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By Don Nelson

Chinese elm trees first became popular in our area because of their hardiness. They can thrive in a semi-arid climate and become large, thick shade trees.

(Also, I think the original elm seedlings were provided for free by the government. That's always a sure-fire popularity booster.)

Since the first elms were planted here, homeowners aspiring to go up the deciduous social scale by converting to maples, oaks, rain-trees or locusts around their homes have learned that the elms are almost impossible to kill out.

In fact, throughout town you'll see relatively young crowns growing from thick old elm trunks—the result of severe ice-storm damage back in the early 1980s. Such is the hardiness of our Chinese elms, a few of which are almost a hundred years old.

So why are so many of our elm trees dying?

You've seen them—one or two elm trees in a yard, or half a dozen in the middle of a long wind-row, dying without any apparent pattern or reason.

Sara Hill, an alert veterinarian's wife (did I put that right?) vowed to find out why.

So she asked me, "Don, why are so many of our elms dying?"

Well, heck, I don't know. I only understand women, not trees.

"Find out," she ordered.

Assuming that the culprit was probably some kind of bore worm, I contacted Johnna Patterson, our Extension pest management specialist. (A pest specialist also must know a lot about plants and how they grow, right?)

Johnna has been worrying about the elm trees, too, and I think she may have the right slant on the problem, based on uncommon events that our old elms have experienced in the last two years.

She thinks the problem goes back to last year's drought and heat, which stressed the elms so much that the weaker ones were unable to "restart" as usual this spring.

"With trees, when you see a problem such as this, it's usually a delayed response instead of an immediate reaction to some stress problem," she said.

And the unusual amount of precipitation we're having this year, on the heels of last year's drought conditions, could be causing special problems for the elms, Johnna said.

"The kind of rainfall we've had can wash nutrients too far down into the soil for the tree to take up by actively growing roots," she said.

"More often, the roots will become waterlogged after wet spells such as we've had, which decreases the tree's ability to take up any more nutrients, whether naturally in the soil or homeowner-applied fertilizers."

Homeowners should be careful not

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FATAL CRASH SCENE SATURDAY MORNING AT DIMMITT CONSUMERS . . . Callie Daniel is being lifted out of her 1979 Chevy Malibu by rescue workers.

## Dimmitt woman dies in crash

Callie Thomas Daniel, 83, of Dimmitt, died in a one-vehicle crash Saturday morning in Dimmitt.

Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young said that a preliminary autopsy report indicated that Daniel died as a result of the crash.

Investigating officer Miguel Ontiveros said that Daniel was driving a 1979 Chevrolet Malibu Classic west in the 300 block of East Bedford at about 9:30 a.m., when she lost control of the vehicle. The car

went off the roadway and struck a decorative brick windbreak wall at Dimmitt Consumers.

Ontiveros said that witnesses to the crash reported that the vehicle had been weaving before it crashed. He said it is unknown what caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

"From what I could tell, there was no effort (by the driver) to brake," Ontiveros said. He noted that the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

Damage to the vehicle was heavy.

Ontiveros said it would be classified as "totaled."

No other vehicles were involved in the crash and no one else was injured.

Daniel was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance, where she was later pronounced dead.

Funeral services were slated for today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Melvin Walker of Amarillo officiating.

## Sales tax holiday, specials lined up for 'School Dayz'

The state legislature has declared a "holiday" from state and local sales taxes for the period of Aug. 6-8 for shoes and clothing that cost less than \$100 per item.

Dimmitt merchants are planning a "School Dayz" promotion of special prices in addition to the tax holiday, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

The promotion will start Aug. 4 and extend through Aug. 8 for those stores that will be open on Sunday.

Sava said that he has been informed that special back to school loans will be available during the event. He said those interested should check with their lending institution for further information.

The tax-free period starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, and will end at midnight on Sunday, Aug. 8. The law states that retailers will not be required to collect tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during this period.

The sales tax holiday does not include sales of clothing and footwear primarily designed for athletic activity or for protective use and that are not normally worn except for the

athletic activity or for protection. The State Comptroller's office gives the example that basketball shoes may be worn for other activities and may be sold tax free during the special period; but golf shoes are not normally used for other activities and will continue to be taxable during the "holiday."

Taxes will continue to be due on accessories, jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items. Also rentals will continue to be subject to tax.

Sava said that he will have a list of apparel that will qualify for those wanting more specific information. Those interested may call the Chamber at 647-2524.

The sales tax break was implemented through Senate Bill 441, and Texas leaders estimate the event will save the state's consumers \$69.2 million.

"Back to school shopping can be a taxing and expensive experience," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry. "Fortunately, our state leaders have made things easier by cutting taxes."

This year both state and local sales taxes will be waived. Next year,

however, cities and other local taxing entities will have to vote on whether or not to participate in the tax-free holiday.

State and local taxes for Dimmitt come to 8.25%, which would equal \$8.25 savings for each \$100 spent.

## Two enter guilty pleas

In recent district court action, two men entered pleas of guilty before court, along with a waiver of a jury trial, and were sentenced to community supervision.

In 242nd District Court with Judge Ed Self on July 1, Eufemio Saucedo pled guilty to charges of DWI, third offense, a third degree felony, in connection with an April 14 incident. The judgment was signed on July 12.

Terms of the agreement included five year confinement in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for five years, probated to four years of community supervision. He also must pay a \$1,000 fine and \$266.25 in court costs. He also must undergo treatment of not more than a year nor less than six months in a state substance abuse treatment facility.

Eric Shine entered his plea in 64th District Court July 7 with Judge Jack Miller presiding. The judgment was signed on July 16. His plea was in connection with possession of a controlled substance on Feb. 9.

Terms of the agreement included two years confinement in the TDCJ, probated to two years of community supervision; a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$251.25, a donation to the Castro County Crime Line of \$50, and \$140 in restitution to the Dept. of Public Safety; and 200 hours of community service.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	93	63	
Friday	97	66	
Saturday	92	64	.66
Sunday	86	63	
Monday	89	63	
Tuesday	88	62	
Wednesday	90	65	

July Moisture ..... .99  
1999 moisture ..... 19.13

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

## Council awards city farm leases

Leases on farm land owned by the city were approved by the City Council at its Monday night meeting.

A bid for \$2,895.75 from Cary Acker was approved on a parcel of 143 acres east of town. His was the only bid received for this parcel.

Two half-sections of land south of town, one on each side of US 385, will be leased to Maurice Powell for a total of \$20,509.20. Powell's was the high bid. Other bidders were Todd Hatla, Charles Summers, Gary Nutt, Tod Bradley, and the Willis Sisters.

Four council members voted in favor of the lease agreements, with council member Trish Elliott abstaining. Those in favor were Gloria Hernandez, Roy Garza, Charles Richard and Clint Seward. Council member Roger Malone served as Mayor Pro Tempore, since Mayor Wayne Collins was out of town. Council member Lyman Schroeder

was absent.

In another matter, the same four council members voted to seek additional bids on a new vehicle for the Police Dept. and table a decision on the bids that were received. Elliott abstained from the vote. Only one bidder submitted bids. Western Ford of Hereford offered a Ford Crown Victoria with police package for \$22,232.55 in one bid. In another bid, they offered \$1,000 trade-in on a 1988 vehicle, reducing the cost of the new vehicle to \$21,232.55.

Garza inquired where the bids were advertised, and City manager Don Sheffy said advertising was placed in *The Castro County News*. Seward asked whether it might attract more bidders if ads were placed in the Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers.

Garza also suggested that the city sell the 1988 vehicle by seeking bids

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## Miss Hart contest is reset for Friday

Young ladies in Hart will be vying for the crown of Miss Hart during the annual Hart Days celebration.

The Miss Hart pageant will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gymnasium. It was rescheduled from the original date of July 27.

Contestants include Nikki Burress, Dahnice Castillo, Julie Elizabeth Cisneros, Melanie Davis, Geneva L'Shae Finch, Jessica Guerrero, Mallory King, Daisy Marquez, LaCretia Renay Robinson, and Rachel Wall.

