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By Don Nelson

We installed a new computer last week that's a real "cruncher."

If you're interested in tech-specs, it's a Dell with a 200MHz Pentium microprocessor, MMX technology, a 3.2 gigabyte hard drive, 512K cache, 32MB of RAM, 4MB PCI video board, 12X IDE CD-ROM drive and all kinds of other electronic, software and stereo goodies.

Nope, it isn't the old man's. It's Linda Maxwell's.

In addition to performing the usual word-processing and graphics functions, this monster will take over many of our darkroom operations. With the help of digital scanners and a program called Photoshop, it will convert photos and negatives into screened prints ready for the press.

I'm at the bottom of the computer chain around here. Until now, everyone in the office had a "power computer" except me. I've been plugging along for years with the last of our old XT-type computers and a powerful but non-friendly program that I learned to use when our paper became the first in this region to switch to total computer production.

My computer needs aren't very demanding because I don't do much of the fancy stuff. To me, my office computer is mainly just another typesetting machine—as were the Linotype machine and manual typewriter (both now obsolete) and the electric typewriter (which I still keep around and use).

Whatever machinery you use, putting words and ideas on paper still requires the same mental process that's as old as written language. So I was happy with my old computer. It did the job I wanted it to do.

But with the installation of the new gee-whiz computer, I have inherited Linda's "old" one—which uses the Windows 95 operating system and the WordPerfect word-processing program.

These Windows programs, with all their bells and whistles, are very powerful. And they're supposed to be easier to use.

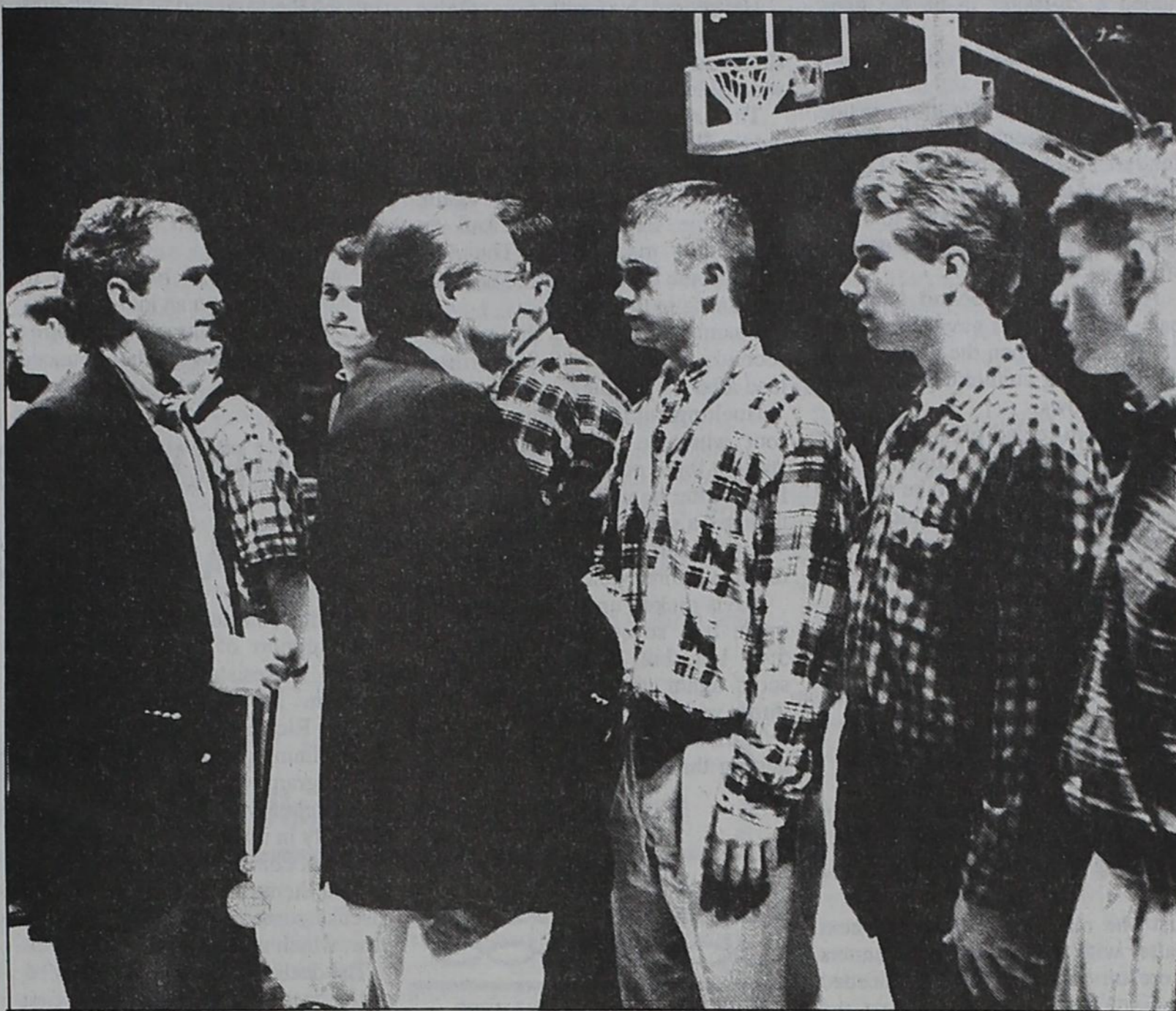
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TEXAS GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH (left) and Texas Speaker Pete Laney congratulate the Nazareth Swifts as they present them with silver medals Saturday morning at the Frank Erwin Center in

Austin. The Swifts fell to Wortham, 50-42, in the Class A state championship game. Bush and Laney presented trophies and medals to all state champions and runners-up in the state basketball tournament.

Photo by Anne Acker

Naz falls in finals, 50-42

Wortham squashes Swifts' hopes for state championship

By ANNE ACKER

Crushed. Disappointed. Frustrated.

That sums up how the Nazareth Swifts felt Saturday morning after losing the Class A state championship to Wortham in one of their most physical games of the season, 50-42.

The Swifts were out-matched in size, but still managed to control the bigger Bulldogs defensively.

But the intimidating size of Wortham's Leonard Davis, a 6-7, 335-pound senior who has signed a national letter of intent to play football for the University of Texas next season; 6-8 Lance Chambers and 6-5 Rueben Randle caused problems for the Swifts on offense.

Nazareth, which averages 46% shooting accuracy from the field, made a meager 26.4% of its shots in Saturday's championship game. Faced with Davis' bulk inside and Chambers' height and leaping ability, the Swifts were forced to alter several of their shots. And Wortham's triple towers still managed eight block shots in the game—six by Chambers.

"We didn't shoot the ball well enough and that's the bottom line," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever, whose Swifts were making their third appearance in the state tournament in the last four years. It

was also the second time in four years that the Swifts finished the season as state runners-up.

Makeever said Wortham's massive size probably had something to do with the Swifts' poor shooting performance.

"When you drive to the hole and find towers on both sides, you're going to be a little intimidated," Makeever said. "It's a good thing our defense was doing well because our offense wasn't there. We've shot the ball well all year. In championship games the team that makes the plays wins. We couldn't make the plays today."

The title loss was especially disappointing for the five Swift seniors, who vowed after losing to eventual champion Avinger in the semifinals a year ago that they would return to Austin this season and capture the gold.

Early in the game it appeared that the Swifts would achieve their goal. They held a seven-point lead in the second before returning cold.

Despite their poor offensive output in the middle of the game, the Swifts managed to cut a 10-point Wortham lead to three with 1:49 left, but couldn't get any closer, missing a three-pointer that would have tied the game. After that the Swifts were forced to send Wortham to the line

and the Bulldogs hit eight of 12 shots to sew up the win.

"We had our chances and we felt like we could win it, but our shots just wouldn't fall," said Nazareth post Nathan Hoelting, who earned all-state tournament honors for the second straight year. Hoelting was the Swifts' top scorer Saturday, finishing with 20 points.

He was joined on the all-tourney team by teammate Bryan Braddock, who had 17 in the final.

"This was frustrating," said Braddock, who directed the Swift attack as point guard. "Some nights you shoot the lights out and sometimes the shots just don't fall."

Braddock, one of Nazareth's best outside shooters and leading scorers, was covered up by the Bulldogs the entire game.

"They did a good job on me, but I still had some open shots. I just couldn't knock 'em down," said Braddock.

Wortham's giant trio was intimidating defensively, but was limited to 23 points on offense. Davis and Chambers were held to 10 points apiece and Randle only had three. Leading the Bulldogs offensively was Terrell Spence, who finished with 15. Spence, Davis and Chambers rounded out the all-tournament

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DISD

Contracts are renewed, '97-'98 calendar adopted

After an executive session Monday night, the Dimmitt school board voted to extend the contracts of all teachers in the system, and accepted the resignations of two who are moving. The board also voted to renew insurance coverage, heard several reports, approved the school calendar for the 1997-98 school year, and agreed to call for bids on a computer system for the administration building, Richardson Elementary and Dimmitt Middle School.

The school calendar for next school year shows students starting classes Aug. 12 and graduation set for May 22, 1998. Holidays will include Sept. 1 for Labor Day, three days at Thanksgiving again (Nov. 26-28), two weeks at Christmas (Dec. 22 to Jan. 2), Feb. 6 (or possibly Feb. 13) for the stock show, and March 16-20 for Spring break. April 10 and 13 are set as snow days.

Teacher in-service and preparation days will include Aug. 6-8, Aug. 11, Oct. 20, Jan. 5, and Feb. 5 (or possibly Feb. 12). Early dismissal days will include Aug. 29, Dec. 18-19, and May 21-22.

The two teachers who resigned are Pam Bratton, early childhood teacher, and Irene Horton, first grade bilingual. Both are resigning due to their husbands transferring in their jobs.

Board members voted to maintain the district's property/casualty coverage with the Texas Association of School Boards. A proposal of rates from TASB showed a decline in rates for next year if the current policy were to be renewed. DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill estimated the savings at about \$5,000.

Approval was given for adoption of the Professional Development and Appraisal System for appraising teachers in place of the Texas Teacher Appraisal System that is currently in use. DISD Supt. Les Miller told the board that the PDAS

was developed with input from teachers and administrators from throughout the state, and is recommended by the Commissioner of Education.

A rough estimate places the cost for a new computer system at \$116,385. The system would replace the system and software in the administration building that is networked with Dimmitt Middle School and Richardson Elementary. Miller said the Region 16 Service Center will be switching to a software program that will not be compatible with the current system and would leave the district without access to software and services offered by the center. Board members voted to seek bids on a new system.

In other business, the board: —Heard a report on the Student Drug and Alcohol Use Survey.

—Heard reports from various school programs and activities.

Jerry Mathis spoke on the FFA program and how students fared at

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Drug survey results given

Dimmitt students are more likely than other Texas students to have tried tobacco or alcohol at least once in their lives, but they are less likely to have tried illicit drugs, according to the 1996 Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use.

DISD Curriculum Director Doricell Davis reported on the survey at the Monday night meeting of the Dimmitt School Board.

A detailed report on the survey results will be in next week's issue of the News.

Candidate filing deadline March 19

Candidates seeking to serve on local school boards, the Castro County Hospital District Board of Directors, and city governing bodies must file by Wednesday, March 19, in order to gain a place on the ballots in the May 3 elections.

Early voting will be held April 14-29.

Those wanting to run for office may file at the administrative offices of the governing body they wish to serve.

Positions that candidates may file for are listed below.

Hospital Board

The terms of Jerry Annen, Carolyn Sides and Henry Ramaekers are expiring. Ramaekers was appointed

to fill the remaining two months of James Welch's term.

No one had filed as of Wednesday morning.

City of Dimmitt

The terms of Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and at-large council members Carole Dyer, Lyman Schroeder and Malcolm Reynolds are expiring.

Schroeder and Reynolds have filed for council member spots, and Collins has filed for mayor.

City of Hart

The term of Hart Mayor Tony Leibel is expiring, along with the terms of Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and T.D. Martinez.

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OM teams wow 'em at regional

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from the Dimmitt schools won first place honors at the Northwest Plains Regional Meet Saturday in Amarillo, and have qualified to advance to the state contest April 4-5 in Houston.

Two of the teams also won Ranatra Fusca Awards for outstanding creativity by a team or an individual.

Kelsey Welch of the Dimmitt Middle School Classics "Can You Dig It?" team won an individual Ranatra Fusca in the long-term portion of the competition for "being enthusiastic and staying in character in her role as the Texan archaeologist."

The team also won a Ranatra Fusca for the spontaneous portion of the competition. Judges commented that the team displayed "wonderful sportsmanship, extremely creative answers and great team work."

The team placed first for Division II (Middle School), with a total score of 329.10 out of a possible

350. Second place went to Lubbock's Smith Elementary (scoring 293.35), with Lubbock's Maedgin Elementary taking third with a score of 281.93.

Team members are Cliff Wright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Thomas Brockman, Jill Merritt, Ryan Hays and Welch. They are coached by Kim Hays.

The two "Double Trouble" teams also both won first place honors in their divisions in the structure competition.

The Dimmitt High School team (Division III) posted a perfect score of 350 and won a Ranatra Fusca team award in the spontaneous portion of the competition. Judges remarked, "Answers were very creative, imaginative, varied and fluid. Responses were clearly understood. The team was focused and worked well together."

The team's structure held over 663 pounds, well above the second place team of Lubbock High School, which scored 206.49 with a structure

that held 216 pounds; and third place Ector Junior High of Odessa, which scored 154.33 with a structure that held 123 pounds.

Team members are Timothy Proffitt, Andy Hill, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Micahel Keith and Jared Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

The DMS structure team won first overall in Division II, with a structure that held over 300 pounds of weight, scoring a total of 324.84. Second place went to Amarillo's Sam Houston Middle School with a score of 146, and third went to Lubbock's Harwell Elementary, which eared 136.54 points. Team members are Daniel Proffitt, Kylie Webb, Lori Schulte, Josh Hardwick, and Cherie Norman. Coaches are Wayne and Paula Proffitt.

The Ranatra Fusca Award is the highest award given in OM, and is given to recognize outstanding creativity. One award is given in long term and spontaneous per "problem" in each division.



CELEBRATING FIRST PLACE MEDALS AND QUALIFYING FOR STATE CONTEST ... Members of Dimmitt's three Odyssey of the Mind teams will go to Houston April 4-5.

Photo by Carter Townsend

More about

Naz loses to Wortham in state title game . . .

(Continued from Page 1) selections and Chambers was named Most Valuable Player in the championship game.

Nazareth didn't struggle on offense the entire game, and even held a seven-point lead in the second quarter before things started going sour.

Wortham took the early 2-0 lead when Davis used a body fake to get open for an easy lay-in after taking the pass from Spence.

Hoelting showed Wortham that he could do the same thing, faking out his defender inside for a layup of his own to tie it at 2.

Braddock penetrated and scored on a jumpshot from just inside the free throw line and the Swifts started to roll.

Davis fouled Hoelting on a shot inside and Hoelting promptly sank the two free throws to put the Swifts up 6-2.

Michael Betts pulled Wortham within two with 3:49 left in the quarter, but his shot was answered by Justin Bingham, who scored a 17-foot baseline shot with three minutes left.

Chambers snatched an offensive rebound in front of the hoop and put it back in with 2:25 left, but that was all Wortham would get in the quarter.

Braddock closed out the quarter scoring with 1:04 left, hitting his second jumper off of a lane penetration for a 10-6 Swift lead to end the quarter.

Braddock launched a long three to open the second quarter and drained it for the Swifts' biggest lead, 13-6, with 7:41 left. That's when Nazareth turned cold from the field.

Over the next five minutes Nazareth was held scoreless by Wortham's defense. The Bulldogs reeled off 10 straight points to take the lead and they never trailed again.

Davis followed a missed shot to trim the Swift lead to five, then James Eggins made it a three point game, scoring off of a feed from Spence.

A spin move by Chambers netted another two points for the Bulldogs, then Spence sank a trey from beyond the arc to give Wortham a 15-13 lead with 4:41 left. A free throw by Randle made it 16-13.

Braddock tied the game at 16 with

a three-pointer with 2:37 left in the half.

Two free throws by Randle put the Bulldogs back on top by two with 1:22 left.

Braddock dribbled downcourt, faked out Betts on the run, then nailed a 16-footer to tie the game back at 16.

The Swifts wouldn't tie the game again.

Davis used a strong move inside, barreling through three Swift defenders for a layup with 1:17 left, then Betts picked up a three-pointer with 43 seconds left to give Wortham a 23-18 lead at intermission.

An offensive rebound and putback by Chambers gave Wortham a 25-18 lead to open the third period, then Hoelting countered with a pair of free throws.

Wortham reeled off the next five points on a shot by Robert Busby and trey by Spence to take a 30-20 lead with 4:42 left in the third.

After a 20 second time out, the Swifts got a driving layup by Bingham before Busby and Chambers added four more to the Wortham total for a 34-22 lead with

3:09 left in the stanza.

Hoelting stepped out to the perimeter and buried a three-pointer to cut the lead to five, but Spence answered that three with one of his own seconds later.

Hoelting went to work after that.

He scored Nazareth's next nine points, scoring three on three inside shots and adding free throws after he was fouled on each play.

The first came with 1:14 left and it cut the Wortham lead to nine, 37-28.

Then Mitchell Brockman got a steal and Hoelting was up again. This time Betts got the foul on Hoelting's made shot. The free throw made it 37-31 with 45 seconds remaining in the period.

Chambers hit an easy shot with 39 seconds left for the 39-31 Wortham lead after 24 minutes.

