs. There are even hints she was involved with (Custer's) brother."

Alter's interpretation of the Custers' relationship, therefore, emphasizes strong mutual attraction marred by frequent suspicion. It's obvious that Alter took some of history's hints as fact.

"Well, at least Libbie didn't have any children who could rise up and sue me for slander," she said. "I ended up interpreting her life the way I would have lived it and thought about it if she were me. That's what I have to do, what writers have to do. I get inside people's heads and try to see what happened through their eyes. Inevitably for writers, what we see is colored by our own experiences."

Alter's experience as a writer has been colored by perceptions that she writes short books for children. Several of Alter's juvenile titles have been published in

paperback by Maggie Books of Dallas (distributed by Taylor Publishing), and in 1984 "Luke and the Van Zandt County War" was named best juvenile novel of the year by the Texas Institute of Letters.

"Libbie" may change that. Early sales are booming, reviews are positive and Bantam is paying for extensive national advertising. It's the first in a three-book Bantam contract, and Alter has already completed No. 2, a fact-based fictionalization of the life of Jessie Fremont, wife of the controversial Civil War general.

"But the editor has said to

me, 'Stop writing about wives,'" Alter said, chuckling. "And the third book is about half-done, a story about a rodeo cowgirl in the first part of this century. Lucille Mulhall inspired the character, but it's more fiction than the first two. Lucille was something, though. There's a legend Teddy Roosevelt coined the term 'cowgirl' to describe her."

In between books, Alter plans to continue running the

publishing operation at Texas Christian University, which is focused mostly on "scholarly" works that mainstream publishers might not find marketable enough.

"I've been here for 11 years and I expect I have another 10 to go," Alter said. "This is my little kingdom. TCU Press is very important to me. I don't see myself ever just staying home and writing. I'm single, my kids are home but not too much

anymore. I need contact, socialization, the sense every day of being out in the world.

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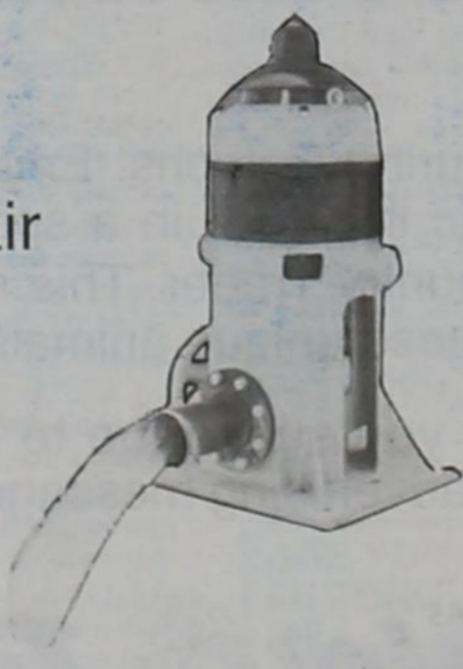
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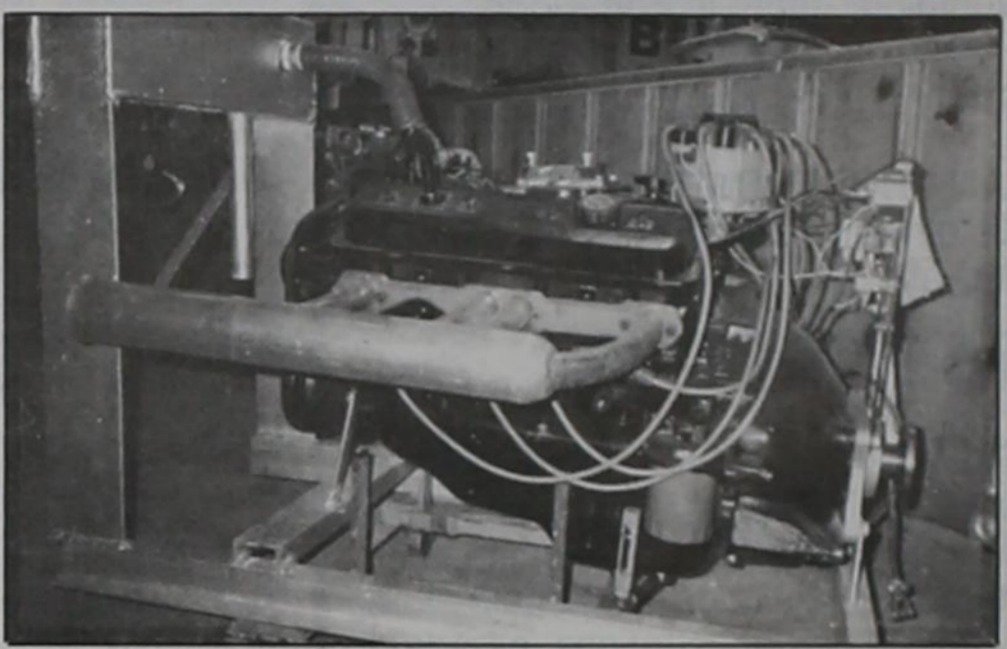
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