They will model formal gowns and sportswear at the pageant, which will be narrated by Stacey Bennett and Christopher George. Also, the girls will have a meeting with pageant judges at a tea Friday afternoon in the home of Letha Key.

Last year's Miss Hart, Valerie Key, will crown the new winner. In addition, the participants themselves will

vote for a "Miss Congeniality."

The winner will receive gifts from local businesses and will ride in the parade Saturday, July 31.

B.J. Jones will coordinate this year's pageant. Stage decorations will be by JJ's Art, Gifts and Floral.

During the pageant, the "Simply Irresistible" event will be held, with local youngsters invited to parade across the stage. Those interested in participating may call Gayla Myrick at 938-2131.

This is not a contest, but an opportunity to show off 'the apple of your eye,' an event organizer said, adding that there will be no judging of any kind. Any child under the age of 3 will need someone to walk across the stage with them.

Burress is sponsored by Central Plains Spraying. She is the daughter

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FIRE ENGINE RED looks good on the old paint chipped fire hydrants around town. Pictured from left, Ester Velasquez, Clarissa Herrera, Bridgette Velasquez, Yvette Ellis, Teresa Carrasco, Melissa Ruiz and several other girls paint this hydrant—located on South Hwy 385 across from Dairy Queen in Dimmitt—while a group of boys

painted hydrants across town. The project to repaint the city's fire hydrants was part of the Summer Quest program, sponsored by Catholic Family Services. As of Friday, according to CFS sponsor Edna Tucker, the groups were half-way done, still lacking over a 100 hydrants left to paint.

Photo by Monica Ortiz



PIECE BY PIECE—The new water tower in southeast Dimmitt is being constructed by Caldwell Tanks of Louisville, Ky. The completed structure will hold 115,000 gallons. Henry Vernon, head of the work crew, said the crane will lift 14,000 pounds of steel when the "crown" is put on the tank.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Obituaries



## Callie Mae Daniel

Funeral services for Callie Mae Daniel, 83, of Dimmitt, are to be held today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Melvin Walker of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt. Pallbearers will be Terry March, Billy Ray Thomas Sr., Robert Ewing, Jerry Thomas, Billy Ray Thomas Jr. and Roy Thomas Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be sons, grandsons and son-in-laws.

Mrs. Daniel died July 17 at 9:43 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born May 2, 1916, in Addison.

She moved to Childress where she met and married Matthew "Mack" Daniel in 1950. They later moved to Dimmitt. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Her husband preceded her in death on June 20, 1993.

Survivors include two sons, Rev. Johnny Hubbard of Dallas and Matthew Daniel, Jr. of Warner Robins, GA; six daughters, Minnie Coffey, Deloris Burns, Mary Holmes and Dorothy James, all of Dallas, and Wanda Thomas and Carolyn McDonald of Dimmitt; one brother, Elijah Thomas of Dallas; one sister, Minnie Moody of Dallas; 42 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, 11 great great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Felix Fetsch

Funeral services for Felix Fetsch of Hereford were held Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Msgr. Orvil Blum officiating. Burial was at Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Hereford.

He died July 17 at Lake Kemp following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Fetsch was born Aug. 30, 1919, at Rhineland, the son of Ferdinand and Hedwig Fetsch. He moved to Hereford in 1982.

He married Wilhemine Albus in 1946 at Pep.

He served in the Army Corps during WWII and fought overseas for 18 months. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Hereford VFW and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, three sons and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Lewis, David and Ronald Fetsch, all of Hereford; five daughters, Mildred Birkenfeld and Judy Lange, both of Nazareth, Pauline George of Dimmitt, Regina Weeg of Canyon and Dorothy Schwertner of Dumas; three brothers, Leo Fetsch of Rhineland, Paul Fetsch of Muenster and Fidelis Fetsch of Lake Kemp; three sisters, Angie Albus and Mary Albus of Pep and Ann Krahula of Duncan, Okla.; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the St. Anthony's School endowment fund.

## H. Dewitt Seago

Funeral services for H. Dewitt Seago, 83, of Arlington, the brother of Mattie Seale of Dimmitt, were held July 12 at New World United Methodist Church in Arlington. Burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens under direction of Moore Funeral Home of Arlington.

Mr. Seago died July 8 in Arlington.

He was born Jan. 7, 1916 in Post. He graduated from high school in Dalhart and was sent from Central First United Methodist Church with a call to the ministry in the late 1930s. He graduated from McMurry College in Abilene in 1940, and from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1942. He served 13 churches in the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. In 1965, he received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from McMurry University. He was a Mason in the Floyddada Lodge No. 712. He served on the board of the Methodist Home in Waco.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Kirk Seago.

Survivors include a son, Robert Seago; three daughters, Carolyn Risse, Cathryn vonEnde, and Linda Connor; a brother, W. Arthur Seago; two sisters, Mattie Seale of Dimmitt and Opal Baker; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Letter

# Parent is very thankful for caring support of strangers

Dear Editor:

Early in the morning of July 4, returning home with three friends from New Braunfels, four young men were taking turns sleeping and driving. Through an unfortunate accident, one of the boys died when he fell from the vehicle.

In the middle of the night, miles from home and family, and unable to get anyone to stop and help, these three young men covered their friend to keep him warm and talked to him as he lost his life.

Finally a young couple from Corpus Christi, Jeff and Gwen S., stopped to help, calling 911 for the Highway Patrol. In this day and age, I'm sure there was some degree of hesitation on the part of this couple, since there was no accident or wrecked vehicle in sight. But stop they did, offering much needed support. They stayed with these young men, allowing them each several

calls to their parents on their mobile phone. Before leaving, this couple gave the boys \$20 to make sure they had telephone money to stay in touch with their parents through the rest of the night.

The Highway Patrolman, Robert Bailey, who responded to the scene was like the young couple—remarkable in his treatment of the boys. He assured this parent that our boys were well and free to leave, but emotionally exhausted. He suggested a place for them to wait until their parents could get there. He also assured me that no alcohol or speeding caused this accident. Mr. Bailey also checked on our sons several times during their four-hour wait on us. Mr. Bailey has also called and asked

about the boys this week.

Working in hospitals for many years, I have seen the fears of victims and families, and, too often, the indifference, impatience and unconcern, if not outright disrespectful jokes and abusive name-calling, from law men and health care workers.

I thank God that Mr. Bailey was the patrol officer that night and that the couple from Corpus Christi were there when our sons were in need.

The loving support of the family of the young man lost, the assistance they received during that long night, and the strength of our community will help our sons to survive and hopefully give us the courage to assist someone else in the future.

DONNA CHARANZA

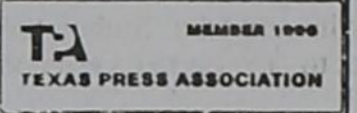
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The first commercial valentines were made in the early 1800s.

Valentine's Day was the day when, according to an ancient tradition, the birds chose their mates for the year.

### Last Puzzle Solution

## More about City council . . .

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on it. Elliott commented that the vehicle probably would not bring \$1,000, and it might be better to take the trade-in allowance on it.

Garza notified the other council members that he intends to introduce a resolution at the next council meeting that would require the city to seek bids on anything the city sells in the future, whether real or personal property.

In other business, the council held a final reading on the annexation of the Todd Miller property along Butler Boulevard. It was approved.

Also, the council had the first hearing on the annexation of property belonging to Ben Scott and Bill Lee south of Dimmitt on "Cemetery Road."

Sheffy said it will be "a simple matter" to run the water line to the properties. He said sewer service will not be initiated at this time. He told the council that the properties are already surveyed with an alleyway allowed at the back of the property.

In his manager's report, Sheffy told the council that the city hall has received new computers that are Y2K compliant. City Secretary Betty McClure told the council that there "were a few minor kinks" at first, but added that everything is running smoothly now.

Sheffy said that work on cleaning up city alleyways is continuing, and work crews make a complete circuit of the city about every three weeks. He said property owners who have items that need disposal should make an effort to take them to the dump themselves if at all possible.