Hoelting cut the Wortham lead to four when he converted his third straight three point play early in the fourth after he was fouled by Davis, then got a steal for the Swifts.

But Nazareth couldn't capitalize, missing a three-point attempt.

Davis picked up an easy layup to make it a seven-point game with 5:42 left, but Wortham wouldn't score again until Davis hit a free throw with 2:09 remaining.

The Swifts didn't fare much better, getting three free throws during the span.

SCORES FRENSHIP JV TOURNAMENT First Round Bobcats 2, Abernathy 9

Consolation Quarters Bobcats 14, Lamesa JV 0

Consolation Semis Bobcats 8, Shallowater 6

Consolation Finals Bobcats lost to Lubbock Cooper

TUESDAY Bobcats 13, Lockney 7

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Bobcat sluggers get revenge for early losses to Shallowater

In a quick afternoon turn-around, the Dimmitt Bobcats beat their early season nemesis Shallowater, 8-6, Friday in the consolation semifinals of the Frenship JV Tournament.

The game started much like the last meeting between the two teams as the Mustangs posted two runs in the top of the first. Dimmitt added one run in the bottom of the inning when Bobcats starting pitcher, Zach Matthews tripled and stole home.

Shallowater added two more runs in the second inning when two runners reached on errors and scored on a base-hit by the Mustang second-baseman.

It might have seemed like last week for the Bobcats who found themselves behind again to Shallowater, 4-1, in early innings.

After a scoreless third inning, Shallowater once again took advantage of a Dimmitt error in the fourth

and got a runner on base with two-out. The Mustang catcher picked up the RBI on a double.

With the score 5-1 in the fifth, the Bobcats did something different from their last meeting with Shallowater—they rallied.

Bobcat second-baseman Conrado Saucedo walked, stole second and scored on a Matthews' double. Luis Nino added a RBI single, closing the Mustang lead to 5-3.

Still in the fifth, Dimmitt got another run on an error before Michael Pedroza walked. Juary Cavozos' two RBI double gave Dimmitt a one-run lead. Richard Martinez walked and the next batter Sergio Pedroza got a sac-fly that scored Cavozos and put the Bobcats up by two.

Shallowater didn't go quietly in its last at bat. Dan Maxwell came on in relief of Jason Nino and walked a batter. Things looked better when he got the next two hitters out. Needing

just one out, Maxwell hit the next batter with a pitch and two runners were on base. Maxwell conceded one run on a base-hit and got the final out on a pop-up to the mound.

The Bobcats' enthusiasm ran high after the game—they finally put-away the Mustangs.

Juary Cavozos, who came up with a big two-run double said, "It felt great when I got that hit and I knew we were going to win."

Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster commented, "I knew this would be a tough mental test for our team having to play Shallowater after having played earlier today. These young men on this team showed a lot of determination and character in coming back."

The Bobcats clinched a birth in the consolation final on Saturday against Lubbock Copper with the win over Shallowater.

Cats top Lamesa with tough pitching, hitting and defense

The Dimmitt Bobcats, coming off a tough loss in the first-round of the Frenship JV Tournament, bounced back Friday in the consolation bracket. The Bobcats stifled the AAAA Lamesa Golden Tors JV, 14-0, with a triad of masterful pitching, hitting and defense.

Dimmitt starting pitcher Richard Carpio hurled his way to a one-hit, 59 pitch, 10 strike-out, six inning complete game as he faced only 20 batters in the contest.

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Dimmitt added five more runs to culminate the blow-out. Matthews singled and Caldera added an RBI base-hit. Juary Cavozos polished-off the scoring with a 2 RBI double.

The 4-3 Bobcats victory celebration was held short because they returned to the field later in the afternoon to face their pre-season foe Shallowater.

In the second inning Nino helped his own cause with a double that drove-in Richard Carpio which had reached on an error. The Bobcats took a 2-0 lead in the third when 1st baseman, Luis Nino doubled in Zach Matthews who also had reached on an error.

In the fourth inning with coach Bobby Feaster opting to rest Jason Nino's arm, called on Luis Nino in relief. Luis's only batter was able to reach and score on Nino's error. Zach Matthews, Dimmitt's third pitcher of record also was rattled by the Abernathy rally. The Antelopes taxed Matthews for four more runs on a double, two errors and a walk.

Before the inning was over the Lopes had batted around and the fourth Bobcat pitcher, Michael Pedroza allowed two more Abernathy runs to come home on a pair of singles.

With a lead of 7-2, Antelope pitcher Joel Wright was able to shut down the last nine Bobcat batters of the game. Abernathy added two more runs late and won the game 9-2.

"We just had one bad inning on defense," said Coach Feaster. "If you take away our lack of concentration in the fourth, we've got a really good chance for the win."

"Our team has to keep their heads up and come out here tomorrow and battle back," added Feaster. "This is how you build character in baseball and our kids will respond."

DISD renews . . .

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recent stock shows. He said one student, Kaci Schulte, will be vying for district office at the District FFA convention.

Jan Newland spoke on the girls' basketball program, giving commendations to the other coaches. She pointed out that the varsity will have all its members back next year except for Carrie Bradley who is a senior.

Alan Steinle reported on the boys' basketball program and the golf program. He commended the junior high coaches for their efforts in lining up "B Team" games to give more students playing experience.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales told commissioners

Marcus Brockman was called for a foul on Davis with 2:09 left, then had a technical foul added on for "excessive roughness" after the foul. That call earned officials loud shouts of protest from most of the 12,270 fans in the Erwin Center. Davis missed the front end of his one-and-one attempt, then Spence sank one of the two technical tosses and Wortham was up 42-37.

Braddock dribbled down the left lane and scored, cutting the Bulldog lead to three with 1:49 left, then the Swifts forced Wortham into a five-second turnover on the inbounds play.

Naz got the ball back under its own basket and ran an inbounds play to Braddock for a three-point attempt to tie the game, but the shot bounced

off the rim into Wortham's hands. "We wanted to look inside more, but we were having trouble there because of their size and the outside shots were there. Bryan's been there all year for us. This time it just didn't go in," said Makeever.

After that the Swifts had to send the Bulldogs to the line and watched their dreams for the state title vanish with free throws.

"This was real disappointing," said an emotional Makeever. "When you work hard throughout the season, playing almost 40 games, and spend as much time together as we have, it's hard. But there are 350 other teams that would love to bewhere we are today."

"Wortham's a great champion and a great team."

County gives support of DARE grant renewal

County commissioners expressed their support of the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program Monday by authorizing Deputy Richard Spears to reapply for the declining grant which helps fund the program.

The county's DARE program is currently in its third year, and Spears met with commissioners Monday to update them on the program and to discuss renewing it for the fourth year, which will begin in September.

The declining grant covered 100% of the cost of the program in its first year, 80% in the second and is paying for 60% of the costs this year. In the fourth year, the grant will cover 40% of the costs, Spears said.

The total program cost is \$34,354, Spears said. Over the next year, the state grant will pay \$13,905 of that or 40%, leaving a required cash match of \$20,499. The county would be required to pick up one-third of that cost, or \$6,816, Spears said. The other two-thirds would be split between the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth, and the three county school districts.

"I think we're making a real statement in the community and the DARE program has had a big impact," Spears said.

The program originally started in the elementary school level, but Spears has expanded it to the junior high level and now offers a reinforcement program for eighth graders.

"DARE is more than just teaching kids to deal with drugs," Spears said. "We help them learn to deal with gang violence, drug use, alcohol use, peer pressure and more. We're not going to be able to save everyone, but we do what we can."

"We're in the schools as much as we can be, visiting with kids of all ages," Spears added.

County Judge Irene Miller gave her support of the program, saying "Castro County has not seen near the juvenile problems Swisher County has, and Swisher doesn't have the DARE program."

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland echoed Miller's support. "I don't have anything against this program. I think it's great," Rowland said.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales told commissioners

Monday that he has to do something toward getting a new motor grader soon, and after discussing options, commissioners authorized him to advertise for bids for a new machine.

Gonzales has three road hands and only two working machines. Two other machines are not operational now, and he suggested trading those two machines for one used one from Pct. 4, which is planning to trade two of its own machines for new ones.

"I suggest you trade those two in and get a new one," Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige told Gonzales. "If you trade for a used one, you could still have major repair bills. A new one will be covered by warranty."

Baldrige entertained the motion that Gonzales seek bids for a new grader and Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

Kay Gfeller will represent Castro County on the board of directors of Central Plains MH/MR.

Gfeller was recommended for the position by Dimmitt School Supt. Les Miller, and commissioners approved the appointment Monday.

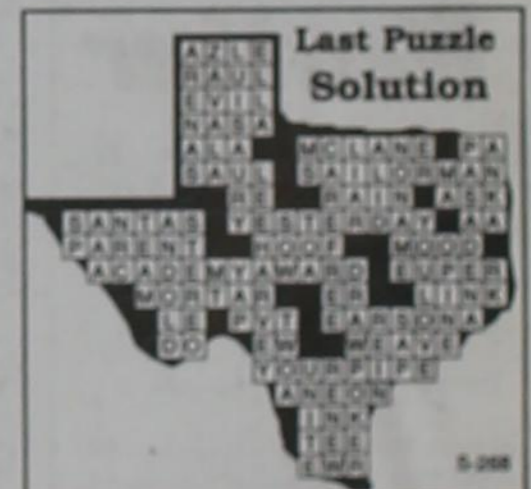
"Kay is very qualified to serve on this board," said Miller.

In other action commissioners: + Gave approval for conservation work to be performed at the intersection of County Road 507 and FM 1524.

+ Authorized a safety inspection of the elevator at the courthouse.

+ Okayed use of a gas card by county Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) troopers.

+ Approved installation of an electric line under County Road 512 and water line under County Road 619.



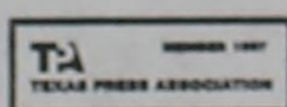
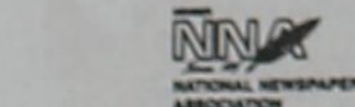
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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

I have had another birthday and it seems the older I get, the more fun I have! On March 4, Oleta Gollehon, Kate Beecher and Irene Carpenter took me to Tulia on my birthday and we enjoyed a meal at the El Camino Restaurant. Since I lived there many years ago, I kept hoping I would see someone I knew. Finally, Virginia Love came by our table. She was in my sister's Study Club, so I was so glad to see her. We also saw Ann Armstrong and Albert Hartman of Dimmitt, and Vernon and Jane O'Kelly of Pampa, who were entertaining a friend of theirs from South Carolina.

That afternoon, so many friends came to the museum to wish me "Happy Birthday." Renise Blair brought a bouquet of antheuems, some she had brought home with her when she and her parents and aunt had visited her brother, who lives in Hawaii.

Donna Stump brought a basket of "goodies" and others brought cards: Oma Dee Heard, Betty Freeman, Edna Reinart, and Emily Ramey. They all sang "Happy Birthday."

On March 5, Rosetta Bellinghausen took me with Ferne Jones and Jewell Connell to the Pizza Hut for a delicious lunch of pizza and salad. Later Ferne, Jewell, and Jean Robb came to the museum and Rosetta had baked a birthday cake with 82 (8 pink and 2 blue) candles. If she had put 82 candles on the cake it might have caught the museum on fire.

When I went home that afternoon, Deanne Clark and Margaret Parsons were playing tennis across the street and they came over and sang "Happy Birthday." They have some new words to the same tune. Ask them to sing it to you!

Last Thursday evening the museum board members met at the museum and after the meeting Rosetta Bellinghausen served sandwiches, chips, cokes, more birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate my birthday, and they sang "Happy Birthday." Board members attending were Dale Winders, Clara Vick, Madge Robb, Marie Winders, Rosetta and Mary Edna Hendrix. Friday night Louise Moffett

helped me celebrate my birthday by taking me to K-Bob's for a delicious fish and shrimp dinner.

I had several long distance calls from Houston, New York, Dallas, Amarillo, Plainview, and Post, as well as many local calls. I also received many cards. They make such pretty cards now, and I got a few humorous cards! Thanks everyone for all the joy you brought to me on my birthday!

Neva Hickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and the members enjoyed a lasagna dinner, with salads and apricot cobbler. Dude McLaurin won high score and Virginia Crider won second. Others playing were Alma Kenmore, Loranel Hamilton, Emily Clingsmith, Ina Rae Cates, Bernice Hill, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Elizabeth Huckabay, Susie Reeves and Cleo Forson played after Neva had to leave early.

Our sympathy to the family of Raymond Odum. Scott Hiett woke up to signs and

balloons in his yard to celebrate his birthday! A group of friends took him to El Camino for dinner: Michael and Tracy Morris, Faye Killough, Brian Hiett, Lisa and Terry Mixson, and his parents, Bill and Clifften Hiett, and Scott's wife, Sabrina. They had fun, food, and a birthday cake.

Anthony and Mary Mays have been following their son, Wesley, to stock shows. In Fort Worth, they spent the night with Anthony's aunt and uncle, H.E. and Nona Reed. In San Antonio, they visited and had a birthday lunch for Vade Kirby with Vade's brother, Olan Kirby. In Houston, Mary contacted and visited with two of her cousins, Charlie and Danny Summers. Charlie and family hope to visit in Dimmitt later this month.

Rhoda Mays's birthday celebration was supper at Dairy Queen, followed by card games and fun and brownies. Friends enjoying the celebration were Rhae Killion, Susie Reeves, Mavis Tittle, Cleo Parks, and Margie Tolleson.

Rick and Vada Wilcox and Ryan, Vade and Aline Kirby went to Alina, Kan., to watch the girls' team (first place ranking) from Clarendon College play in the national finals for small colleges.

refreshments afterward. Church Women United sponsor the annual event.

Kim Sides Watson of Georgetown and family and Laurie Sides Smith of Virginia Beach and daughter, Sara, visited the Sides' family this weekend.

Mattie Seale had her sister-in-law, Dorothea Segoe of Denver, Colo., visiting this past week.

Mattie's granddaughter, Rachael

Seale, won the Miss Tyler beauty contest last week. Her title ensures her a scholarship, and she qualifies for the "Miss Texas" pageant. The entire family was there to witness the event.

Deanne Clark attended a "rules hearing" in Midland Saturday. It was sponsored by the Republican Party in districts across the state.

Craig Fuller was injured by a falling horse Saturday. He will undergo plastic surgery this week.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A fantastic crowd of Nazareth fans traveled to Austin this weekend to support the Swifts who were competing in the Class A state tournament.

They won their first game Thursday, beating Moulton, 58-51, at the Frank Erwin Center with more than 7,000 people in attendance.

"It's a tribute to our guys," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever about beating a team such as Moulton, which was making its fifth appearance in the state tourney.

"We don't have a particular style, we just seem to find a way to win," Makeever said after the game.

Bryan Braddock led Nazareth with 21 points while Nathan Hoelting added 16. Marcus Brockman chipped in nine, Barry Hoelting added seven, Justin Bingham had four and Nick Gerber had two.

The game on Saturday morning against Wortham was a disappointing one as the Swifts lost, 50-42 in front of more than 12,000 fans in the Erwin Center.

Coach Mark Makeever said "we have relied on our shooting all year,

but when we needed it most, we just didn't shoot the ball well enough."

Wortham's defense was a big factor as they blocked eight shots and out-rebounded the Swifts as well.

"We definitely had chances, but the shots just wouldn't fall," said Nathan Hoelting, who led the Swifts with 20 points and nine rebounds. Braddock had 17 points, Bingham had four and Barry Hoelting had one.

Braddock and Nathan Hoelting, both seniors, were named to the Class A all-state tournament team.

It is a great honor to even make it to the state tournament, so everyone is very proud of the Swift team and their coaches, Mark Makeever and Colby Waldrop.

We also enjoyed watching the Tulia Hornets play Sinton. They won that game, 73-56. Then they played Dallas Madison in the finals, losing 64-58.

Mary Lou Schmucker recently returned from spending a week with her daughter, Debbie Russell and family in LaGrange. Debbie and Billy Russell have a new baby son named Tommy. He weighed nine pounds and five ounces. He has a big sister, Melanie. While visiting they attended the Texas Tech basketball game and watched Melinda play. They watched the game against Texas and Texas A&M.

They also enjoyed visiting with Floyd Hoelting in Austin.

Last week Mary Lou Schmucker, and LaDawn and Taylor Schulte drove to Kansas City to watch Melinda Schmucker and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders play in the Big 12 Tournament. On Tuesday they drove to Salina, Kan., to spend a night with relatives, Daryl Hoelting and family.

On the way back they spent a day with Nub and Mary Hoelting in Olpe, Kan. They enjoyed touring the Hoelting farm and seeing all their baby calves. They have had a lot of rain. Nub and Mary send regards to their friends and relatives in Nazareth.

Prayers are asked for Elias Bermea who is now home from Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital where he had surgery. After recuperating a couple of weeks he will return to the hospital for further surgery.

Word was received here this week that our friend, Ray Swirczynski who lived here several years and then moved back to Muenster to be with his family, died after another bout with cancer.

The LTC Class of Gene Howe School in Amarillo visited Eric Rose's gravesite in Holy Family Cemetery last Monday. They brought teachers, Eric's mother, Tricia Rose, and sister, Andi. They sang several songs and ended with each student releasing a balloon.

Consumer group to meet Monday

The 4-H consumer decision group from Castro County will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

The topic of this meeting will be CD players and Jerry Kittrell will present a program on how to judge quality and value in CD players.

The group will hold a second meeting on March 31.