He said that property owners should remember to cut up any trees or branches that need hauled off. He said the pieces should not be any longer than 4 feet for easier handling.

## Cox earns service ribbon

T.J. Cox, son of Billy Cox of Dimmitt, recently received notification that he will receive the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

The service ribbon will be the first he has been awarded during his tenure in the US Navy. He serves aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*, and is being deployed to Australia.

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### ACROSS

1 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_ the seams" (poor eyesight)  
5 "The \_\_\_ Ranger"  
6 ex-TX Railroad commiss. Guerrero  
7 UT's "Big Bertha"  
8 Santa \_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge  
9 metal cutters  
17 TXism: "beller"  
19 TXism: "move 'em into \_\_\_" (bury)  
21 Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek  
22 TXism: "skinny as a \_\_\_"  
23 a cowboy's bolo  
24 TXism: "got \_\_\_ as big as Texas" (kind)  
30 TXism: "if he says giddyup, \_\_\_ go" (mean)  
34 Dallas from Houston  
35 TX "Angel" Fawcett  
36 TXism: "a \_\_\_ knocker" (scary)  
37 football \_\_\_-toss  
39 TXism: "never \_\_\_" (unseen)  
43 TX victim of the Manson "family"  
44 \_\_\_ beef  
45 TXism: "\_\_\_ long" (good-bye)  
46 TXism: "\_\_\_ in his ways" (stubborn)  
47 TX Kenny's "Love Will \_\_\_ You Around"  
48 LBJ's TX AG Ramsey (init.)

### DOWN

1 TXism: "can ride \_\_\_ & dance all night" (stamina)  
2 Cascade Caverns are near this town  
3 TAAS test is given \_\_\_ to TX school students  
4 eleven Cowboys or five Spurs  
9 TX \_\_\_ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"  
10 TX King Vidor's "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Tree"  
11 outer garment  
12 do needle work  
13 make a choice

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50 TXism: "come \_\_\_ the seams"  
53 '92 Miss TX: \_\_\_ Parker  
54 Travis: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_ retreat"  
55 minstrel instruments at TX Renaissance Festival  
56 Boerne's Agricultural Heritage Center has antique farm \_\_\_  
59 TX Bush's nat. security adviser Scowcroft  
60 Grand \_\_\_ Opry

14 higher learning in Amarillo (abbr.)  
15 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a half \_\_\_" (dumb)  
16 seat of Hutchinson Co.  
18 TX B.J. Thomas' "New An Old Lover" ('85)  
20 Cowntown: "Foot Wuth, I Luv \_\_\_"  
24 Spindletop driller: Capt. \_\_\_ Lucas  
25 TX \_\_\_ Ketchum sang "Small Town Saturday Night"  
26 USS Texas period: Dreadnaught \_\_\_

38 TX Henley Eagles' "Take \_\_\_"  
40 TXism: "a hankerin'"  
41 first TX forest ('24): \_\_\_ Siecke  
42 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_" (an eye chart)  
49 Crystal Beach hosts "TX \_\_\_ Festival"  
51 uncle's "better half"  
52 66 through the panhandle (abbr.)  
57 TXs Seals & \_\_\_  
58 TX Crystal Bernard role on "Wings"

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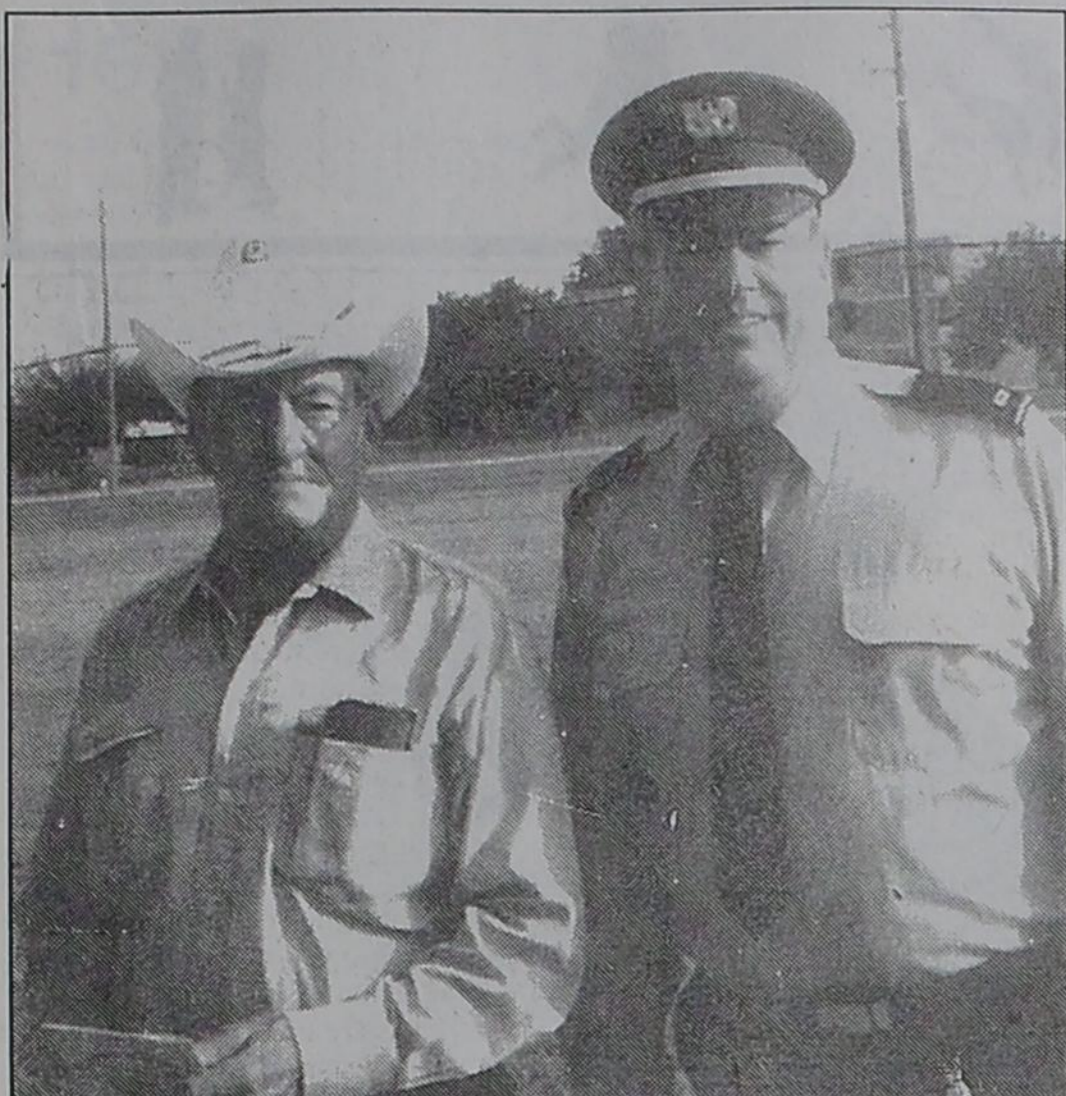
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**RETIREMENT**—Chief Warrant Officer III Tommy Stubblefield (right) retired recently from the US Army and participated in ceremonies held June 28 at Fort Hood at Killeen. Present for the ceremony was his father, Ted Stubblefield (left), and his mother, Sylvia (not shown,) of Dimmitt.

## Stubblefield retires from service

Chief Warrant Officer III Tommy Stubblefield of Killeen, the son of Ted and Sylvia Stubblefield of Dimmitt, retired from the Army and was among those honored in ceremonies June 28 at Fort Hood in Killeen. Mr. and Mrs. Stubblefield were able to attend the ceremonies, as well.

Tommy Stubblefield entered service in 1977. He is a graduate of the Primary, Basic, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officers' Courses, Warrant Officer Basic Course, and Warrant Officer Advanced Course.

His assignments include duty as a supply clerk, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; supply sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Military Police Group, Germany; Advanced Individual Training Instructor, 277th Quartermaster Battalion, Fort Jackson, S.C.; S4 and property book officer, Service Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany; property book officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Postal Group, Germany; property book officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Personnel Command, Germany; S4 and property book officer, Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Okla.; S4 and property book officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Signal Battalion, Saudi Arabia. His final assignment was asset visibility manager, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Com-

mand, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal, 3rd Award; Army Achievement Medal, 2nd Award; Good Conduct Medal, 2nd Award; National Defense Service Medal, 2nd Award; Vietnam Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer professional Development Ribbon, 3rd Award; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon, 2nd Award; and the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal.

He is married to the former Wanda Latham. They have two daughters, two sons and a grandson. They planned to reside in San Antonio following his retirement.

## 4-H plans 'Fun Night' for families

Castro County 4-H'ers are invited to enjoy a picnic at Thompson Park in Amarillo and an evening at Wonderland Amusement Park on Monday.

The 4-H Family Fun Night will be for all Castro County 4-H'ers and their families. Each person visiting Wonderland Amusement Park will be charged \$7. Those attending the picnic are asked to bring sack lunches. The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will furnish drinks.

Those planning to attend should contact the Extension Office at 647-4115.

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to Morris and Chela Wilcox of Nazareth in the sudden death of his father, Johnnie Wilcox, 67, of Deming, N.M., on July 6. Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Deming, and burial was in Deming.

Survivors are his wife, Helen; four children, Frances Laney, Jay Wilcox, Morris Wilcox, Michael Wilcox; and 12 grandchildren.

A bridal shower honoring Melinda Schmucker, bride-elect of Chet Pharies, was held at the home of Mitzie Brockman.

Among the guests were Chet's mother, Donna Pharies of Clovis, N.M., and his grandmother, Abby Hofman of Tucumcari, N.M.; Melinda's mother, Mary Lou Schmucker, and grandmothers Tinie Hoelting and Amy Schmucker. Many relatives and out-of-town friends attended, including some of the Lady Raiders' basketball team.

A bridal shower honoring Amanda Harkins, bride-elect of B.J. Wethington, was held Saturday morning at the home of Jill Ehly.

Among the guests were Amanda's mother, Mae Harkins of Plainview, and her sister, Brandi Haines of New Orleans, La., B.J.'s mother, Lou Wethington, his grandmother Jimmie Schulte, and many other relatives and friends.

Congratulations to Darryl and Azalia Hoelting of Wichita Falls on the birth of a girl, Olivia Isabell, on July 9. She has a big brother, Kyle, 9. Grandparents are Julian and Isabel Duran of Fort Worth and Ronnie and Regina Hoelting of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Mary Gerber.

May Hochstein enjoyed a full house this weekend. Her daughters, Susan Walker of Portland, Ore., and Alice Howren of North Carolina,

*The continents names all end with the same letter with which they start.*

Bob and Suzanne Hochstein of Luling and their three children, Alex and Mona Hochstein of Amarillo and their two boys, Matthew and Bernie Hatla of Amarillo and their daughter all spent the weekend. Also, friends Bob and Norma Sparks of Socorro, N.M., Ken and Toots Lockman of Fordyce, Neb., and Yocasta Reina of Honduras (a 1985 AFS student who lived with May). They all attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Nazareth residents said goodbye to Don and Tonda Wood and their children at a farewell party held at the Nazareth cafeteria. They will be moving to Childress, where both will be employed in the schools. They will be missed by a lot of friends.

Max Acker spent a week in Amarillo at the home of her daughter, Myrtle and H.D. White.

Regina Hoelting spent several days in Austin this past week caring for her 15-month-old twin grandsons, Shane and Jacob, while their afternoon babysitter was on vacation. She also visited her daughter, Rhonda and Barry Boyett and their children while in Austin.

The children of William C. (Jr.) and Catherine Hochstein hosted a celebration for their parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday. The festivities began with a Mass in Holy Family Church, followed by a reception and dance in the Community Hall.

Out-of-town guests included a sister, Geraldine (Aberant) Eckert of San Antonio; her children, Jerry Aberant and son Justin of Dallas; Connie Davis and Michelle of Houston; Tommy Aberant and Sandy of Eric, Penn., and Lorraine Young, her husband Doc and children Alyson and Ashley of San Antonio, children of a sister Rita (Hochstein) Edwards, who is deceased, were Bill Edwards and family of Houston, Kenny, Loretta and Scott of Dripping Springs, and the children of brother Sonny (deceased) and May Hochstein. Catherine's sister, Rosalie and Virgil Davis of Palo Alto, Calif., a brother Gene and Alverna Schacher of Lazbuddie, Ken and Deanna

Lockman of Fordyce, Neb., Bob and Norma Sparks of Socorro, N.M., and numerous relatives and freinds from Nazareth. All had a great time.

The Hochsteins hosted a party Friday night for relatives arriving from out of town and also a breakfast Sunday morning.

Some of the Albert Gerber family gathered at Lake Kemp, near Wichita falls this weekend for our annual reunion. It was a good, fun weekend with lots of boating, swimming, cards, great food and visiting. We still missed those who could not be with us for one reason or another. We also enjoyed having Joel and Mary Beth Gerber, Alex and Erica and Wendy Black joined our family this year.

Prayers are asked for Lori Huseman, Clara Kleman, Marvin Jones, Leonard Gerber, Florine Brockman, Margaret Brockman, Easy Schulte, Rose Hindman, Margaret Womack, Anna Lee, Margaret Birkenfeld, Anna Beth Hoelting, Sue Schneider, Greg Schulte, Trey Johnson, and Karen Schulte, who had back surgery Monday morning in Amarillo.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm spent two weeks in the Northeast. They attended the wedding of Sean Kennavan and Tena Caputi in Atco, N.J. Sean is the son of Betty's sister, Jean. He also is Betty's godson. She was a reader at the wedding mass.

They spent a little time and money in Atlantic City and walked on the famous boardwalk. They said it was kind of a disappointment. From there, they went on to New York City and saw the Statue of Liberty. They drove on to Cape Cod, Mass., and saw much on the way, including Martha's Vineyard. Driving through Connecticut and Rhode Island, they saw lots of beautiful country. From Cape Cod, they drove across Massachusetts and New York to Niagara Falls. It was a most spectacular and unbelievable sight. They also went into Canada for a short visit.

Going south from Niagara Falls, they went into Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland, making many stops along the way, including a number of Civil War battlefields.

At Antietam, they saw a re-enactment of the battle of Antietam on the actual battlefield. They went to Harper's Ferry, where another battlefield is, along with a wax museum of John Brown, who fought for the black slaves and was eventually hanged for fighting for them.

They also went to Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Betsy Ross's house, and Christ Church, where Ben Franklin is buried. They finally got back to Baltimore to fly home.

Two days later, they went to Denver, Colo., to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of their son, Doug.

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## On the Go

There is a space missing from our town. Bill and Dalia Gregory have moved from Maple Street to San Antonio. Their oldest son, Billy, and their youngest son, Blain, both reside in San Antonio, and David and Mary and girls reside in Abilene. The Gregories would enjoy hearing from their Dimmitt neighbors and friends.

Their new address is 3335 Stallion Creek, San Antonio, TX 78247.

There were several families who raised their families at the same time on Maple Street. However, the last few years it has been very quiet. All the children have grown up and started families of their own. There are bicycles and roller skates, Kens and Barbies. There is laughter once again on Maple Street.

The Jasper Proffitts have recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and Bill and Dalia Gregory were able to attend.

Carolyn Linker of Farmers Branch has been visiting her brother, Dwight Joiner. They are tracing their roots. She played bridge with us on Thursday.

The Thursday Bridge Club met and Emily Clingingsmith was the hostess. Carolyn Linker was high scorer and Edith Graef was second.

Deanne Clark was in town Friday and Saturday and several friends 'stopped by the home of the Hopsons for coffee and chatting. Among those were Doris Flynt, Carolyn Jones, Cindy Adams, Leigh and Aubrie Durbin and Carolyn Sides.