For more information, contact Marilyn Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

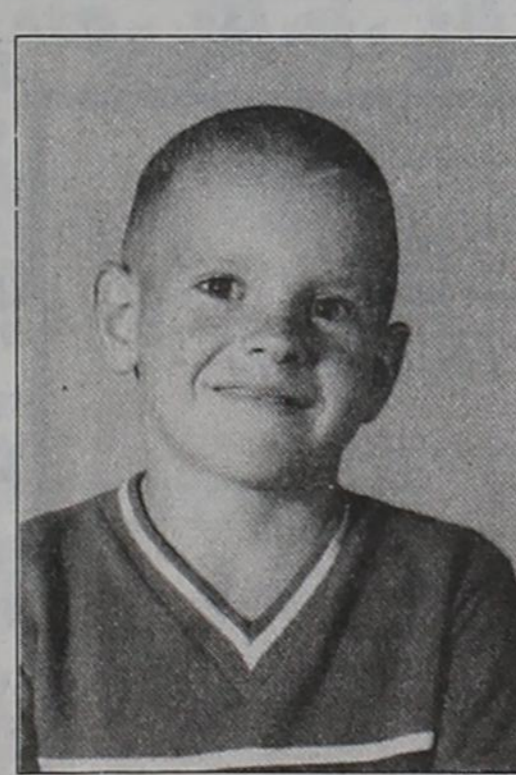
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People



Kayla Acker earns DMS student honor

Kayla Acker, daughter of Keith and Brenda Acker, has been named student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

She was born Dec. 9, 1986, in Amarillo and she enjoys reading. When she grows up, Kayla wants to be a veterinarian. She admires and respects her parents and teachers.

Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese. She likes cats, dogs and horses. Her favorite book is *Little Women*. I wish I were better at math. She says the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School are nice.



SHELLY NUTT WITH GOV. GEORGE BUSH JR. ... At Panhandle Day in Austin. Courtesy Photo

Austin observes 'Panhandle Day'

Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, traveled to Austin March 4 for "Panhandle Day."

Citizens from 24 Panhandle communities visited with Gov. George Bush Jr., Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, and Comptroller John Sharp, as well as with every state representative and senator or their staffs.

Nutt said the Panhandle group visited with legislators then attended a luncheon, with Speaker of the House Pete Laney, and legislators David Swinford and Teel Bivins each speaking briefly.

Following the luncheon, the group continued visiting legislators or heard speeches by Bullock, Laney, and Sharp.

Issues the group raised with legislators included a request for \$3 million for renovations for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, continued funding for the telecommunication infrastructure fund, and expansion of the area's two-lane highways to four-lane divided freeways.

"Most of the people we visited with were very cordial and receptive to our visits," Nutt said.

Bosch, Annen exchange vows in formal ceremony Saturday

Lesly Kim Bosch and Jon Mac Annen were united in marriage Saturday afternoon with Msg. Joseph Tash officiating. The ceremony was held at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Hans Bosch, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Sue Frisch of Los Angeles, Calif. Parents of the groom are Claude and Brenda Annen of Nazareth.

The maid of honor was Audra Lopez of Mira Loma, Calif. Bridal attendants were Gina Linton of Mira Loma, Melanie Schlager of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Ginger Froelich of Dallas, and Gretchen Zaunbrecher and Theresa McAninch, both of Lubbock. Junior bridesmaids were Kristina Frisch of Los Angeles and Sage Ray Annen of Nazareth.

Serving as best man was Cody Levi Annen of Nazareth. Grooms-men were Howie Mosier of Dallas, Garrett Dobmeier of Nazareth, Justin Chopelas of Corpus Christi, Clay Golden of Lubbock and Karl Frisch of Los Angeles.

Guests were seated by Cade Kerst and Gary Houle, both of Lubbock, Rick Leavitt of Nazareth and Kennedy Montague of Tulia.

Registering guests were Katie Frisch of Los Angeles and Nichole Briggs of St. Augustine. Readers were Cindy Mosier of Dallas and Traci Dose of Mira Loma.

The reception was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, formerly the Ambassador Hotel, in Amarillo. The couple is honeymooning in Cancun, Mexico.

The bride graduated from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona with a bachelor of science in animal science and a minor in agriculture business in June of 1993. She graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a master of agriculture, with an emphasis in public relations in May of 1996. She is the director of public relations and an adjunct instructor at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in agronomy in December of 1996. He is a crop management specialist with Farmland Industries in Spearman.



MRS. JON MAC ANNEN ... nee Lesly Kim Bosch.

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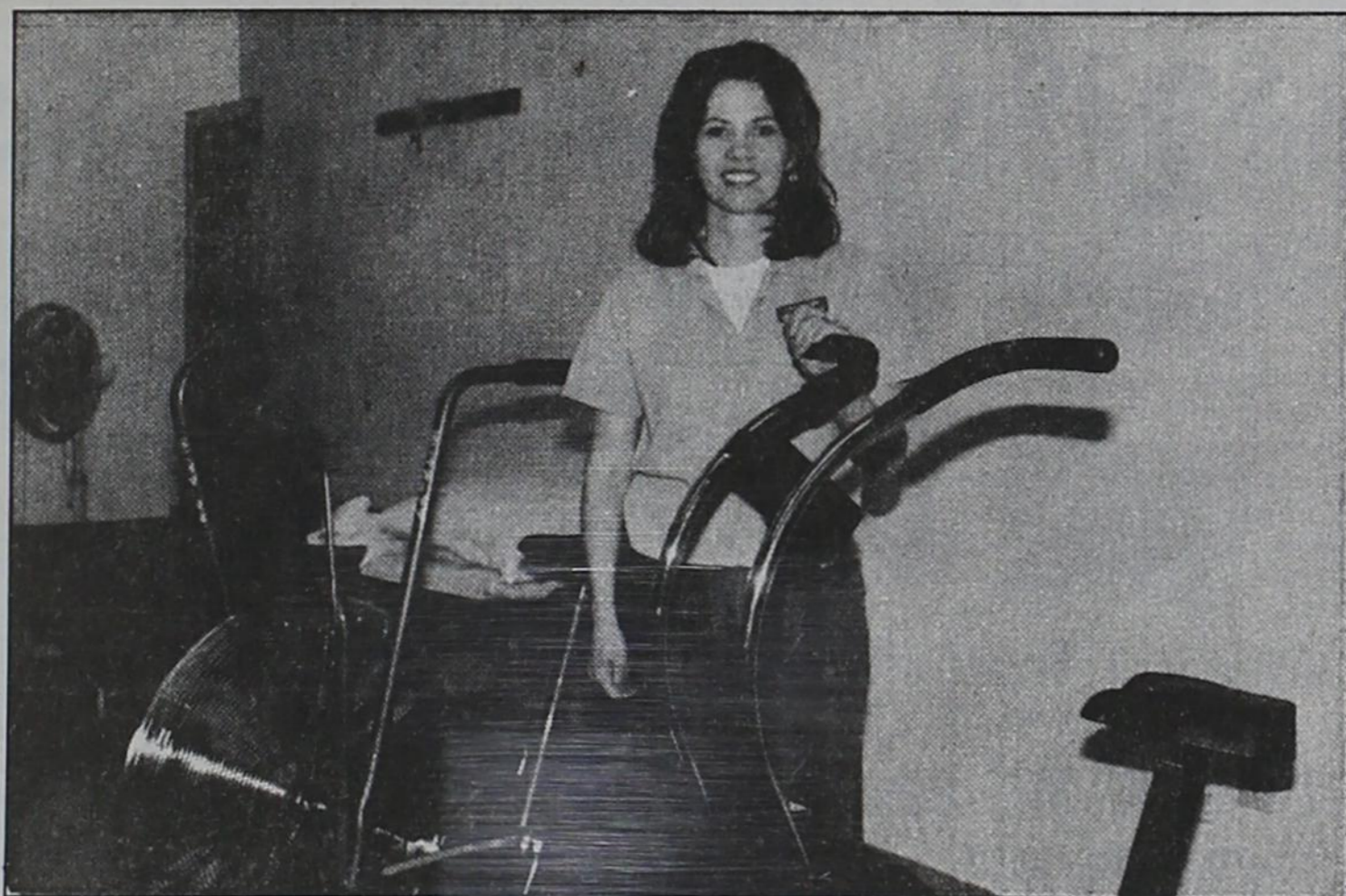
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Green Thumb program recognized during week

Green Thumb workers in Castro County will be honored this week during "Hire the Older Worker Week," March 9-15.

The county currently has two older workers employed under the Green Thumb program. They are Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix, both working at the Castro County Museum. Fay Varner of

Dimmitt is a program aide job developer with the program.

For more than 30 years Green Thumb, Inc., has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work and dedication through local community service employment and training projects. As viable manpower resources for their community-based organizations, participants maintain their independence as productive members of society.

Funded through the US Dept. of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

Each year during Hire the Older Worker Week, contributions seniors bring to the labor force are spotlighted and employers are encouraged to profit from older worker's skills, abilities and experience.

"During this important week, March 9 through 15, let us recognize and highlight the work force contributions of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future," said Diane Cowan, program director.

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WIFE chapter sets meeting

The Castro County WIFE Chapter will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Texas Corn Growers office on North Broadway in Dimmitt, and the public is invited.

A program will be presented on farm industry issues.

Methodist scholarship applications available

Scholarship applications are now available at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The application forms can be picked up at the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. They must be turned in at the church office by 4:30 p.m. April 10.

Selection criteria are based on financial need, scholastic performance, evaluation of essays and recommendations.



Jena Kae Stanford and Edward Morgan McAlenney

Stanford, McAlenney to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Stanford of Albuquerque, N.M., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jena Kae, to Edward Morgan McAlenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McAlenney Jr., of Bloomfield, Conn.

The couple plan to wed in May.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Flora Stanford of Dimmitt. Miss Stanford received her bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Arizona. She is employed as a systems analyst at America Online in Dulles, Va.

The prospective groom graduated from Dickinson College with a bachelor of arts degree in policy and management studies. He is an account manager at America Online.



Darren Hefley and Chalone Stack

Couple announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stack of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chalone Stack, to Darren Hefley of Nazareth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hefley of Briscoe.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. on May 24 at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lubbock. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

The bride-to-be graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock in 1987. She works for Commercial Lines Insurance CSR; Shofner & Associates Insurance of Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Briscoe High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in science education. He is the science teacher at Nazareth Independent School District.



Sydelle Nicole McDonald and Billy Ray Thomas

Couple to wed March 22

Sydelle Nicole McDonald and Billy Ray Thomas plan to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, March 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

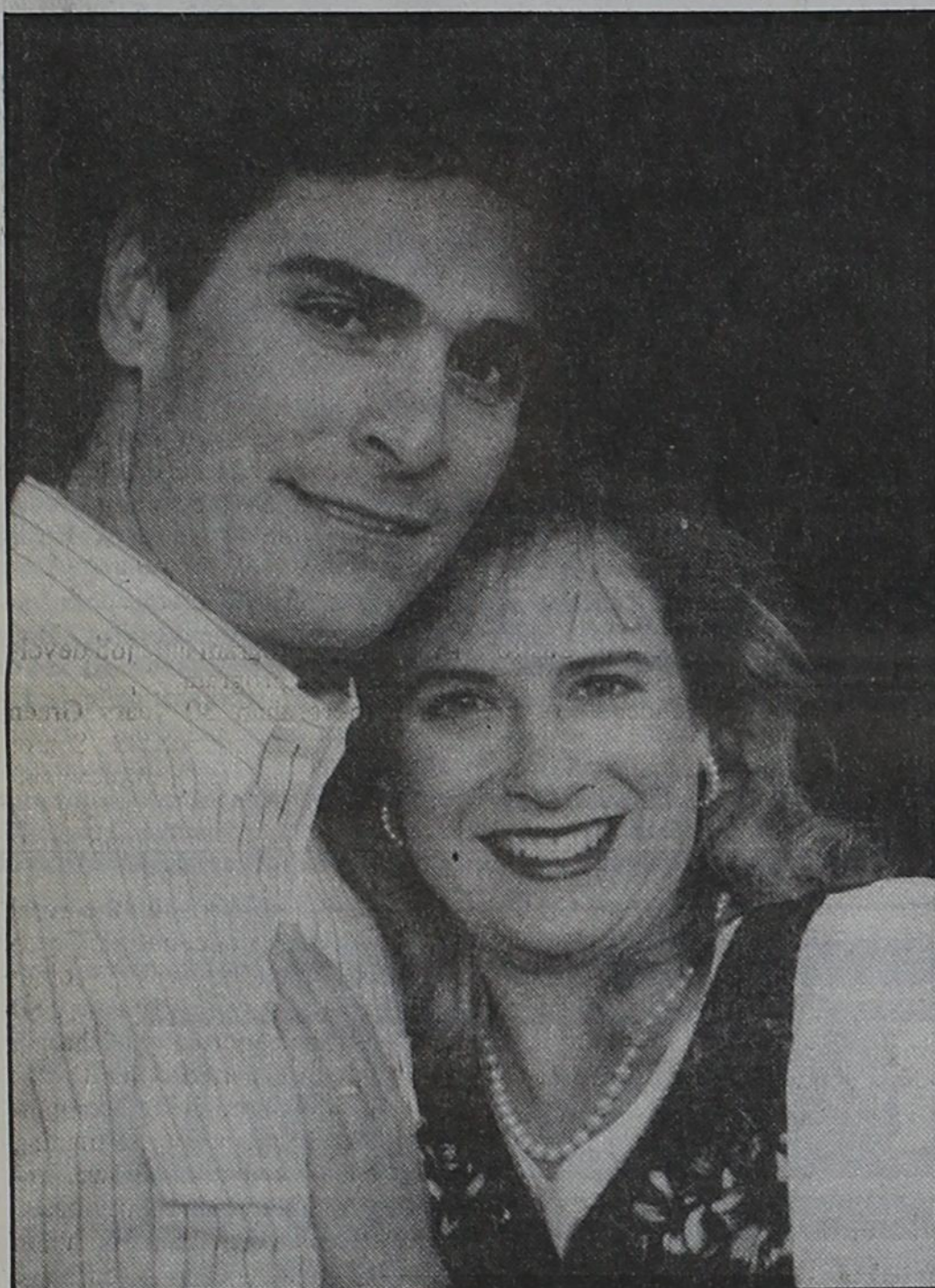
The bride-elect graduated from Midwestern State University and is employed by Moore Business Forms as a program analyst.

The prospective groom is a student at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth and he works for Americana Foods as an international shipping clerk. Both are graduates of Dimmitt High School.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple plans to live in Arlington.

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Brent Graef and Tucker Currie

Couple plan May vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Currie of Houston announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tucker, to Brent Graef, son of Wilton Armstrong of Hale Center, formerly of Dimmitt, and the late Clayton Ray Graef of Wichita Falls. He is the grandson of Edith Graef and Connie Ivey, both of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning a May wedding at the Bug Scuffle Ranch at Vanderpool.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Houston and is the owner/manager of Gateway Youth Center and Child Care in Dripping Springs.

The prospective groom attended Dimmitt schools, and is a graduate of Graceland College. He is employed by MCI Telecommunication in Austin, and also is a part-time farrier and horse trainer around the Dripping Springs area.

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County farmers eligible for emergency farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by physical and production losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Dimmitt

means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to the physical and production losses are eligible for FSA loans.

Castro County was been declared eligible for FSA disaster emergency loans on Jan. 3. Generally, that

Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility. Castro County is only one of seven

counties tabbed for the emergency loans by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

Ed Luebken said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private com-

mercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75%.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Sept. 3, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," Luebken said. "Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season."

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Writing is easy:

It's editing that's hard



I'm often asked how I learned to be a professional writer. Actually, I'm not a professional writer. I am a professional speaker who happens to get paid a little for what I write.

However, to answer the question, I learned to write simple sentences in the first or second grade. I still write simple sentences. I find it the best way to get ideas from my pen to others' minds. No pompous phrases or polysyllabic prolixity will help you transmit ideas as easily as clear, simple sentences. Yes, I know, I just broke one of my rules for clear, concise writing.

Each of you can improve your writing skills. However there are some prerequisites. First, you must want to write clearly. Second, you must be willing to put forth some effort. Third, you must learn to edit and rewrite. You see the writing really is easy, the editing is hard.

Tips for better writing

I believe you can apply the following pointers to writing books, articles, letters, reports and speeches. Give them a try, and watch the quality of your writing improve.

1. Before you begin, ask two questions: Who am I writing to? What do I want to tell them? This will help you focus on the critical issues.

2. Next, outline your major points. This may seem too basic for some of you who have writing experience, but it works. Outlining saves writing and editing time and adds flexibility for changing, adding or deleting points. List the important points you want to cover and then organize them for smooth, logical flow.

3. Use simple, familiar combinations of words. We often use big words to impress rather than express. Use short nouns and action verbs whenever possible. For example, don't use *countenance* if you use *face*. Don't write *terminus* if you can use *end*. Don't say *squalid rodent* if you mean *dirty rat*.

4. Construct short sentences and paragraphs. One of the more common mistakes writers make is using long, run-on sentences. This often leads to long, confusing paragraphs. By contrast, the longest sentence in this column contains only 25 words. The longest paragraph has only seven short sentences.

5. Learn to use basic writing tools. When I'm writing for money I'm never far away from a dictionary to check my spelling. I use a thesaurus to find better words. I turn to a style manual for grammar and punctuation, and I use a book of quotations to see if anyone already said it better. I still write each column and article in long hand, but we use a computer for editing.

And now the hard part

The key to good writing is rewriting, so edit until your hand cramps. I don't know anyone who produces letter perfect copy on the first draft. The best writers shorten, clarify, improve the flow, correct misspelled words and grammatical errors and add style and impact with every edit.