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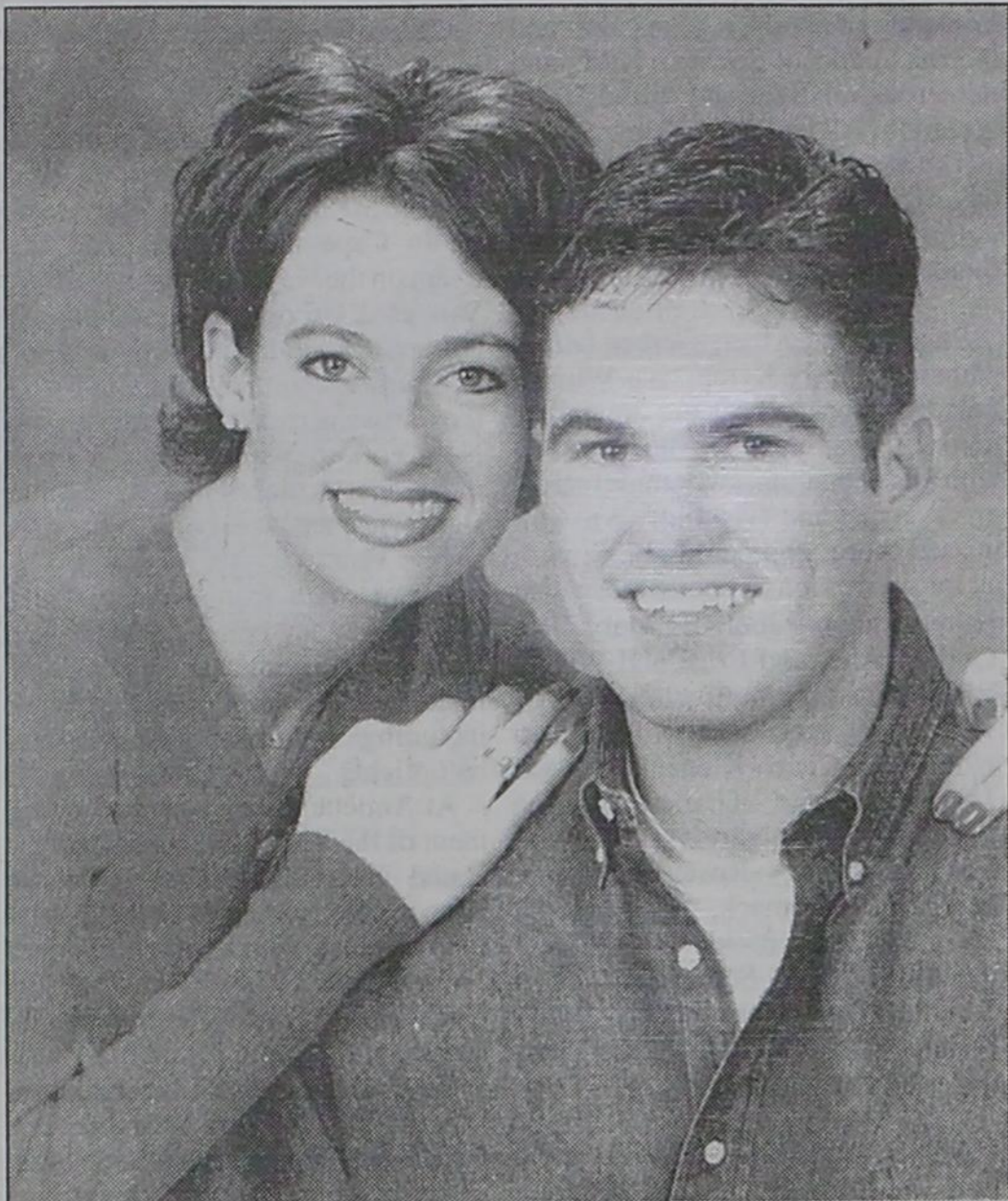
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# People



Tiffany Ellison and Britt Sipe

## Ellison to wed Sipe

Terry and Zelda Ellison of Lockney, and formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Denise, to Brittany Mac Sipe, the son of Mac and Cindy Sipe of Trent.

The pair plan to exchange vows Aug. 7 at the First Baptist Church of Lockney. After the wedding, they plan to reside in Trent.

A 1995 graduate of Lockney High School, the bride-elect has obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from Hardin Simmons University.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Trent High School and is majoring in physical therapy at McMurray University/Hardin Simmons. He is slated to finish in December.

## Hart Church of Christ sets 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Hart Church of Christ is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Aug. 1 at the Hart Elementary gymnasium.

The celebration will start at 9:30 a.m. with a time of fellowship. Doughnuts and beverages will be served.

At 11 a.m. there will be a traditional service with Fred Butler, the first located minister at Hart, providing the lesson. Then the congregation will meet for lunch at the school cafeteria, and then conclude the event at the church building for a time of praise and worship.

During the lunch and the fellowship time, old videos, films and a slide show will be shown, and there will be various memorabilia on display. A history book revisiting the last 50 years also will be on view.

If you would like to join in the celebration, a reservation is required. Reservations may be made by contacting Aaron Lee at 938-2267.

The church began in 1949 with the Felders, the Reeds, the Coles and the Stones, who desired to meet together as Christians in the small community

of Hart, according to information from Lee. They met in the old telephone building and continued for several years. The church discontinued for a short time and reunited officially in 1953 with about 40 members.

"The Christians met in the school until the building was finished on June 23, 1953," according to Lee. "Since then a parsonage, classrooms and auditorium additions have been made to the property."

"The Lord has worked many wonders through the people of the Hart Church of Christ over the last 50 years, and it is our dream that He will continue to do so for another 50 years."

## 4-H'ers asked to return form

Castro County 4-H'ers are asked to fill out new enrollment forms if they haven't done so within the past three months.

The new 4-H year officially begins on Sept. 1 and the completed forms will allow Extension staff to update their records.

4-H'ers must complete a new card for each club in which he or she is a member.

## Fashion Follies will be Sept. 25

The 1999 District 2 4-H Fashion Follies will be held Sept. 25 at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock and all Junior 4-H'ers are urged to participate.

4-H'ers may model either home-sewn or purchased clothing. For complete rules about the event, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

"This is not a judged contest; it is a clothing event," Neal said.

The District 2 4-H is also looking for four Senior 4-H'ers to serve as narrators for the Fashion Follies.

Applicants must be 14 years of age and be able to be present at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock on Sept. 25.

Those interested in serving as a narrator should contact Neal for an application. You will need to make an audio tape using a sample narration. Tapes and application must be returned to Neal by Aug. 1.

## 4-H banquet slated Aug. 2

Castro County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their achievements on Aug. 2 during the annual 4-H achievement banquet.

This year's banquet will be held in Dimmitt and hosts for the banquet will be the Flagg 4-H Club and Castro County Horse Club.

Those planning to attend the banquet should contact the Extension Office at 647-4115 by Monday. Tickets for the event may be picked up between Monday and July 30 at the Extension Office.

## Methodist VBS to start Monday

Youngsters from the age of 3 years up through the sixth grade are invited to join a "safari" on a "jungle journey" during a Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, starting Monday and continuing through July 30.

Youngsters attending each day's school from 9 to 11:30 a.m. will be able to take part in several activities including "Christ's Kid's Crafts," "Safari Expedition Sites," "Rain Forest Music," and "Jungle Snacks."

Transportation will be available for those requiring a ride to and from the school, and those who require a ride should call 647-4106 between 8:30 and 9 a.m. each morning.

## Applications due for local 4-H awards

4-H'ers have until Tuesday to apply for the county Silver Star and Gold Star awards, which will be presented during the 4-H banquet on Aug. 2.

Those applying for the awards will be interviewed by a selection committee today (Thursday).

The Silver Star, Gold Star and I Dare You Awards are the highest county achievement awards given by 4-H.

These awards will be presented to the three most deserving young persons.

The Silver Star recipient must be under 15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year and must have completed at least three years in 4-H, including the current year.

The Gold Star and I Dare You recipients must be at least 15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year, and they also must have completed at least three years in 4-H.



MR. AND MRS. LEE BRADLEY  
... She's the former Cindy Rountree Lytle.

## Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley establish Hereford home

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley are at home in Hereford after a honeymoon trip to Lubbock following their July 10 wedding.

The double-ring ceremony was held at 2 p.m. in the E.B. Black House in Hereford with Rev. Randy Bird officiating.

The bride is the former Cindy Rountree Lytle of Hereford, the daughter of Mary Lou Rountree of Amarillo and the late Winston Rountree. The groom is the son of Irene Bradley of Dimmitt and the late Weldon Bradley.

The bride was given in marriage by Dr. Zachary Smith, her son-in-law.

She was attended by her daughter, Sheri Lytle Smith of Lamesa, as matron of honor. Serving as best man was Justin Bradley of Lazbuddie, the son of the groom.

Flowergirls were Ashton and Bailee Bradley of Lazbuddie and Aimee George of Dimmitt, granddaughters of the groom; and Jesslyn and Caitlan Smith of Lamesa and

Brennan and Meggan Lytle of Amarillo, granddaughters of the bride.

Grandsons of the groom served as ring bearers—Tanner George of Dimmitt and Caullen Bradley of Lazbuddie.

Ushers were Dr. Zachary Smith of Lamesa, son-in-law of the bride, and Jack George of Dimmitt, son of the groom.

A reception was held at the historic home following the ceremony. Serving cake and punch were Maggi Lytle of Amarillo, daughter-in-law of the bride, and Kassi Bradley of Lazbuddie and Heather George of Dimmitt, daughters-in-law of the groom.

Members of the houseparty included Liz Sams and Phoebe Sams, both of Canyon, Wadena Cogburn of Stephenville, Donna Bownds of Sundown and Sharon Cox of Lazbuddie.

The bride is employed by Circle Three Feedyard, Inc., in Hereford, and the groom is employed by George Nelson Trucking of Dimmitt.

## Fair group plans 'fun carnival'

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Castro County Fair Association are hoping to organize a "Fun Carnival" to be held during this year's Castro County Harvest Days celebration, and they are asking for local civic clubs and other organizations to sponsor children's games.

The Harvest Days celebration will be held Sept. 11 this year.

Those who would like to sponsor a children's game may select from a variety such as a fishing pond, ring toss, balloon burst, etc., according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

"If you would like to sponsor one of these as a fundraiser at the fair, please get in touch with me at the Chamber (647-2524)," Sava said. "We are planning an outside section for activities such as these. It would be an excellent opportunity for your

club to make a few dollars and it will provide some fun things for the kids to do."

Those who are planning to reserve a regular booth space for commercial ventures during the fair should also contact Sava as soon as possible.

Prices for commercial booths are \$35 for a space inside the Expo Building and \$25 for all other spaces. Those who require electricity in their booths will be charged an extra \$5.

The word "dictionary" comes from the medieval Latin word *dictionarium*, which in turn came from the Latin *dictio*, meaning "saying."

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### FALL ENROLLMENT at Pybus Christian School!

You are invited to a visitation for parents only on Thursday, July 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please bring a copy of your children's current shot records and a completed copy of the enrollment form you received in the mail.

Enrolling two, three and four-year-olds now. Classes starting Aug. 12. If you are interested and not already enrolled, please contact Cheryle Pybus at 647-4226 or Shawn Sheffy at 647-4779.

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Hereford 10K run set

A 10-kilometer run, two-mile fun run and two-mile walk have been scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA...

Entry forms for the event are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. All participants submitting paid entries to the Hereford YMCA by July 31 will receive a free running cap.

Completed entry forms should be sent with payment to Race Director, Hereford & Vicinity YMCA, 500 East 15th St., Hereford 79045.

Divisions for the 10-K race include men's and women's 13-and-under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 & over. The two-mile run and two-mile walk are separated into three categories: open men's,

open women's and wheelchair.

Awards will be presented in each division for each race. First-place winners in each division of the 10-K and two-mile run will receive a duffel bag and medal. Second- and third-place winners will receive medals. Those who finish the two-mile fun walk will receive ribbons.

For more information about the races, contact the YMCA at (806) 364-6990.

Project record forms due soon

4-H'ers who did not complete a record book this year may still be recognized at the 4-H achievement banquet if they complete a project record form and return it to the Extension Office by 5 p.m. on Monday.

The project record form is similar to a record book; however, it does not contain as many details.

If you would like some help in filling out the form or if you need a copy, call and visit with County Extension Agents Benny Martinez or Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

Street dance slated during '99 Hart Days

The 1999 Hart Days celebration will wind down with a street dance beginning at 8 p.m. on July 31 on the parking lot east of Hale County State Bank at Hart.

Hart senior Marcos Flores will serve as disc jockey for the dance, and he invites those attending the dance to bring their favorite CDs. He will play a variety of music including country, R&B and Tejano.

No admission will be charged for the dance, but donations will be accepted, with proceeds going to the Hart Days Fund.

DISD athletes are reminded to get physical

Dimmitt students planning on participating in athletics during the coming year must have a medical physical before they will be allowed to play, and those exams will be offered soon.

Physicals are required for boys and girls entering the seventh and ninth grades, according to Dimmitt coaches.

Physicals were offered for boys on Wednesday (July 28) and today (Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Girls may obtain their physical on Monday, Aug. 2, or Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Cost for each physical is \$10.



Jasper and Nell Proffitt

Proffitts observe 50th anniversary

Jasper and Nell Proffitt of Cedar Park, and formerly of Dimmitt, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27 at the Plantation House in Plugerville...

The couple met while attending high school in Hico. They married on June 26, 1949, in Levelland at the Austin Street Church of Christ. Never leaving their Texas heritage, they have lived in Hico, Levelland, Dimmitt, Lubbock, and Ropesville before moving to Round Rock. They have resided in Cedar Park since 1983.

businesses—Jasper's Pest Control and Nell's Windo and Decor.

With music from the '40s playing in the background, 250 guests observed displays of the wedding gown, the groom's suit and other collections of memories which enhanced the celebration.

Honoring the couple were their children, Teena and Chet Chidester of Leander, Barton and Lisa Proffitt of Ropesville, and Penny and Mark Billingsley of Leander. Grandchildren Chris, Zach and Meghan McDonald; Johnathan and Cornie Proffitt; and Elizabeth and Erica Billingsley assisted by serving cake and punch and handing out "thank you" scrolls to guests.

Follies set Aug. 21-22

The annual production of the Follies will be Aug. 21-22 this year, according to Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava said he currently has scripts available for this year's show, and those interested in performing may pick up a script at any time at the Chamber office.

For more information about the Follies, contact Sava at 647-2524.

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Alex and Maria Mendoza of Friona are the parents of a baby boy, Alex Mendoza Jr., born July 4 at 10:13 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 inches long...

Faustino and Maria Porras of Dimmitt are the parents of Faustino Porras III, who was born July 7 at 8:37 a.m. the infant weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long...

OUT OF TOWN

Deidra and Michael Poore of Fresno, Calif., are the parents of a baby boy, Zackary Michael, born June 24 at 9:55 p.m. in Fresno. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long...

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## Magician to perform at Hart Days

A magic act will entertain young and old alike on Wednesday (July 28) as part of the annual Hart Days celebration.

Monte Holder, a magician from Lubbock who is a member of the "West Texas Wizards" will perform starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School Gym.

Advance tickets for the show are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Holder, who performs under the stage name of Montgomery, has been interested in magic since he was 10 years old. According to Holder, "anyone can perform a trick, but in order to perform magic, an entertainer must have the right combination of skill, stage presence and personality."

Holder has traveled and performed with such well-known magicians as Max Armstrong and Fred and Ann Story.

## Tulia Yard Tour reset

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Tour is to be held by the Women's Division of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until noon, weather permitting. The original Yard Tour was rained out July 10.

Yards that will be on the tour are Bueal Lee and June Thompson at 212 Buffalo Trail; Marie Rogers at 312 N. Arthur and Dennis and Linda Foster in the Claytonville area. The Foster home, which has undergone remodeling and redecorating, will also be open for the tour.

A breakfast brunch will be served in the yard of Bueal Lee and June Thompson and will consist of a variety of homemade breads, fruit, orange juice and coffee.