Here are five mini-tips for editing. First, allow some time to pass before you edit your work. Try to allow at least 24 hours to slip by between writing and editing.

Second, be ruthless in cleaning up poor writing. You may need to rearrange paragraphs, eliminate complete sentences and chop out unnecessary words.

Third, read what you've written aloud. This is a good way to catch missing or incorrect words.

Fourth, ask yourself if the intended message is clear. Are your points arranged in logical order? Does point A make B easier to understand? Does point B then explain C? And so on.

Finally, know when you're done. When you've finished writing and editing, stop.

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The 43rd annual meeting of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative members will be held Tuesday at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Three directors will be elected, and members will be served a barbecue supper. Financial reports will be given and door prizes valued at over \$1,000 will be awarded.

The barbecue supper, catered by K-Bob's Steakhouse, will be served at 6 p.m. Door prizes will include a \$200 gift certificate for beef.

The business session will start at 7 p.m., and will include a report from

WTRT Manager Thomas Hyer.

Positions on the board of directors include two vacancies from Parmer County and one from Deaf Smith County.

Candidates from Parmer County include Charles Myers, the incumbent for the Hub exchange seat, who is unopposed; and Parmer exchange seat incumbent Floyd Schueler, who is being challenged by John Mars.

Deaf Smith County candidates for the Dawn exchange position are incumbent Dick Fellers and challenger Lawrence Broman.

Boman is new cotton specialist at Lubbock

A veteran agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has joined that agency's faculty in Lubbock as cotton specialist for the South Plains District.

Dr. Randal K. (Randy) Boman is replacing Dr. Kater Hake. Boman will provide leadership for educational programs and will assist county Extension agents in working

with area cotton producers and all elements of the area's cotton industry.

A native of Frederick, Okla., Boman holds bachelor and master of science degrees in agronomy and a doctorate in soil science, all from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

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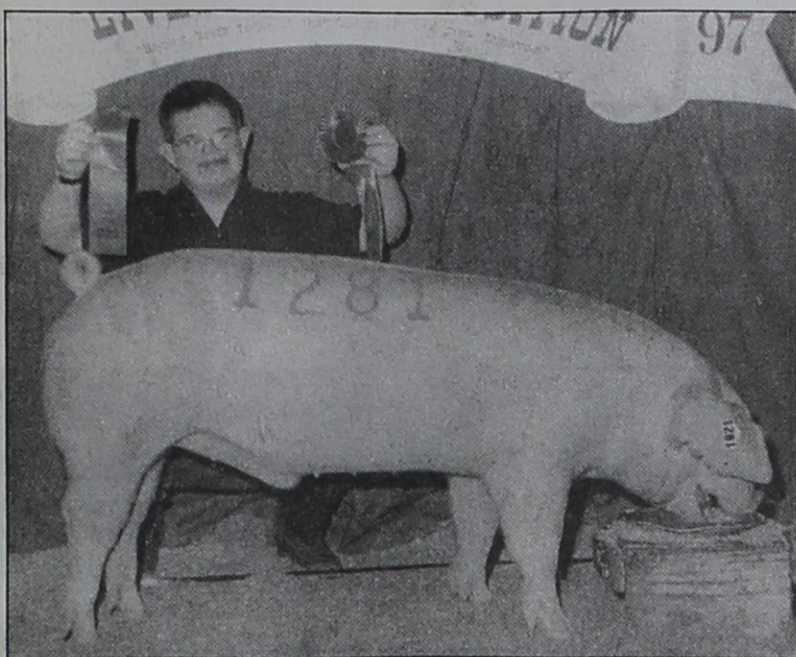
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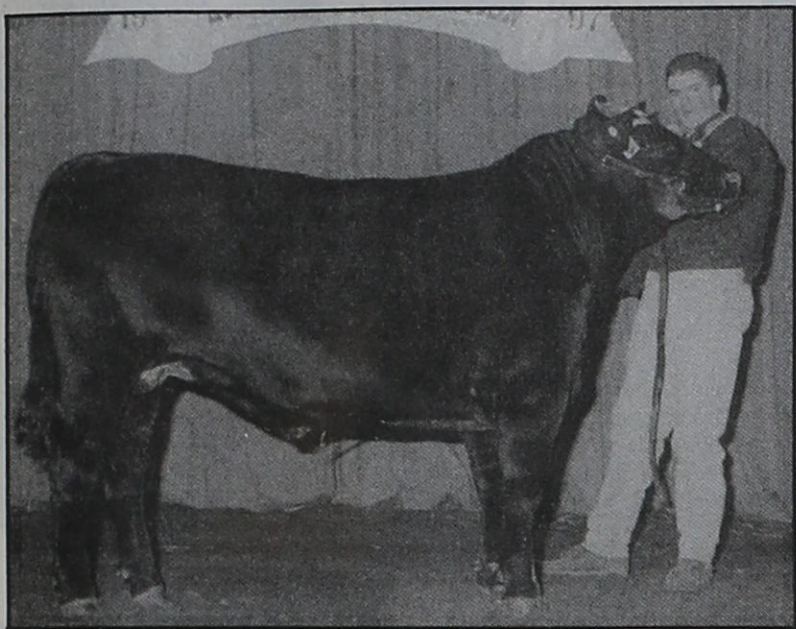
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JEREMY SIMPSON of Dimmitt drove his Other Pure Bred barrow to the breed championship at the San Antonio Stock Show on Feb. 14. The veteran showman said he was very excited with the victory. He is a member of the Dimmitt FFA. *Courtesy Photo*



THIS STEER, shown by Jay McCormick of Dimmitt, earned reserve breed champion honors in the "All Other Breed" category at the San Antonio Exposition and Livestock Show in February. Dan Hogue of Kewanee, Ill. judged the contest. *Courtesy Photo*

Dimmitt FFA exhibitors do well in shows

Several Dimmitt FFA livestock exhibitors have fared well in recent weeks, showing animals at San Angelo and Houston.

In San Angelo, Jay McCormick exhibited a first-place Limousine steer, the breed champion Hampshire and first-place heavyweight Yorkshire in the barrow division.

Jeremy Simpson had a second-place heavyweight Duroc and 10th-place Chester while Wesley Mays showed a seventh-place heavyweight Cross in the barrow show.

The Houston Livestock Show was well represented by Dimmitt youngsters and Travis Crow and Jeremy Simpson each had third-place barrows. Crow showed a lightweight Chester to third while Simpson drove his heavyweight Spot to third.

McCormick finished fourth with a medium heavyweight Cross and Ysela Gonzales was sixth with a medium heavyweight Hampshire. Mays showed his heavyweight Yorkshire to a 12th-place finish.

Other barrow exhibitors in the Houston show were Mary Bradley, Ashley Davis, Chris Davis, Michelle Davis, Asia Kirby, Ky Kirby, Shantell Self, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Cliff Wright and Jinna Wright.

Only 660 hogs out of the 3,874 entering the sift at Brenham were sent on to Houston—that's 16.8%. Dimmitt FFA had 33% of its animals advance through the sift.

In the lamb sift at Rosenberg, Dimmitt FFA exhibitors were Asia Kirby, Ky Kirby, Mays, Cliff Wright, Jinna Wright and Yesenia Zamora, but none of the animals cleared the sift.

Adult sponsors accompanying the youngsters on the trip were Gene Bradley, Leslie Davis, Dean and Belinda Kirby, Mary and Anthony Mays, Cory and Michelle Mays, Cassa McCormick, Brent Self and James and Veal Simpson.

Farm Credit District reports loan growth

Year-end financial results show 1996 was another year of strong performance for the Tenth Farm Credit District. The district comprises the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas; 46 Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi; and 16 Production Credit Associations (PCAs) in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Loans in the district grew by \$115 million during the year, ending 1996 at \$3.9 billion. The 3.1% loan volume growth continued the positive trend experienced in 1995, when the district's portfolio increased by 2.9%. Credit quality also continued to remain high, at 96.4% acceptable loan volume, the same level as at Dec. 31, 1995.

District net income at Dec. 31, 1996, exceeded \$83 million, compared to income of \$29.3 million a year earlier. Income in 1995 was impacted by two non-recurring events—a \$27.6 million extraordinary loss recorded on the early extinguishment of debt, and \$16.2 million in taxes recorded in anticipation of future capital distributions to district PCAs. Absent those two events, 1996 net income would have risen \$10 million, or 13.7%, from year-end 1995.

In addition, nearly \$15 million in dividends and patronage refunds were paid during the year to district

stockholders. Members' equity in the district grew to \$878.5 million at year end, an increase of \$24.5 million or 2.9% over the 1995 year-end level.

"The past year can be characterized as successful in many ways," said Farm Credit Bank of Texas Chief Executive Officer Arnold R. Henson. "We succeeded in closing more new loans in a single year than in any previous year in our history, despite a difficult cattle market and a severe drought in parts of the territory."

"And in the true spirit of cooperative business principles, our customers benefited from our financial success through patronage and dividend distributions," he added. "The outlook for 1997 continues to be positive, and we continue to seek out new opportunities to serve the evolving and complex financing needs of the agricultural industry of the future."

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$1.201 billion for the year, compared with combined net income of \$1.165 billion for 1995. Gross loan volume in the System rose \$2.589 billion, or 4.4%, to \$61.178 billion at year-end 1996.



OUT OF TOWN
Waylon and Shelly Moody of Monck's Corner, S.C., are the parents of a baby girl, Lauren Amber, born March 4 at Trident Regional Hospital in Charleston, S.C. The infant weighed in at 5 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 18 inches long. Grandparents are R.L. and Jan Duke of Dimmitt and Waylon and Judy Moody Sr. of Summerville, S.C.

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Sports



Swifts stop Moulton in state semis

By ANNE ACKER

The Nazareth Swifts were able to stave off a determined pack of Bobkatz using a swarming defense and deadly shooting to claim a 58-51 victory over Moulton in a Class A



BARRY HOELTING (32) of Nazareth scores two of his seven points over Moulton's Andy Dierschke (33) last Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swifts and Bobkatz squared off in the state semifinal game before a crowd of 7,218. Nazareth used a tough defense and good shooting to take the win, 58-51.

Photo by Anne Acker

state semifinal game last Thursday morning at the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin.

Nazareth sharpshooter and point guard Bryan Braddock was almost perfect in the first quarter, nailing three of four three-point attempts to boost his team to an 18-14 lead after eight minutes.

Braddock continued his aerial assault on Moulton throughout the game, finishing with a game-high 21 points.

Moulton, which was making its fifth appearance in the state tournament, applied intense pressure on Braddock from one end of the floor to the other from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

Nazareth turned the ball over 13 times in the game and Braddock had five of those, but for the most part he was able to handle the pressure.

When he was able to ditch his defenders, Braddock took his shots and was accurate 43% of the time.

"I think they were trying to get into my head," Braddock said. "We haven't really been pressured all that much this year and we came out and had a few turnovers, but we were able to turn it around."

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Braddock basically has a "green light" to shoot the ball.

"Bryan's a talent. He's worked long and hard in the gym and a guy that's that dedicated should have the ball in his hands."

Braddock's 21-point performance was boosted by a 15-point effort from Nathan Hoelting, who was playing with a bruised tendon in his leg; and nine points from Marcus Brockman.

"The were screening us pretty good," said Moulton Coach Sammie Koudelka. "They're good shooters and it's hard to defend them when they get open so well. They also did a good job of blocking us out and went for the rebounds hard. They're a good team."

Nazareth dominated Moulton on the boards, out-rebounding the Bobkatz 35-24. The Swifts limited the Bobkatz' center, 6-4 Andy Dierschke, to one rebound and three points in the game.

"I just had a bad game all around," Dierschke said. "They defended us pretty hard and I didn't go to the boards like I should have."

Makeever said his defensive game plan was focused on stopping three main Moulton threats, including

Dierschke and Robert Tovar, both averaging 15 points per game, and Kevin Fishbeck, who came in with a 20-point-per-game average. The Swifts succeeded in shutting down two of those players—Tovar, who managed just six points; and Dierschke.

"We'd heard that those three had done most of the scoring this year," said Makeever. "We were going to cover them and then help off on the other two."

The Swifts had no problems stopping Dierschke. When he caught the ball inside, he was immediately surrounded by blue jerseys.

"Nick Gerber really stepped up and did the job defensively on Dierschke. We were going to make a concentrated effort to get behind him (Dierschke) and push him out of the lane area."

The task of covering Fishbeck fell to Justin Bingham, even though the 5-9 guard gave up five inches to Fishbeck.

Fishbeck finished with 20 points in the game, but eight of those came in the fourth quarter.

"Justin's been our top defensive player all year and he did a good job on Fishbeck. They tried to post him up a couple of times, but Justin's pretty tough physically."

One wrinkle in the Swifts' game plan, however was Moulton's sixth man Anthony Weeaks, a 5-8 freshman guard who chased Braddock all over the court and still managed to nail 5-of-11 shots from the field, including three three-pointers. He added a pair of free throws to finish with 15 points.

Two of Weeaks' three pointers and another short jumper from inside the paint erased an 11-point Swift lead, cutting it to six early in the third quarter.

That's when Makeever made a couple of defensive adjustments.

"Weeaks was one of the guys we were playing off of and when he started hitting, we had to pressure him a little more. That left Fishbeck open in the fourth," Makeever said.

"Nazareth's the best team I've seen this year," said Fishbeck. "They had a lot of guys who could shoot and they've got a super ballhandler and a great post man."

Moulton owned the lead three times in the game, losing it for the final time when Brockman drained a



HE WASN'T THE TALLEST PLAYER on the court, but Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman (44) out-rebounded taller Moulton players and goes back up for a shot in second quarter action of a Class A state semifinal game last Thursday in Austin. Vying for

rebound position is Nazareth's Nick Gerber (50). The Swifts, paced by all-state tourney selections Bryan Braddock and Nathan Hoelting, won the game, 58-51.

Photo by Anne Acker

three-pointer with 4:55 left in the first half.

A Fishbeck trey opened scoring in

the game with 7:14 left, but Nathan Hoelting answered with one for the Swifts.

Braddock's lone miss in the first quarter was snatched by Brockman on the rebound, and Brockman was able to turn it into two more for the Swifts.

Fishbeck knotted the game at five with 5:48 left, then Dusty Wagner gave Moulton an 8-5 lead seconds later.

Nazareth hit four of its next five shots from the field to take an 18-10 lead with 1:44 left in the stanza. Braddock sparked the run with a three from long-range, then dished off to Bingham for a baseline jumper. Braddock added two more threes and Bingham sank a pair of free throws during the stretch.

Dierschke picked up his only field goal of the game with 2:04 left on a feed from Weeaks between Braddock's second and third threes.

Nazareth's eight-point lead held until Fishbeck scored on an inbounds play with 1:25 left, then Weeaks hit a pair of charity tosses with 42 seconds left for the 18-14 first-quarter score.

A three-point attempt by Weeaks saw nothing but net and Moulton pulled within a point 40 seconds into the second quarter.

Fishbeck tied the game at 18 by hitting one of two free throws with 6:37 left.

A steal and coast-to-coast layup by Scott Chaloupka gave Moulton a 20-18 lead with 6:24 left.

That lead was cancelled by Brockman's three with 4:55 left in the half. His shot started a 10-0 Swift run in the second. Barry Hoelting and Braddock each hit on threes while Nathan Hoelting picked up a free throw to account for the 10 points.

Fishbeck ended the run with a baseline shot with 2:17 left, then lobbed a pass to Tovar for an alley oop play with just under two minutes left in the half to make it 28-24.

Barry Hoelting got a steal and drove in for the layup and the Swifts 30-24 halftime lead.

"Coming out hot early was a big confidence builder for us," said Makeever. "We are capable of hitting the long shots but we don't want to rely too much on those because we've got strong post players. We talked about working more on getting the ball inside."

Braddock started off the third with another three pointer, then Gerber scored on a putback to give Nazareth its biggest lead of the game, 35-24, with 7:03 left in the quarter.

Weeaks' hot shooting sparked Moulton after that. His two threes and short jumper narrowed the Swift lead to five, 37-32.

Nathan Hoelting, who was limited to four points in the first half, found his mark in the second half. He scored on a turn-around with 4:51 left, then stepped out to can a three-pointer with 3:54 left, making it 40-32.

"I had a slow first half and wanted to pick up the pace in the second half to make sure we win. I really wanted to establish a post game so they couldn't pull out and just cover the outside shooters," Hoelting said.

A Braddock penetration turned into an uncontested layup with 2:46 left, then he added a free throw to put the Swifts back on top by 10.

Fishbeck got his first points of the period with 2:07 left when he hit on a baseline turn-around from 10 out.

Nathan Hoelting countered that shot to make it 45-35 at the end of the third.

Moulton chipped away at Nazareth's lead in the fourth, but each time the Bobkatz would get something started, Nazareth answered the points. Moulton never got closer than five in the fourth.

"Nazareth has a lot of good shooters," said Koudelka. "They played good defense on us all day and they ran a lot of guys in and out. I think we were a little tired in the fourth quarter and we didn't move as well as we should have."

Moulton finished its season with a 37-3 mark.