Tickets for the event can be purchased for \$5 from any member of the Women's Division of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lana Barnett at 995-2296. Tickets left will also be sold at the gate to any of the yards on tour. Strollers will not be allowed.

## Acts sought for variety show in Hart

If you can sing, dance, act, play the piano or other instrument, or just enjoy entertaining people, your talents are needed for the Hart Days Variety Show.

The show will be held July 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Elementary School gym. Admission to the show is by donation and proceeds will go to the Hart Days Committee Pavilion Fund, which is currently up to about \$6,000.

Several have already agreed to perform in the show, according to co-coordinator Rachel Wall.

Kyle Johnson and Trent Barnes, both of Hart, will each play the piano and Lindsey George of Hart will twirl a baton. Those planning to sing are soloists Vivian Bennett of Hart, Bill Sava of Dimmitt and Courtney Shofner of Lamesa; and the duo of Willie and Barbara Finch of Hart. Nikki Burress of Hart will read poetry and Terry Sue Earley of Hart will play the violin.

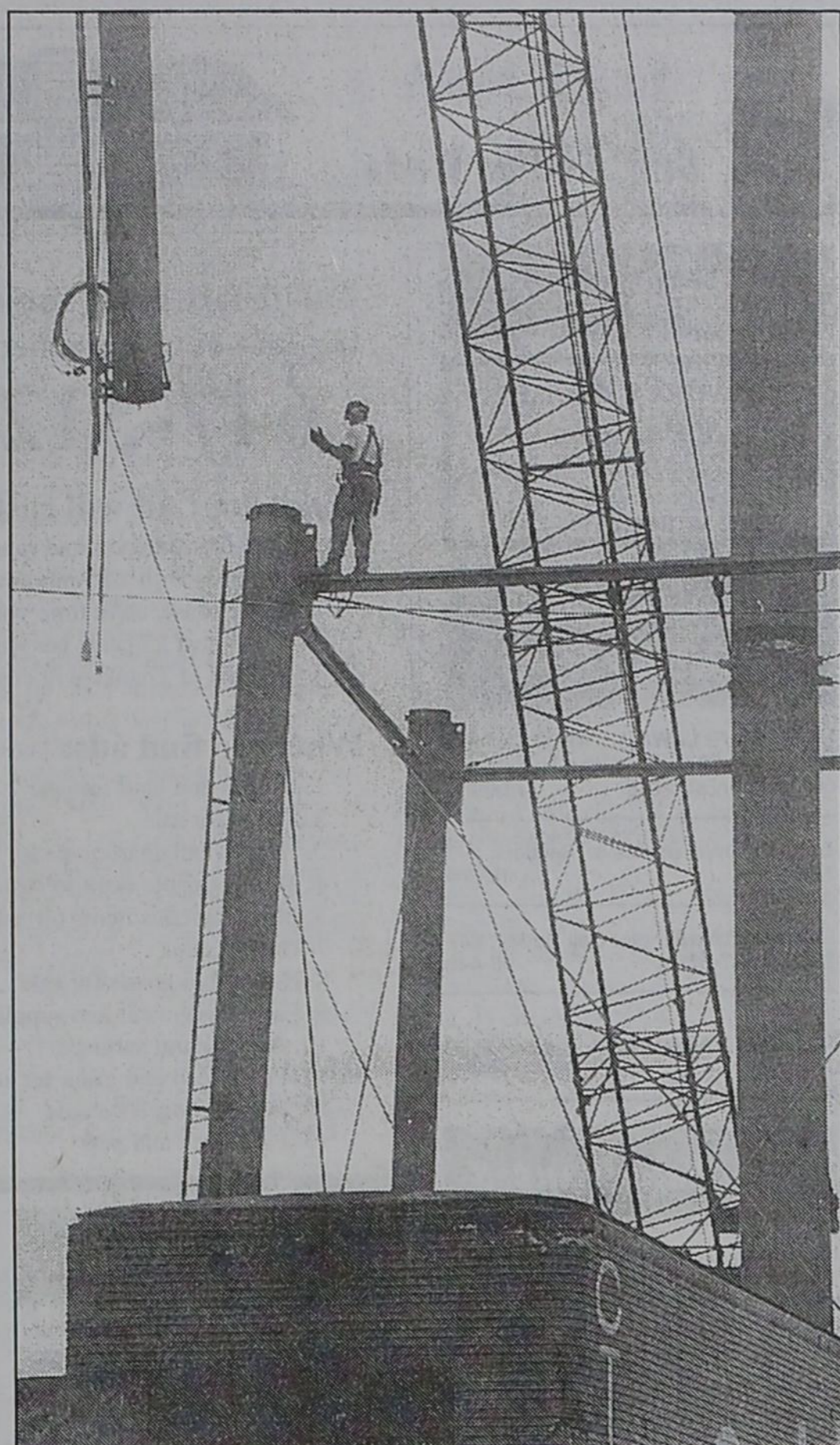
Those interested in performing for the show should call *The Hart Beat* at 938-2640.

## Enercon factory opens in Hereford

Tom Clarke, president of Panhandle Enercon Inc. of Hereford recently announced the opening of a new factory that will produce structural insulated panels (SIPs) for residential and commercial buildings in the tri-state area.

The factory, located at 102 Bartlett in Hereford, will employ 15 people with projections of 2,000 panels to be produced annually.

Clarke said that SIPs have a 40% to 60% savings on heating and cooling compared to similar, traditional stud structures with fiberglass insulation. He said they also have greater strength and durability and have proven superior in structural strength, even in tornadoes and earthquakes.



CALDWELL TANKS is working on erecting the new water tower for Dimmitt. It is located just east of the Expo Building. The legs were set Tuesday and the tank was raised Wednesday. Here a worker guides a leg section into place. The next step will be putting a special coating on the structure and then painting it. The tank is actually a reconditioned tank the city purchased with the help of a grant. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## VBS starts Monday at Lee Street Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt, starting Monday and continuing through July 30, with classes and activities slated for children age 4 through sixth grade.

"Everyone is invited to join us on an expedition to a 'mountain-top' experience," said Jeff Addison, minister.

Sessions will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening at the church building at 410 Southwest Second.

The theme is "Mount Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge," and activities will include

missions, crafts, recreation, refreshments and music, in addition to adventure-filled Bible stories.

On the Friday ending the school, there will be a special Worship Rally starting at 6:30 p.m., and parents of the participants are invited to attend. Students will be presented with certificates afterward, then everyone is invited to participate in a "fun fair" and enjoy free hot dogs and soft drinks.

Anyone wanting more information or needing transportation may call 647-5474.

# Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors met July 14 and approved the 43-year-old organization's FY 1999-2000 operating budget.

The PCG Board approved a budget totaling \$491,545.05 to cover the organization's legislative, research and promotional activities for the coming year.

Other items discussed by the PCG Board, which was convened for its regular quarterly meeting, included the status of boll weevil eradication efforts in the High Plains, an update on crop insurance reform and the ongoing ag economic crisis.

During the meeting PCG Board members interacted with Jimmy Clark from House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest's staff and with Lindy Patton, Executive Director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Patton discussed a number of issues related to the start of eradication programs in the Northwest Plains, Western High Plains and Permian Basin zones. He noted that it was a big job to get three different programs going in an area, and that, in conjunction with the start of eradication in the Northern Rolling Plains, some 2.5 million acres of cotton would be starting programs in the fall of 1999.

Patton also answered questions about the implementation of the compliance certificate program through which liens, which have always been a part of the law authorizing assessment collections, would be enforced in order to collect unpaid assessments.

Patton noted that there were a couple of reasons why the compliance certificate program was developed as a method to enforce TBWEF's ability to collect unpaid assessments.

First and foremost, Patton said, was the demand from producers that some mechanism be developed to insure that all producers pay their assessments and keep the new programs in healthy financial positions.

Secondly, he said the Texas Legislature, which appropriated some \$75 million in emergency and direct appropriations for cost-share assistance in active boll weevil eradication zones, also wanted assurances that the programs being funded with state money continued to operate with full producer support.