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swiftettes

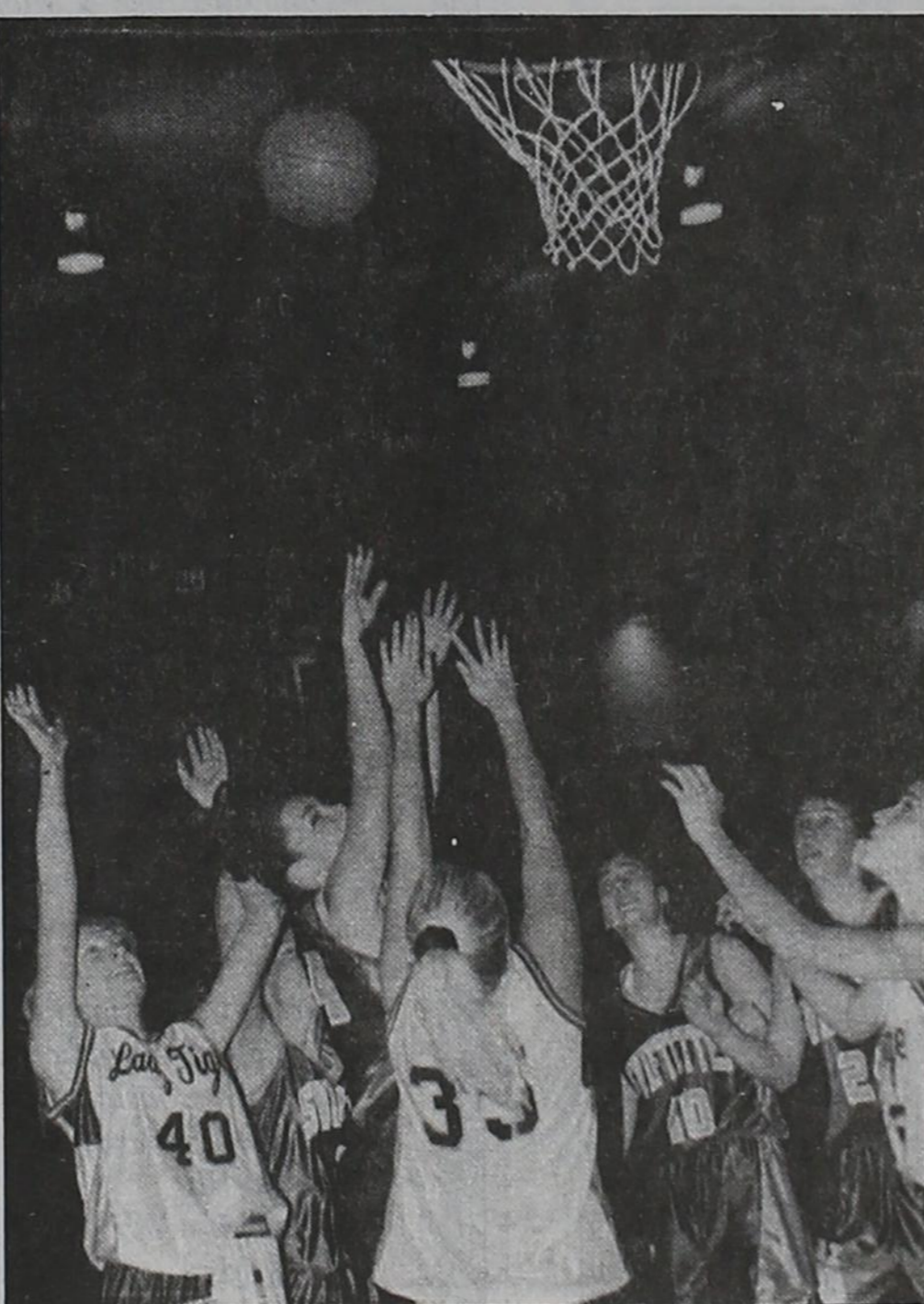
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- ★ State Finalists

This was Nazareth High School's SEVENTH appearance in the Texas Boys Basketball Tournament in 17 years!

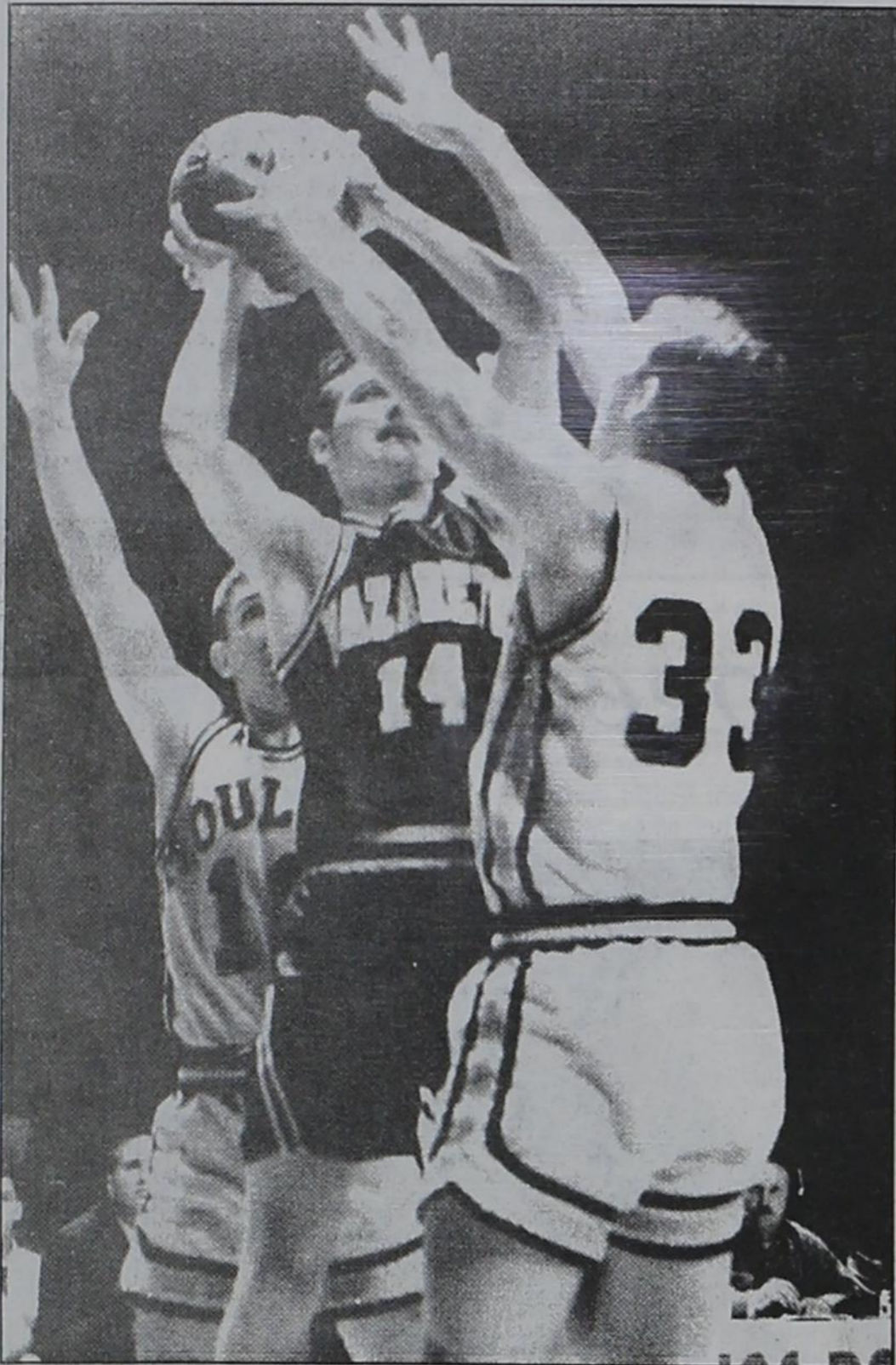


THE NAZARETH SWIFTS raise their state runner-up trophy after accepting it from Texas Governor George W. Bush and Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney Saturday morning at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swifts were upended in the championship game by Wortham, 50-42, and had to settle for second place. Pictured are the starting five seniors (from left) Nick Gerber, Nathan Hoelting, Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock and Marcus Brockman. Photo by Anne Acker

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 LeRoy Dorothy & Lisa Polkmeier
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 J.C. Jocelyn & Family
 Randy, M. Phette, Brandon, Taylor, Heather, Eric Schilling
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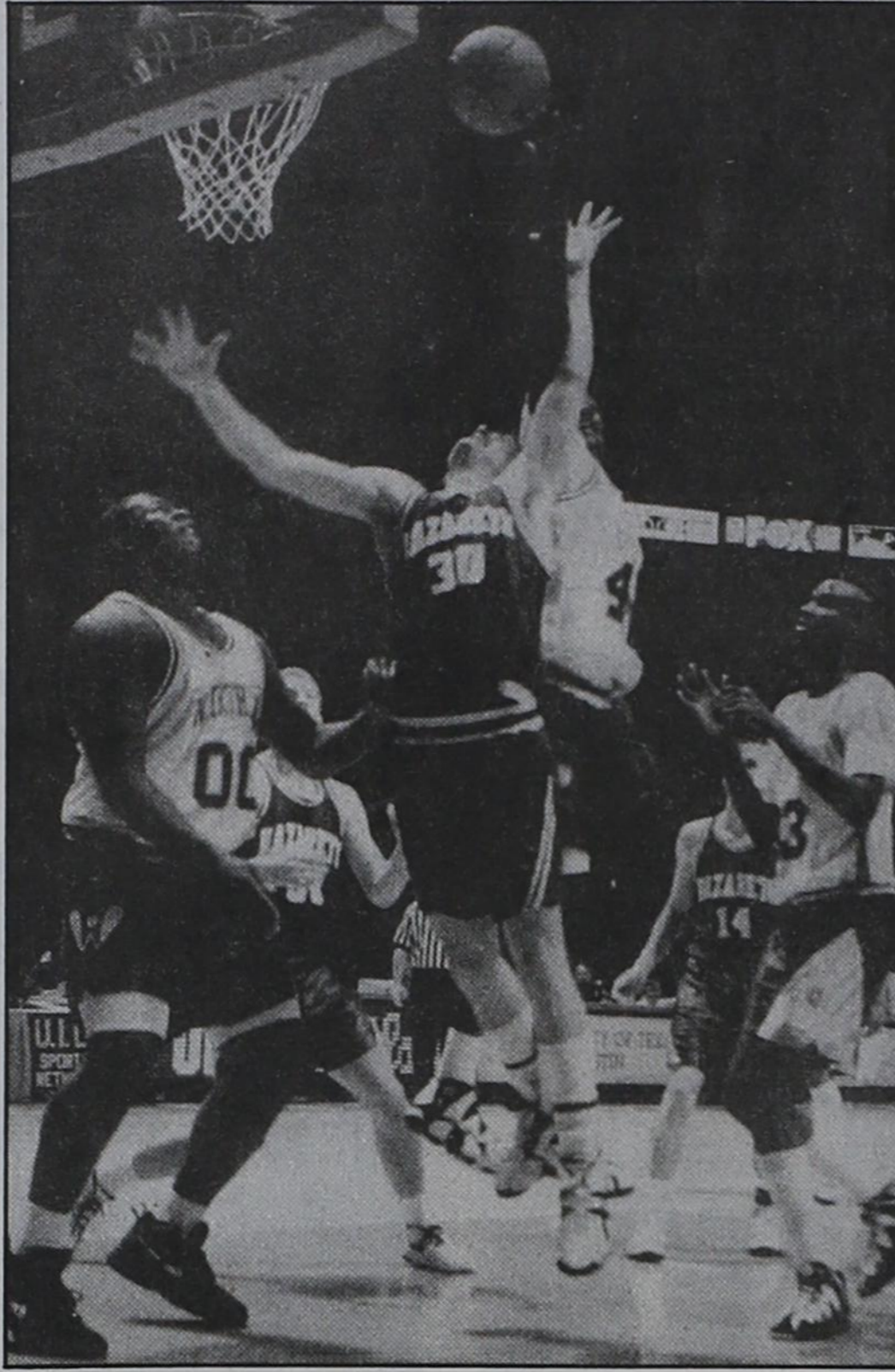
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 Rita Luckert
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 Johnny, Sharon, Jordan, Brittany & Nicole Hampton
 Joey, Stephanie, & Spencer Waldo
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 Olen, Barbara, Keli, Macey & Hampton Schulte
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 Keith & Kayleen, Mandy, Brett & Kyle Hoelting
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State tournament hoops



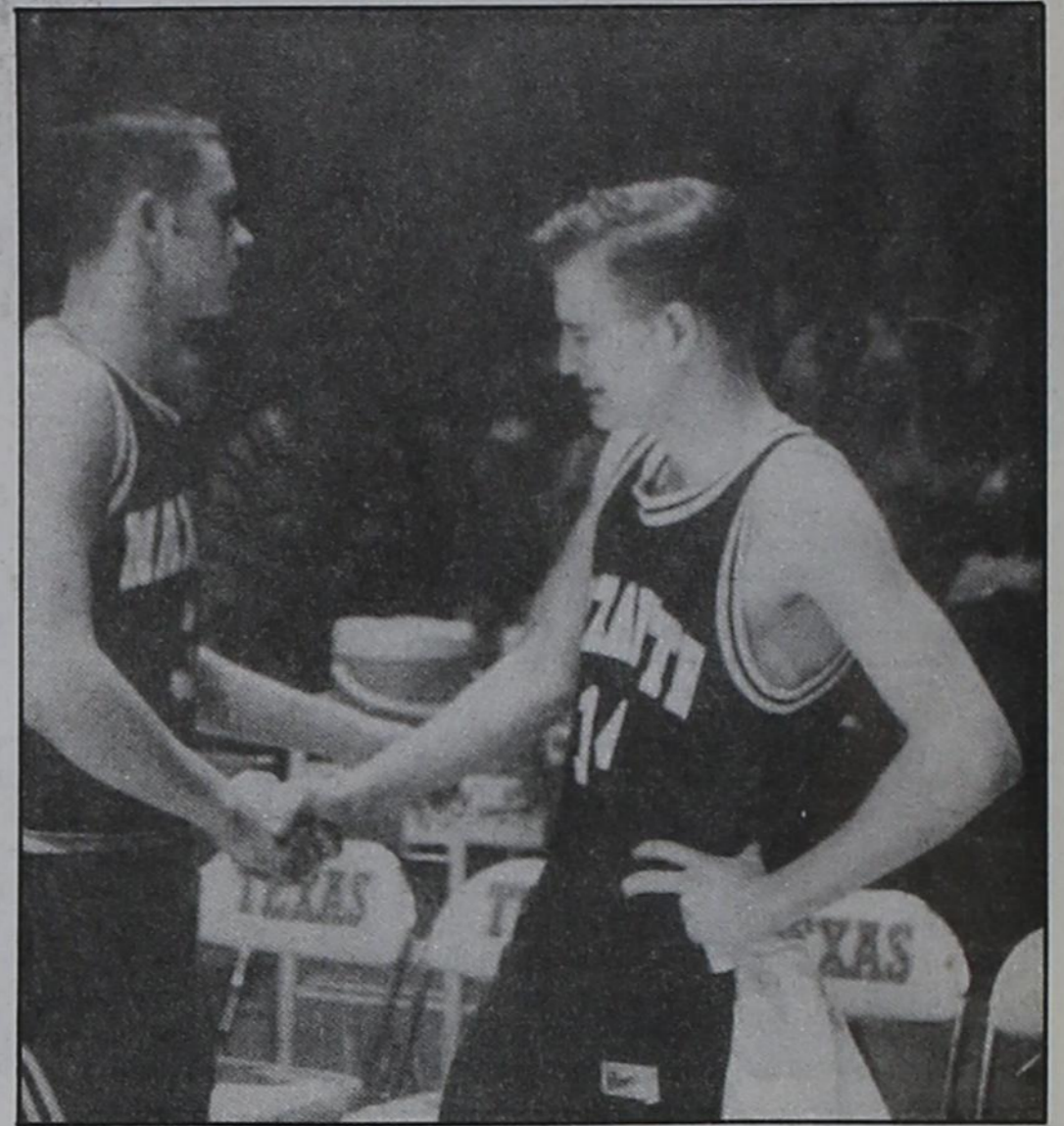
SANDWICHED! Moulton's Andy Dierschke (33) and Bradley Darilek (10) surround Nazareth point guard Bryan Braddock (14) after he drives baseline and eyes a short jumper last Thursday in a state semifinal game. The Swifts, paced by Braddock, handed Moulton its third loss of the season, winning the Class A semifinal, 58-51. Braddock sank five three pointers in the game, added a layup and hit four free throws to finish with 21 points. Nazareth's defense held Dierschke, a 6-4 post, to three points. Braddock was named to the Class A all-tournament team.