Patton noted that the proposed rules for the compliance certificate program would not prevent or impede the marketing of cotton. He

explained that the program will require that producers who have not paid assessments be issued checks made jointly to the grower and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, which oversees assessment collections, when they sell their cotton. The regulation will not affect producers who have paid their assessments by scheduled due dates and will cease to affect producers as soon as the TBWEF receives full payment of the outstanding assessment.

Patton further explained that TDA will endorse any checks issued jointly under the statute after the outstanding assessments are paid.

Further information about the compliance certificate program can be obtained from the TBWEF or the TDA.

A representative of House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest reported that the crisis situation that exists in agriculture is well known in Washington and that Congressional action to try and relieve the situation will probably get started in earnest this September.

Combest aide Jimmy Clark told members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors that awareness of agriculture and its prob-

lems is at the highest point he had seen in many years and that Congressional action will be forthcoming later in the summer. He noted that a number of key items will very likely make their way into any future disaster or economic assistance package.

He noted that restoration of Step 2 funds, while not likely to improve farm level cotton prices more than a few cents, would be a key ingredient to the eventual solution since the programs main benefit was encouraging the marketing of cotton instead of forcing producers to hold the crop waiting for a better price or forfeiting the cotton to the government loan program.

Another top priority of PCG is the removal of burdensome payment limitations on Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains. Clark noted that changing the rules for LDP payment limitations would be important and that Chairman Combest was looking at several different ways to attack that particular problem.

Clark concluded that Chairman Combest and the rest of the House Ag Committee was committed to developing some form of supplemental income assistance as well as continuing to pursue significant crop insurance reform.

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# Police Calls

Frank Mendoza of Dimmitt told deputies last week that someone had vandalized the former "Back to the '50s" building on the east edge of Dimmitt, spray painting profanity and gang-related slogans on the interior of the building. Also, on Friday, Mendoza reported that four gallons of paint and a box of floor tiles were taken from the building.

Caesar Castillo of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that someone took an AM/FM and CD player and a box with two 12-inch speakers, valued at a total of \$250, from his pickup at his home in the 500 block of Southwest Third.

Oscar Velasquez of Amarillo told police Sunday afternoon that someone took a cellular phone valued at \$100 from his pickup while it was parked in the 400 block of West Belsher.

An employee of the Fast Stop store in Dimmitt told police Sunday night that someone drove off with a gas pump hose, damaging the hose.

An employee at Allsup's told police last Thursday morning that someone left without paying for \$10-worth of gasoline.

Early Saturday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense, and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

Friday morning, Christopher Reyes told police that a dog bit him on his

right leg.

Friday night, a 19-year-old Clovis, N.M., man was jailed for failing to do his duty when he struck a fixture on the roadway, a Class B Misdemeanor. Damage to the fixture was estimated at over \$200.

Late Friday night, a Dimmitt man, 21, was jailed for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jailed on warrants or other court matters during the past week were:

—Last Thursday, a Hereford man, 22, serving after court on charges of DWI, second offense; and a Dimmitt man, 25, on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, bond surrender.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 59, serving after court on charges of DWI, third or more; and a 34-year-old Dimmitt man on a judgment of bond forfeiture, stemming from possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt woman, 19, on a warrant for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

—Monday, a 26-year-old Hereford man on a Deaf Smith County warrant for theft over \$20 and under \$500.

## More about

### Miss Hart contest is reset ...

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of Van Burress and the granddaughter of Loyd Burress, and she is a senior at HHS.

Castillo is the daughter of Elizar and Brenda Castillo. A sophomore at HHS, she is being sponsored by Ed Harris Lumber Co.

Cisneros, a junior at Hart High School, is the daughter of Raul and Ildelfonsa Cisneros. Her sponsor is Lowe's Pay-n-Save.

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Guerrero is being sponsored by Insurance Solutions. The daughter of Felipe and Martha Guerrero, she is a sophomore at HHS.

King is the daughter of Matt and Linda King. She is a freshman at HHS. Her sponsor is Bennett Farms.

Marquez is a junior at HHS, and she is the daughter of Emerterio and Maria Marquez. Her sponsor is the Longhorn Diner.

Robinson, sponsored by Cargill Grain Division, is a junior at HHS.

She is the daughter of Donald and Pat Robinson.

Wall is sponsored by *The Hart Beat*. A senior at HHS, she is the daughter of Don and Neoma Williams and the late Mike Wall.

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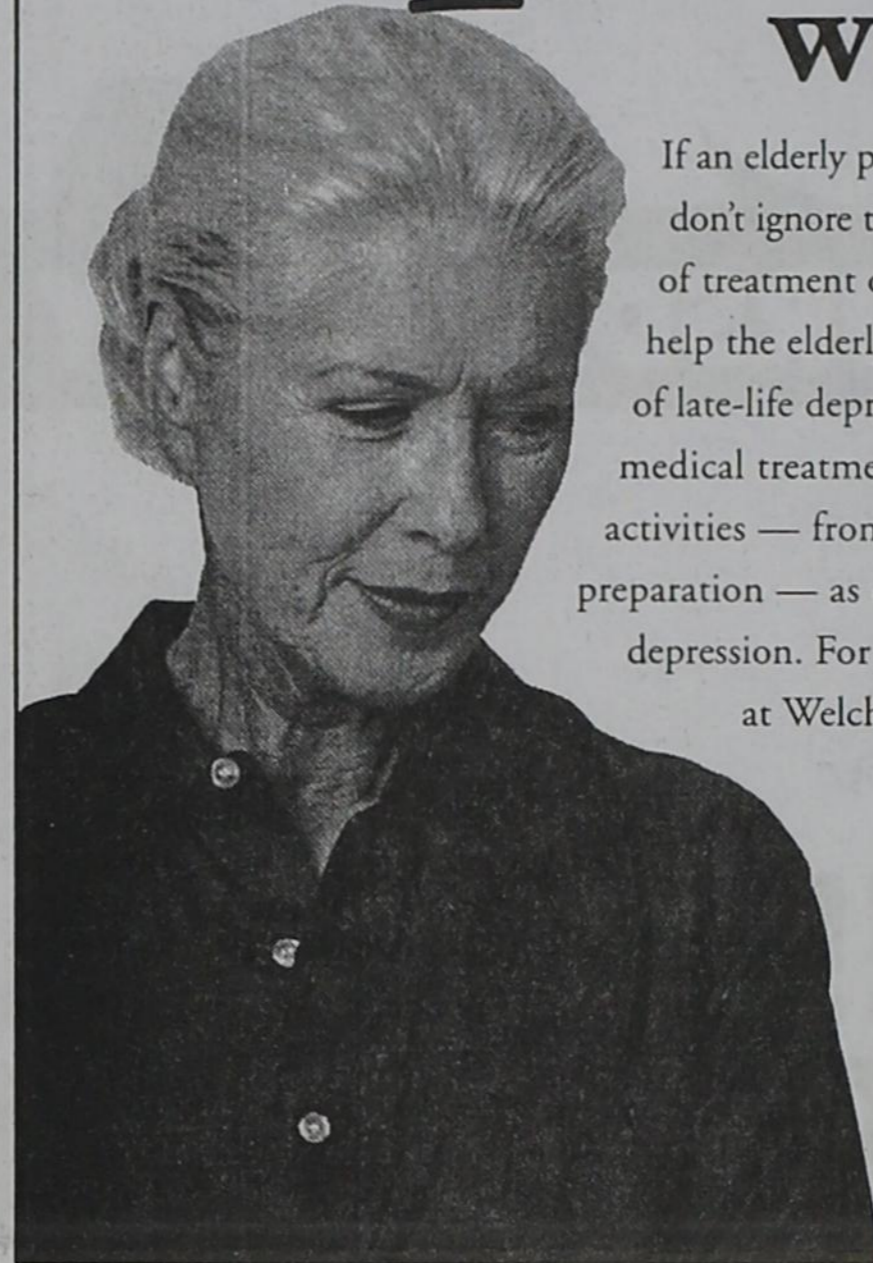
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