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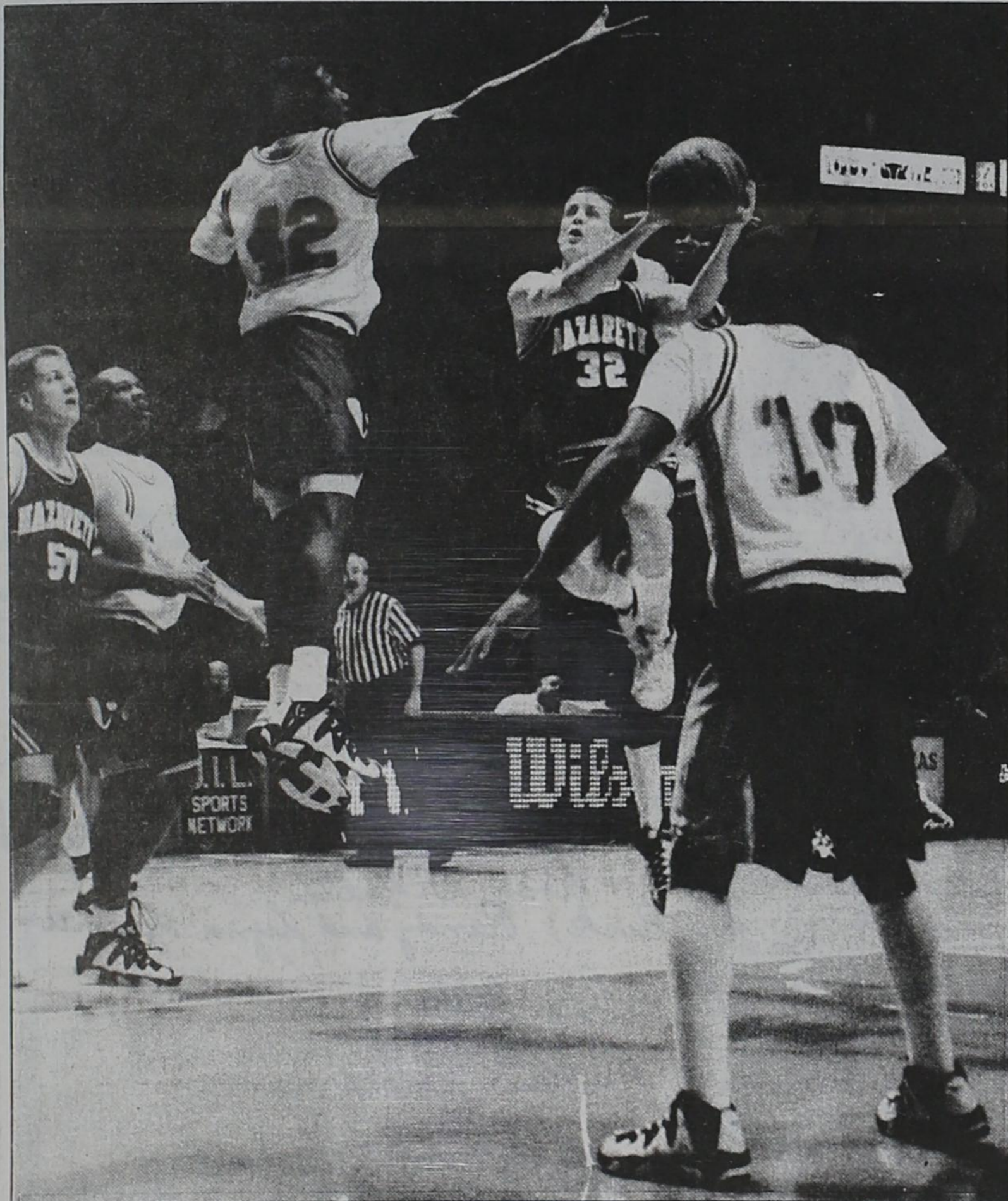
BOARD BATTLES—6-4 post player Nathan Hoelting (30) of Nazareth has to reach high for a rebound as he battles inside against the taller Wortham Bulldogs including Leonard Davis (00), Reuben Ranole (42) and Lance Chambers (33) Saturday in the Class A state championship game in Austin. The three Wortham giants stand at 6-7, 6-8 and 6-5, respectively, and created problems for the Swifts. Nazareth did the job defensively, but was cold on offense and Wortham pulled out the win.

Photo by Anne Acker



NAZARETH'S STARTING POINT GUARD Bryan Braddock (14) is consoled by teammate Billy Don Cannon Saturday morning after the Swifts lost the state championship game to Wortham, 50-42. Braddock, who led the Swifts over Moulton in the semifinals last Thursday with 21 points, finished with 17 before fouling out against Wortham. He was named to the all-state tournament team along with teammate Nathan Hoelting.

Photo by Anne Acker



ADJUSTING THE SHOT!!! Nazareth shooters struggled against the much taller Wortham Bulldogs in the state championship game Saturday morning, and although the Swifts played good defensively, they were cold on offense. Here, Barry Hoelting (32) is

forced to alter his shot as Wortham's Reuben Ranole (42) reaches out, attempting to block it. Wortham blocked eight shots in the game and took the state title out of the Swifts' grasp with a 50-42 victory.

Photo by Anne Acker

All-State Tournament

Bryan Braddock

vs. Moulton

21 points, 2 rebounds
3 assists, 1 steal

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vs. Wortham

17 points, 5 rebounds
2 assists, 2 steals

Nathan Hoelting

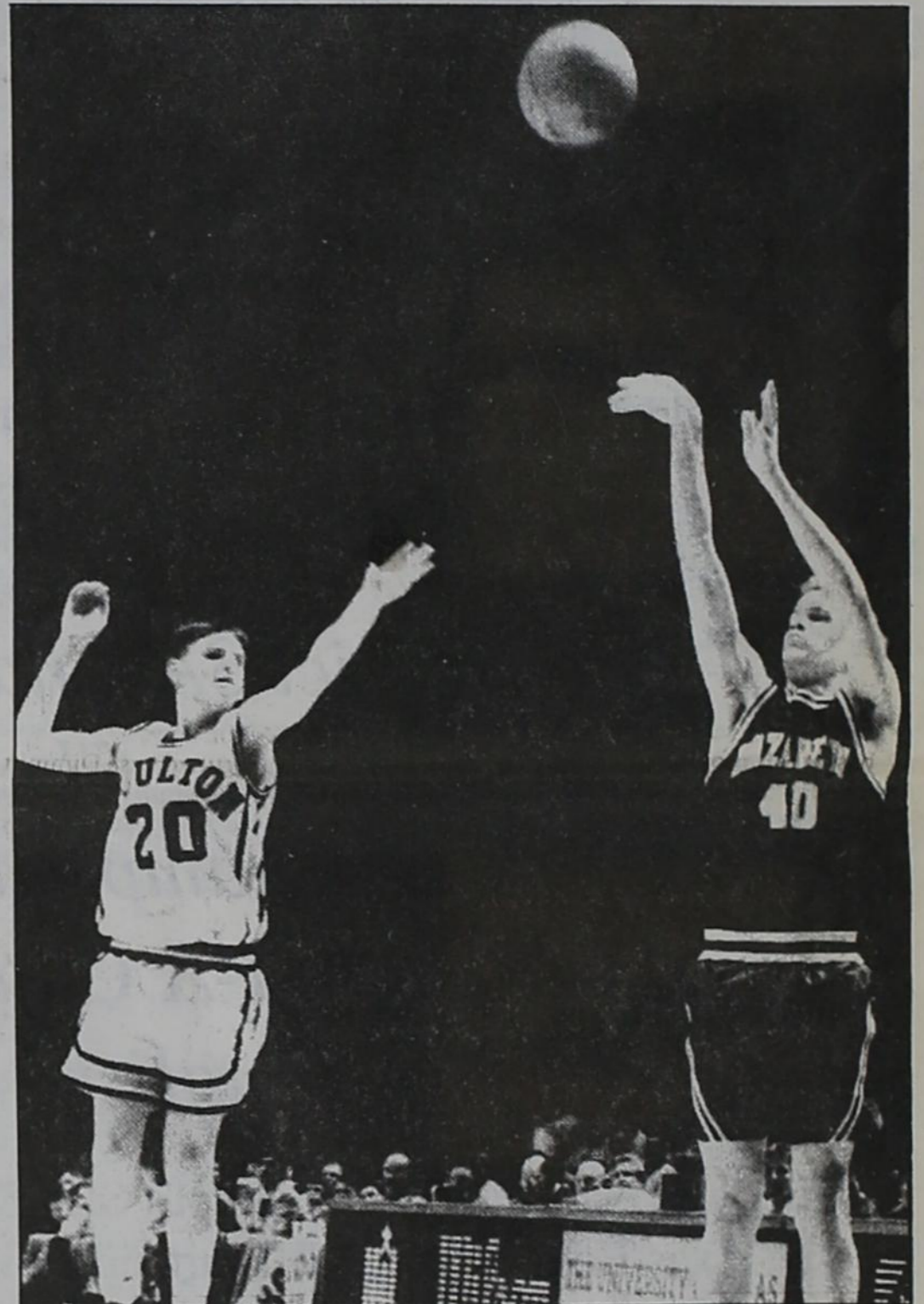
vs. Moulton

15 points, 8 rebounds
2 assists, 4 steals.

♦

vs. Wortham

20 points, 9 rebounds
1 assist, 3 steals



MARCUS BROCKMAN (40) finds himself open and launches an on-target three-pointer before Moulton's Anthony Weeaks (20) can cover the play defensively last Thursday morning. The two teams met in a Class A state semifinal game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin and the Swifts used hot shooting early to take the lead and never looked back, posting a 58-51 win. Brockman finished with nine points and nine rebounds in the game.

Photo by Anne Acker



DRIVING THE BASELINE looking for an open shot in state semifinal action last Thursday is Nazareth post Nick Gerber (50). Gerber took an offensive rebound and turned it into two points to give the Swifts their biggest lead of the game, 35-24, early in the

third quarter against Moulton. Also pictured are Moulton's Andy Dierschke (33) and Dusty Wagner (15) and Nazareth's Marcus Brockman (40). The Swifts won the game, 58-51.

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Nazareth Swifts

State Runners-Up
Season Record: 32-5



Class A State Semifinals: Swifts 58, Moulton 51
Class A State Finals: Swifts 42, Wortham 50

Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball starts

Team assignments and playing schedules were announced last week by Dimmitt Kids, Inc., with four leagues fielding x teams. Players are listed below by league and team.

Boys' Major League
Goodpasture: Color, green; coach, John Furr; team members, Brandon Furr, Zachary Farris, Zachary Jones, Jody Stovall, Eric Ward, Raul Dones, Ricardo Ramirez.

Gary's Engine: Color, yellow; coaches, Gary Hunter and Tony Fisher; team members, Patrick Hunter, Dalton Fisher, Colby Williams, Israel Ellis, Jake Wright, Kenneth Worsham.

B&W Aerial: Color, maroon; coaches, Joe Bob Sanders and Kent Lindsey; team members, Matthew Sanders, Kris Lindsey, Freddy Flores, Adam Saucedo, Joel Birdwell, Rueben Espinosa, Kaleb Dickerson.

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt: Color, royal blue; coaches, Layne Myatt and Randy Griffith; team members, Tyler Myatt, Jared Griffith, Jordan Delamar, Alonso Lopez, Steve Martinez, Raymond Lopez.

Dimmitt Consumers: Color, navy; coaches, Rudy and Linda Bonilla; team members, Nicky Gauna, Ruben Casas, Joshua Williams, Ramon Agüero, Joel Puente, Ramey Rice, Coby Martinez.

Wright & Sons: Color, orange; coach, Danny Silva; team members, Lee Brown, Adam Wright, Harold Casas, Robert Casas, Weldon Allison, Zachary Reyes, Daniel Rodriguez.

Girls' Major League
Pancake House: Color, orange; coaches, Jessie Saenz and Wally Silva; team members, Roxie Saenz, Sarah Silva, Amber Bell, Jaci Bishop, Delfina Martinez, Susie Limas, Jhirvon Starling, Carrie Meeks.

Seale Florist & Gifts: Color, navy; coaches, Beth Buckley and Elaine Steinkle; team members, Caitlin Buckley, Jenna Steinkle, Shae Odom, Angelica Lara, Sheena Ehly, Ashley Burks, Valerie Martinez.

First United Bank: Color, green; coaches, Albert Acevedo and Jerry Cartwright; team

members, Elizabeth Cartwright, April Torres, Nancy Quiroz, Amy Laurent, Courtney Norman, Cynthia Ann Barrera, Maegan Farris, Whitney Nutt.

Mr. Burger: Color, royal blue; coach, Daniel Jimenez; team members, Natalie Jimenez, Chris Back, Meagan Pigg, Deidre Perez, Angelica Quiroz, Sharete Johnson, Mindy Maxwell, Patricia Giron.

Lane Dirt: Color, yellow; coaches, Lance Loudder and Brent Self; team members, Katy Loudder, Shantell Self, Jaci Hardwick, Tracy Garcia, Erica Abrego, Melissa Rueda, Adriana Arcos, Holly Lane.

First Bank: Color, red; coaches, Lint Merritt and Bryan Irons; team members, Jill Merritt, Ashley Irons, Lauren Waggoner, Lisa Sears, Heather Hargrove, Amy McGowne, Tabitha Laurent, Maribel Garcia.

Bobcat Barber Shop: Color, maroon; coaches, Bill Sanders and Tommy Kenworthy; team members, Kami Sanders, Shayla Kenworthy, Monica Oltivero, Priscilla Rodriguez, Katrina Casas, Edna Arredondo, Alicia Heard.

Boys Minor League
Castro County News: Color, orange; coach, Les Miller; team members, Cory James Back, Adrian Trevino, Heath Lunsford, Ryan Miller, Omar Catano, Tyler Waggoner, Jason Corlis, Chuck Cruz, Darrell Reyes.

Dimmitt Ready Mix: Color, red; coaches, Albert Acevedo and Richard Perez; team members, Sean Banks, Matthew Larra, Omar Pena, Daniel Coleman, Kevin Jackson, Jeremy Gamez, Zane Farris, Blake Jones.

Flagg Fertilizer: Color, green; coaches, Gene Penney and Scott Sheffy; team members, Layne Penney, Stuart Sheffy, Charley Saenz, Fabian Diaz, Ryan Hunter, Ross Hunter, Billy Allan Dollar, Bryan Hall.

Cerestar: Color, navy; coaches, Sal Ortiz and Ricky Reyes; team members, Nicholas Ortiz, Ricky Reyes, Matthew Calderon, Greg Calderon, Joshua Martinez, Jose Limas Jr., Joshua Green, Bobby Prieto.

Hi-Plains Oil: Color, yellow; coaches, Brent Self and Stanley and Tina Maurer; team members, Tucker Self, Casey Maurer, Ben

Birdwell, Raul Olvera, Javier Rodriguez, Gerald Thomas Jr., Julian Ortiz, Aaron Herrera.

Dimmitt Agri Industries: Color, royal blue; coaches, Gary Hunter and Earl Behrends; team members, Garrett Behrends, Sean Hunter, Zjhon Smothermon, Andy Garcia, Carlos Escamilla, Matthew Ray Ruiz, Jacob Ruiz, Christopher Velasquez.

Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union: Color, maroon; coach, Johnny Flores Jr.; team members, Jonathan Flores, J.J. Pena, Ignacio Sifuentes Jr., Bo Sifuentes, Jared Bell, Jordan Bell, Sergio Saucedo, Fabian Pena.

Girls' Minor League

Novartis Seeds: Color, green; coaches, Phil Lemons and George Rasor; team members, Meggie Lemons, Laura Rasor, Jinna Wright, Hayli Wise, Stephanie Enriquez, Kristi Reyes, Camille Vasquez, Sabrena Patlan.

Paxton Tire & Service: Color, yellow; coaches, Joe Nino and Paula Johnson; team members, Ashlee Nino, Holly Little, Amber Enriquez, Kimberly Saenz, Kendra Puente,

Shelley Paxton, Stephanie Esquivel, Bianca Torres.

NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment: Color, royal blue; coaches, Tod Bradley and Terry Mixson; team members, Raynee Bradley, Callen Mixson, Clarissa Herrera, Brittany Williams, Melissa Campos, Tabitha Sullivan, Jennifer Fuentes, Kathy Amador.

Plains Memorial Hospital: Color, navy; coach, Mike Bain; team members, Samantha Diane Hernandez, Ester Velasquez, Marisa Allison, Natasha Williams, Bridgett Velasquez, Krystal Mae Martinez, Ashley Sears.

Big M's & One Bullet: Color, orange; coaches, Tony Fisher and Kenny Ebeling; team members, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Holly Gilliam, Kelly Reyes, Ashley Roberts, Kristin McClure, Jacalyn Martinez, Haydee Villalba.

First United Bank: Color, red; coaches, Diane York and Shelly Nutt; team members, Shelley York, Shauna Nutt, Corrie Kate Black, Nicole Heard, Christina Ramos, Jessica Ortega, Haley Heard, Jennifer Montes.

TUNE IN!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.....6 to 7 a.m.

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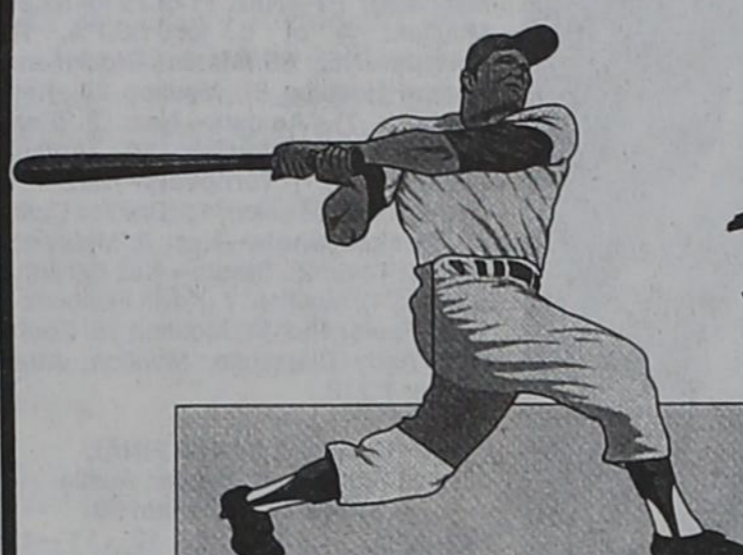
Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, school lunch menus, Great American Farmer, Good Neighbor

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Batter up!

Good Luck, Bobcats!

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SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. Dalhart, There, 1 p.m.
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TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Floydada, There, 5:30 p.m.

All-district picks announced

Five Dimmitt Bobcats earned All-District honors in basketball in the District 1-AAA listing released this week.

Brandon Smith, senior wing, and Charley Sanders, junior post, both earned first team honors.

Cameron Lust, senior post, was named to the second team.

Honorable mention laurels went to senior guards Jason Nino and Kalem Thomas.

Other first team selections included Nathan Culwell and Lance McCaslin, Tulia; Dustin Cleavinger, Muleshoe; Quint Ellis, Friona; and Josh Reynolds, Dalhart.

Additional second team honorees were Frankie Balizan and Matt Paetzold, Perryton; Aaron King, Friona; Justin Chanler, River Road; Mark Dyer, Tulia; and Matt Mason, Muleshoe.

Kids, Inc. Schedule

Here is the schedule for the coming week for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball program.

All game times are p.m.
 Major league games are played at the Dimmitt High School gym and minor league games are played at Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Gym at the middle school.

TODAY (THURSDAY)
Major Boys
 6—B&W Aerial vs. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt
 7—Dimmitt Consumers vs. Goodpasture

Minor Boys
 5:30—Castro County News vs. Cerestar
 6:30—Hereford Federal Credit Union vs. Flagg Fertilizer
 7:30—Dimmitt Agri Industries vs. Hi Plains Oil Co.

FRIDAY
Major Girls
 5:30—Bobcat Barber Shop vs. Mr. Burger
 6:30—First Bank vs. Pancake House
 7:30—First United Bank vs. Lane Dirt

Minor Girls
 6—NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment vs. Plains Memorial Hospital
 7—Big M's & One Bullet vs. Novartis Seeds

MONDAY
Major Boys
 6—Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt vs. Wright & Sons
 7—Gary's Engine vs. B&W Aerial

Spray
Minor Boys
 5:30—Flagg Fertilizer vs. Dimmitt Agri Industries
 6:30—Hi-Plains Oil vs. Castro County News
 7:30—Dimmitt Ready Mix vs. Hereford Federal Credit Union

TUESDAY
Major Girls
 5:30—Pancake House vs. First United Bank
 6:30—Lane Dirt vs. Bobcat Barber Shop
 7:30—Seale Florist & Gifts vs. First Bank

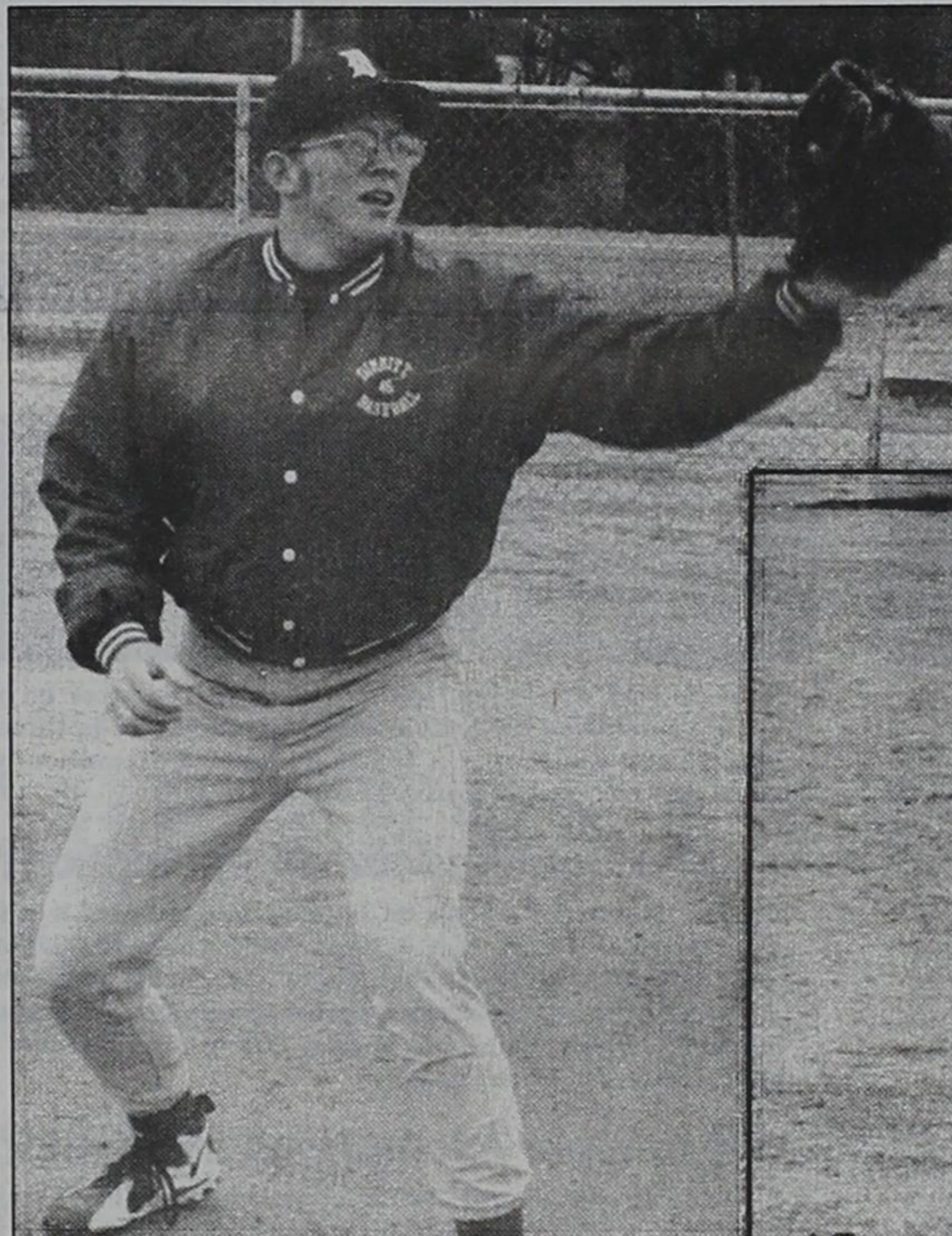
Minor Girls
 6—Plains Memorial Hospital vs. First United Bank
 7—Paxton Tire & Service vs. NAPA/Dimmitt Equipment

Power lifters place at regional

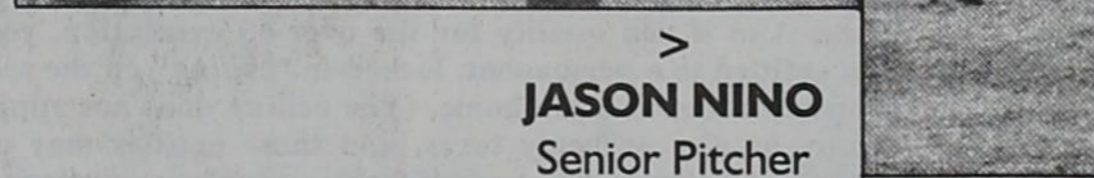
Two powerlifters from Dimmitt High School participated in the Regional Powerlifting Meet Saturday in Sundown.

Jason Hall won fourth in the 123-pound weight division, with lifts of 250 squat, 205 bench, and 320 deadlift, for a total of 775.

Beau Hill took seventh in the 181-pound weight division. His lifts of 415 squat, 220 bench, and 455 deadlift gave him a total score of 1,090.



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Scholarship deadline set April 10

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will award two \$1,600 scholarships this spring.

Senior students and graduates of Dimmitt High School who have parents or guardians who receive telephone service from WTRT Cooperative, or who are customers themselves, are eligible to apply.

Seniors and graduates from Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Adrian, and Vega also may apply.

The application deadline is April 10. Application forms may be obtained at high school counselors' offices or at the WTRT offices in Hereford. They are not limited to high school seniors, but applicants must have graduated from high school or completed their GED.

Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, with one coming from a teacher, principal, or counselor at the high school that the applicant attended or is currently attending. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview, at the discretion of the WTRT board.

The forms must be received in WTRT offices by the deadline.

Scholarships will be distributed in the amount of \$800 per semester. Applicants must maintain a minimum of 12 credited hours throughout each semester or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

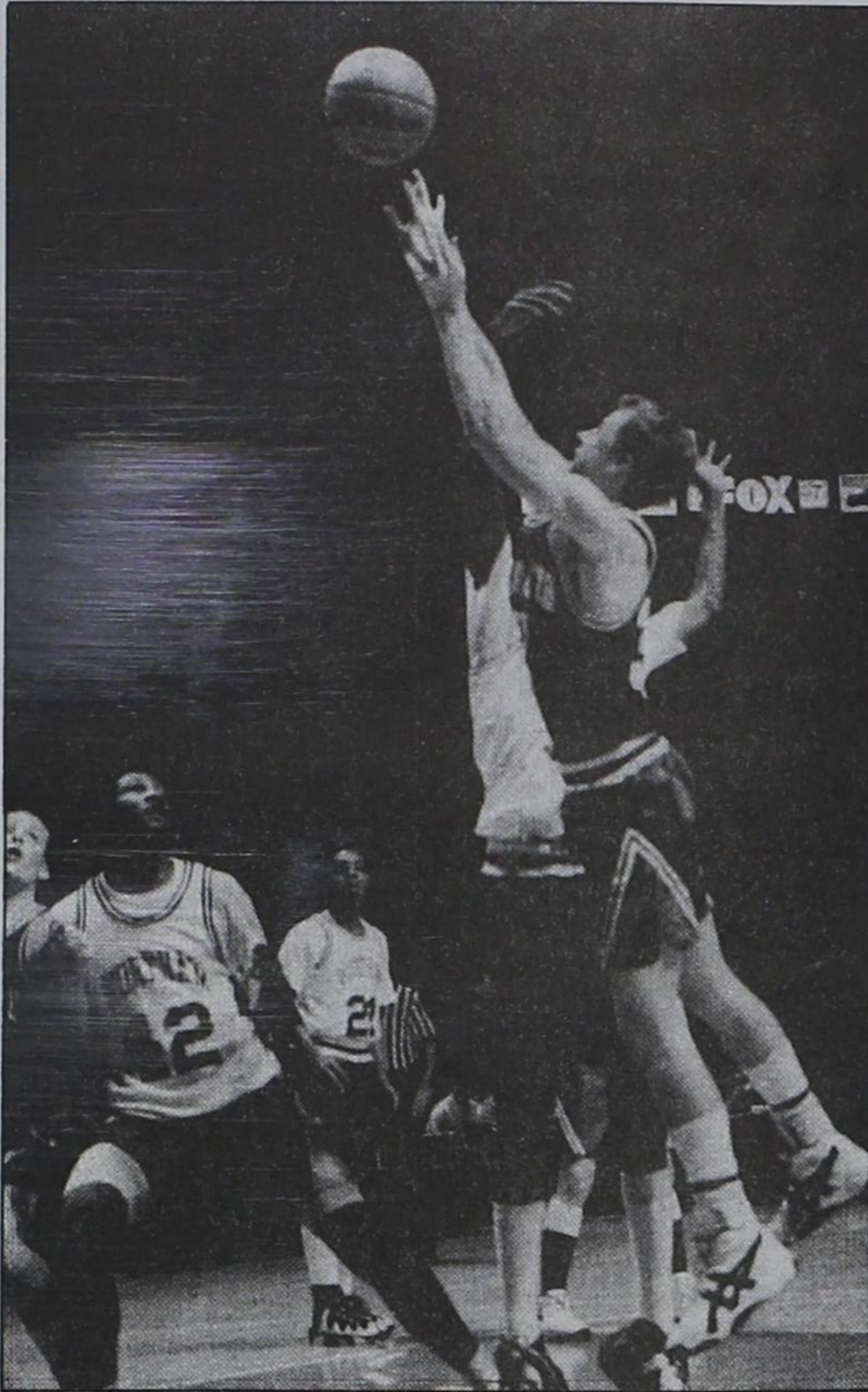
The scholarships are funded through unclaimed capital credits from WTRT that previously had reverted to the state. In 1995, cooperative members approved an amendment to the by-laws that allows use of unclaimed capital credits for scholarships.

The scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR OVER-65 HOMEOWNERS

By filing a simple affidavit with their local appraisal district, over-65 homeowners can indefinitely postpone paying property taxes on their homestead.

For more information, contact
Castro County Appraisal District
 204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027
 647-5131



TAKING IT TO THE HOOP—Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting doesn't let Wortham's height intimidate him Saturday, squaring up, making a post move, then scoring on this play in the Class A state championship game Saturday morning. Nazareth was successful defending the much taller Bulldogs, but was cold offensively, and Wortham pulled off the upset, claiming the state championship with a 50-42 win. Defending on the play are Wortham's Reuben Ranole (6-5) and Lance Chambers (6-8). Hoelting, a 6-4 post, earned all-state tournament honors for the second straight year.

Photo by Anne Acker

Scoreboard

CLASS A STATE SEMIFINAL
 at Frank Erwin Center, Austin
Swifts 58, Moulton 51

Nazareth 18 12 15 13—58
 Moulton 14 10 11 16—51

Nazareth—Bryan Braddock 6 4—21; Justin Bingham 1 2—4; Nathan Hoelting 5 3—15; Marcus Brockman 3 2—9; Nick Gerber 1 0—2; Barry Hoelting 3 0—1—7; Billy Don Cannon 0 0—0; Darren Huckert 0 0—0; Mitchell Brockman 0 0—0; Jerad Birkenfeld 0 0—0; Kit Schulte 0 0—0. **Totals:** 19 11—19—58.

MOULTON—Bradley Darlek 0 0—0; Dusty Wagner 1 0—3; Kevin Fishbeck 9 1—2—20; Robert Tovar 3 0—6; Andy Dierschka 1 1—2—3; Anthony Weeaks 5 2—2—15; Chad Hennrichs 0 0—0; Scott Chaloupka 2 0—4; Chad Rothbauer 0 0—0. **Totals:** 21 4—6—51.

FG—Naz: 19 of 47 for 40.4%; Moulton: 21 of 42 for 50%. **3FG**—Naz: 9 of 22 for 40.9% (Bryan Braddock 5, Nathan Hoelting 2, Marcus Brockman and Barry Hoelting); Moulton: 5 of 14 for 35.7% (Anthony Weeaks 3, Dusty Wagner and Kevin Fishbeck). **FT**—Naz: 11 of 19 for 57.9%; Moulton: 4 of 6 for 66.7%. **Rebounds**—Naz: 35 (Marcus Brockman 9, Nathan Hoelting 8); Moulton 24 (Kevin Fishbeck 7). **Assists**—Naz: 7 (Bryan Braddock 3); Moulton 10 (Anthony Weeaks 3). **Turnovers**—Naz: 13 (Braddock 5); Moulton: 11 (Bradley Darlek 4). **Blocked Shots**—Naz: 0; Moulton: 3 (Robert Tovar 2). **Steals**—Naz 5 (Nathan Hoelting 4); Moulton: 7 (Kevin Fishbeck 4). **Total Fouls:** Naz 11, Moulton 15. **Fouled Out:** Andy Dierschke, Moulton. **Attendance:** 7,218.

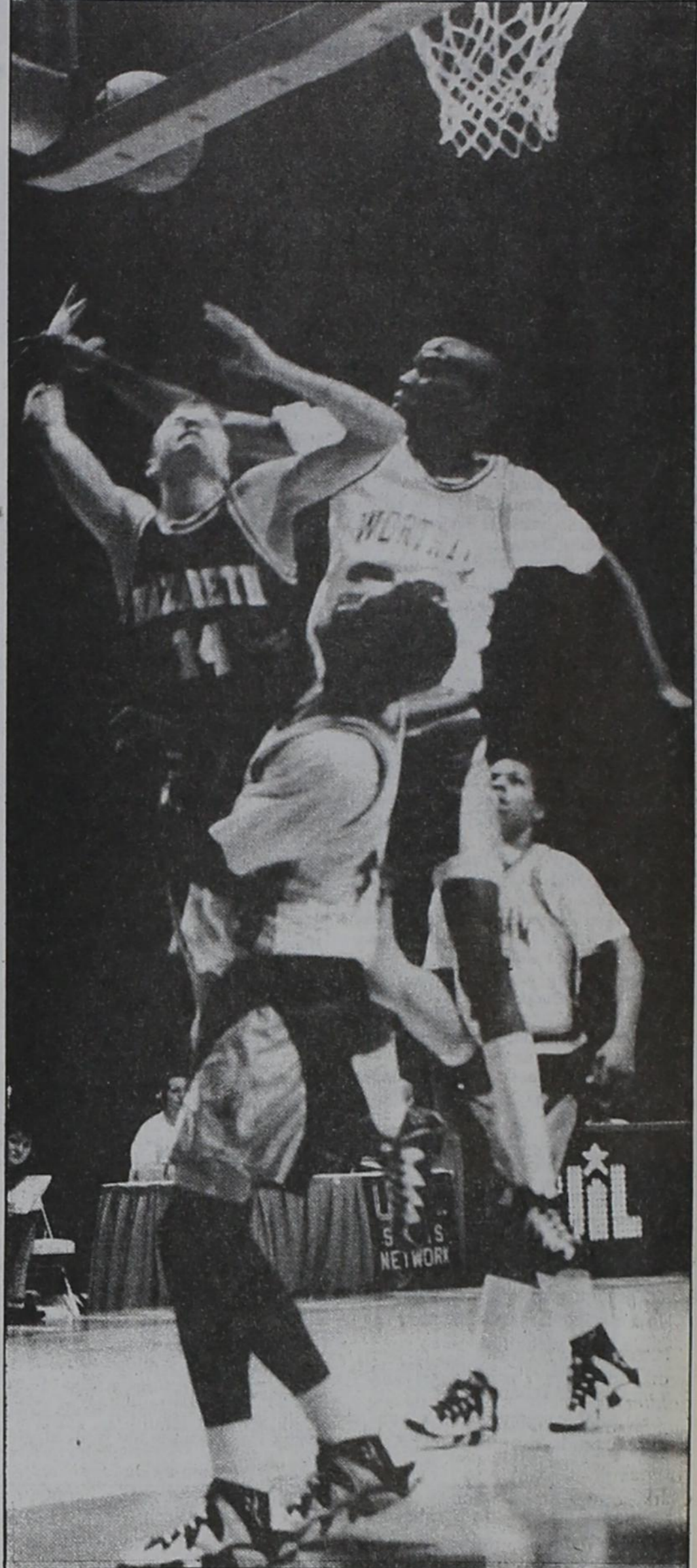
CLASS A STATE FINAL
 at Frank Erwin Center, Austin
Swifts 42, Wortham 50

Nazareth 10 8 13 11—42
 Wortham 6 17 16 11—50

Nazareth—Bryan Braddock 6 3—6—17; Justin Bingham 2 0—4; Nathan Hoelting 6 7—20; Marcus Brockman 0 0—0—0; Nick Gerber 0 0—0; Barry Hoelting 0 1—4—1; Billy Don Cannon 0 0—0; Darren Huckert 0 0—0; Mitchell Brockman 0 0—0. **Totals:** 14 11—42.

WORTHAM—Leonard Davis 4 2—5—10; Terrell Spence 3 6—10—15; Michael Betts 2 1—3—6; Lance Chambers 5 0—0—10; Reuben Ranole 0 3—7—3; Robert Busby 2 0—0—4; James Eggins 1 0—0—2; Jason Carr 0 0—0. **Totals:** 17 12—25—50.

FG—Naz: 14 of 53 for 26.4%; Wortham: 17 of 43 for 39.5%. **3FG**—Naz: 3 of 17 for 17.6% (Bryan Braddock 2, Nathan Hoelting); Wortham: 4 of 11 for 36.4% (Terrell Spence 3, Michael Betts). **FT**—Naz: 11 of 17 for 64.7%; Wortham: 12 of 25 for 48%. **Rebounds**—Naz: 37 (Nathan Hoelting 9); Wortham 47 (Lance Chambers 12, Leonard Davis 11). **Assists**—Naz: 7 (Bryan Braddock and Barry Hoelting 2); Wortham 8 (Terrell Spence 3). **Turnovers**—Naz: 7 (Braddock 5); Wortham: 11 (Michael Betts 5). **Blocked Shots**—Naz: 1 (Nick Gerber); Wortham: 8 (Lance Chambers 6). **Steals**—Naz 7 (Nathan Hoelting 3); Wortham: 2 (Terrell Spence and Michael Betts). **Total Fouls:** Naz 21, Wortham 13. **Fouled Out:** Nathan Hoelting and Bryan Braddock, Naz; Lance Chambers, Wortham. **Technical Foul:** Marcus Brockman, Naz. **Attendance:** 12,270.



NAZARETH'S BRYAN BRADDOCK (14) drives inside the lane and is hammered by Wortham's Michael Betts (21) as he attempts a layup. The shot is partially blocked and Braddock hit the floor, but no foul was called. Another Bulldog eyes the ball for a possible rebound. Nazareth gave up several inches to the taller Bulldogs, and couldn't overcome a five-minute second-quarter scoring drought, losing the state title game to Wortham, 50-42.

Photo by Anne Acker

Support group sets meeting

"Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer, will meet Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

The meeting will be in the center's Amphitheater at 1500 Wallace Boulevard in Amarillo.

The March program, "Strength and Conditioning Awareness," will feature Janice Nichols and Jeff Cox, certified fitness specialists. They

will help breast cancer survivors learn how to safely incorporate exercise and activity into their daily routines.

The support group is sponsored by The Circle of Friends of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, High Plains Baptist Health Systems, the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, St. Anthony's Hospital, Northwest Texas Healthcare System, and the American Cancer Society.

Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 14th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1996. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1997.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1997 renditions is Monday, April 14. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 14 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Castro County Appraisal District

204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027
 806-647-5131

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Comptroller's Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$5,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$45,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$5,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1996, you won't need to reapply for 1997 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 1997. And if you turned 65 or became disabled during 1996, you need to file for the additional exemptions.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Castro County Appraisal District

204 S.E. 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027
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For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1997 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Police Calls

Some suspects were charged with possession of marijuana under 2 ounces in an incident Sunday afternoon at the city park in the 900 block of West Andrews in Dimmitt. A search reportedly turned up 3 grams of marijuana, two marijuana cigarettes, rolling papers, a lighter and marijuana seeds.

A suspect reportedly was in possession of a prohibited knife Friday night in the 100 block of Southeast Second in the alley. A chrome plated knife was taken into evidence.

Diana Paz Tetlow of Dimmitt told police that someone entered her residence at the Azteca Complex and took some beer around 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Gayle Smith of Dimmitt told police last Thursday evening that someone removed the antenna from a 1989 Dodge four-door car while it was parked at her residence. She valued it at \$50.

Susana Casas told police March 4 that someone broke a window at her residence on Southwest Third.

Israella Castaneda of Dimmitt, a resident at the Azteca Complex, told police that a 10-year-old boy was bitten by a dog the evening of March 3.

A 17-year old Dimmitt man was picked up March 5 on a warrant for assault/bodily injury.

Criminal mischief charges were listed on a warrant that resulted in the arrest of a 30-year-old Dimmitt man last Thursday night.

A 43-year-old Hart man was arrested on a DPS warrant early Saturday.

Early Saturday a 31-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on DWI, second offense, charges.

DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear were listed against a 46-year-old Dimmitt woman who was jailed Saturday night.

Public intoxication charges were

listed against a 54-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed Saturday night. A 33-year-old Dimmitt woman was charged with making a false report to peace officers and was jailed Monday.

DWI, second offense, charges were listed against a 50-year-old man who was arrested Monday night.

Five accidents were reported recently.

Feb. 24, a 1992 Mercury Cougar belonging to Bettye Newton Huckabay was damaged in an accident at the intersection of West Jones and Southwest Fifth in Dimmitt. Police reported that Huckabay had been traveling west on Jones, when another vehicle failed to yield right of way at a stop sign and struck Huckabay's vehicle on the left passenger side, then left the scene. No injuries were reported and the Cougar sustained moderate damage.

March 3, Jimmie Chapman of Dimmitt was driving a 1995 Mercury Mystique north in the 100 block of Northwest Sixth, when his vehicle was struck by a 1984 GMC van driven by Joyce Elizabeth Williams of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported. Chapman's vehicle had moderate damage and Williams's vehicle had light damage. Police said Chapman had been driving along the street when Williams backed out of a private drive and struck Chapman's vehicle. Williams received citations for backing without safety, no liability insurance, expired registration, and driving not secured by a seat belt.

In the 100 block of Southeast Eighth the evening of March 3, Melba Cruise Vasquez of Dimmitt was north bound in a 1988 Chevy van, when a 1978 truck driven by Ricardo Enriquez of Dimmitt pulled

out of a driveway and struck the van. Enriquez said he was blinded by the sun. He was ticketed for failure to yield right of way. Damage to the truck was rated moderate, while the van had heavy damage. No injuries were reported.

Three people were injured in an accident March 5 in the 500 block of North Broadway. A 1988 Plymouth driven by Maria Guadalupe Fernandez of Dimmitt left the Dimmitt Market parking lot and pulled into the path of 1990 Oldsmobile Regency driven by Marjorie Busby Morris. Damage to both vehicles was rated moderate. Fernandez was ticketed for failure to yield right of way. Fernandez was listed with a non-incapacitating injury and a passenger and Morris both were listed with possible injuries. Two people were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital.

David Arguijo was ticketed for no driver's license Friday afternoon after the 1982 Chevy station wagon he was driving backed out of a driveway in the 600 block of Southwest Third and struck a parked 1985 Dodge pickup belonging to DISD. Damage to the pickup was moderate, while the station wagon had light damage. No injuries were reported.

More about Candidates . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Harold Smith was the only candidate who had filed as of Wednesday morning, and he is seeking the position of alderman.

City of Nazareth

The terms of both city commissioners are expiring: Carl Dean Kleman for a two-year-term, and Glenn Ehly for a one-year term.

No candidates had filed as of Wednesday morning.

Dimmitt ISD

School board members whose terms are expiring include Place 1 representative John Nino, and Avery Thrasher for Place 5.

Candidates who have filed include incumbents Nino and Thrasher. Also, Joe Alvarez has filed for Place 5.

Hart ISD

Hart's school board has two members whose terms are expiring, David Smith and Danny Rodriguez; and one who resigned, Jerry Miller.

Incumbents Smith and Rodriguez have filed, along with Ricky Mitchell.

Nazareth ISD

Those whose terms are expiring on the Nazareth board are Sidney Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

No one had filed as of Wednesday morning.

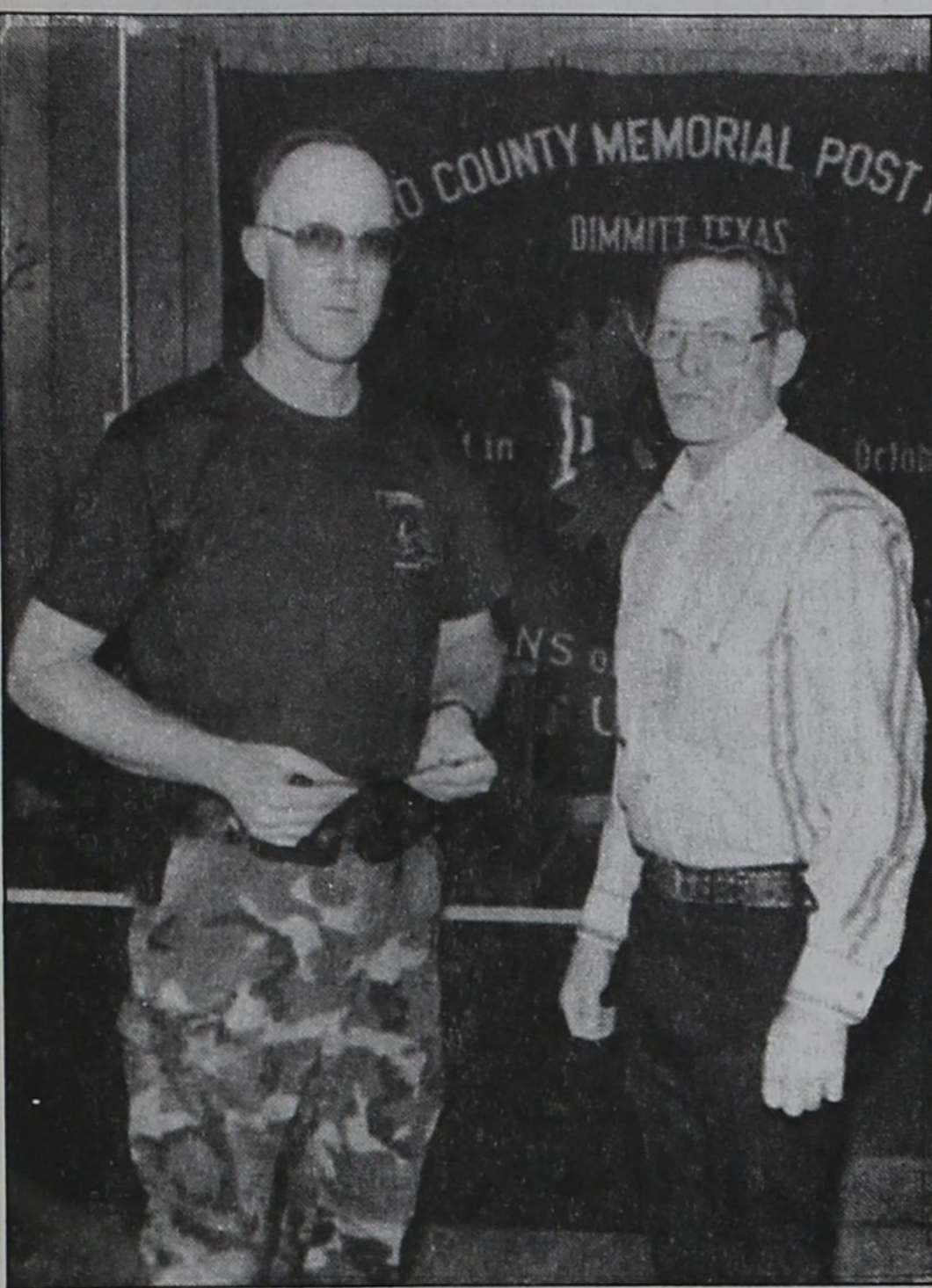
Stump halfway through deployment in Mediterranean Sea

Navy Lt. Eric Stump, son of Jerry and Donna Stump of Dimmitt, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the attack submarine *USS Montpelier*.

Stump is one of more than 100 sailors aboard the submarine who left their home port of Norfolk, Va., in November. Stump's ship is part of the *USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group* which includes eight tactical aircraft squadrons, seven surface combatants, two submarines and the three-ship *USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group*.

A nuclear-powered attack submarine, Stump's ship is one of the most sophisticated submarines in the world. Equipped with torpedoes, Harpoon and Tomahawk cruise missiles, the powerful warship can provide surveillance and intelligence, support special operations and launch missiles at enemy ships or land targets.

A 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Stump joined the Navy in May 1991. He is a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of arts degree.



CHECK PRESENTATION—Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn Snitker (left) accepts a \$150 donation for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Castro County. The donation is from the Dimmitt VFW and Auxiliary. Presenting the check is Jackie Powers, local VFW Post Commander. The presentation was made at the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the two organizations Friday evening.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

NHS students to present 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier'

Nazareth High School will present a one-act play, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* as part of a dinner theater Sunday in the school cafeteria.

This play, written by Hermann Ammann and published by I.E. Clark, brings out the meaning of love, not money, as the audience witnesses toys coming to life at "Sally's" birthday party.

Prior to the performance, a Mexican stack-up meal will be served at 4:30 p.m. The play will begin at approximately 6 p.m.

Tickets for the show and dinner are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under. Those who wish to see the play and not take part in the meal will be charged \$2.

The play, directed by Jo Beth Mays, will be presented in Zone

competition Monday in Farwell around 2:30 p.m.

Cast members and their roles are as follows: Kit Schulte as The Tin Soldier, Sarah Olvera as Mother, Cameron McLain as Daddy, Margie Durbin as The Cook, Stephanie Gerber as Good Fairy, Ann Wilhelm as Humpty Dumpty, David Verkamp as Monkey, Amy Pohlmeier as Jack-in-the-Box, Heather Braddock as Witch, Karen Wilhelm as Cindy the Dancing Doll, Josh Merritt as Prince Charming Cad, Meredith Braddock as First Lackey, Jill Schulte as Second Lackey and Susan Book as Sally.

Members of the stage crew are Clay Hoelting, Dustin Ramaekers, Susan Lange, Sara Birkenfeld, Matthew Kern and Jessica McGilvray.


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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Words cannot even begin to express our gratitude for all the love, prayers and support shown to us and our families during the loss of our son, Eric Rose.

To those who brought food, sent flowers, sent cards or lifted him in prayer these past nine years, we will never forget you in our prayers. To those many of you who were able to help us take care of him, love him and play with him, we are thankful for being able to trust you to do so. Without that trust, we would not have been able to "share him" with so many of you.

Now everyone he ever touched is sharing so many great memories and moments they had with him and this is what we need to get beyond the grieving and move on to the wonderful memories we have of Eric.

Thank you also to those who helped in any way with his Tuesday night prayer service and his Wednesday memorial mass service. Our extended families and friends were moved beyond words. We've always believed that Eric would be an angel one day; but now "we are at such peace in believing it." We would like to share this with you:

Eric, God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be; so He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away, and though we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands were put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us...He always takes care of the best!

God bless you all.
JERRY, TRICIA & ANDREA ROSE
VIRGIE GERBER & FAMILIES
ED & RUTH ROSE & FAMILIES
24-49-1tc

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO PR. 2256

THE ESTATE OF
FERNE DICKEY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FERNE DICKEY, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of FERNE DICKEY, Deceased, were issued to MARILYN JO BEAM and SUZANNE AXE on the 5th day of March, 1997, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: MS. MARILYN JO BEAM, 1104 Bellaire Street, Amarillo, Texas 79106; or MS. SUZANNE AXE, 4504 9th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

25-49-11c

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: KENNETH YOUNG
D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent.

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable MARVIN MARSHALL, 242nd DISTRICT COURT, Castro County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the TEXAS DEPT. OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES, Petitioner, filed in said court on the 5th day of March, 1997, against KENNETH YOUNG, D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent, and said suit being numbered B-6975-09-95-FL on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of JOSHUA SORRELS AND KENNETH RYAN, children, the nature of which suit is a request to second amended petition to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born on the 30th day of May, 1982, in McLennan County, Texas.

The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Dimmitt, Texas, this 5th day of March, 1997.

JOYCE M. THOMAS, Clerk
242nd District Court
Castro County, Texas
By Ronda M. West, Deputy

St. Patrick's Day dance is planned

The Knights of Columbus in Nazareth will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday and proceeds from the event will benefit Catholic Family Services.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Music will be provided by the group, Southern Sky, of Friona.

Admission is \$10 per person. For a \$25 donation, an individual will have his or her name placed on a special ad that will be displayed during the dance, and will receive two tickets to the event.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Edna Riley of Dimmitt, a long-time resident of the community, died Sunday morning after being hospitalized for over a week. The family stayed by her side during this time. Kim Riley came in Monday from Marbridge Ranch for the services Tuesday morning in Dimmitt and the burial in Hart Cemetery where Ray Riley is buried.

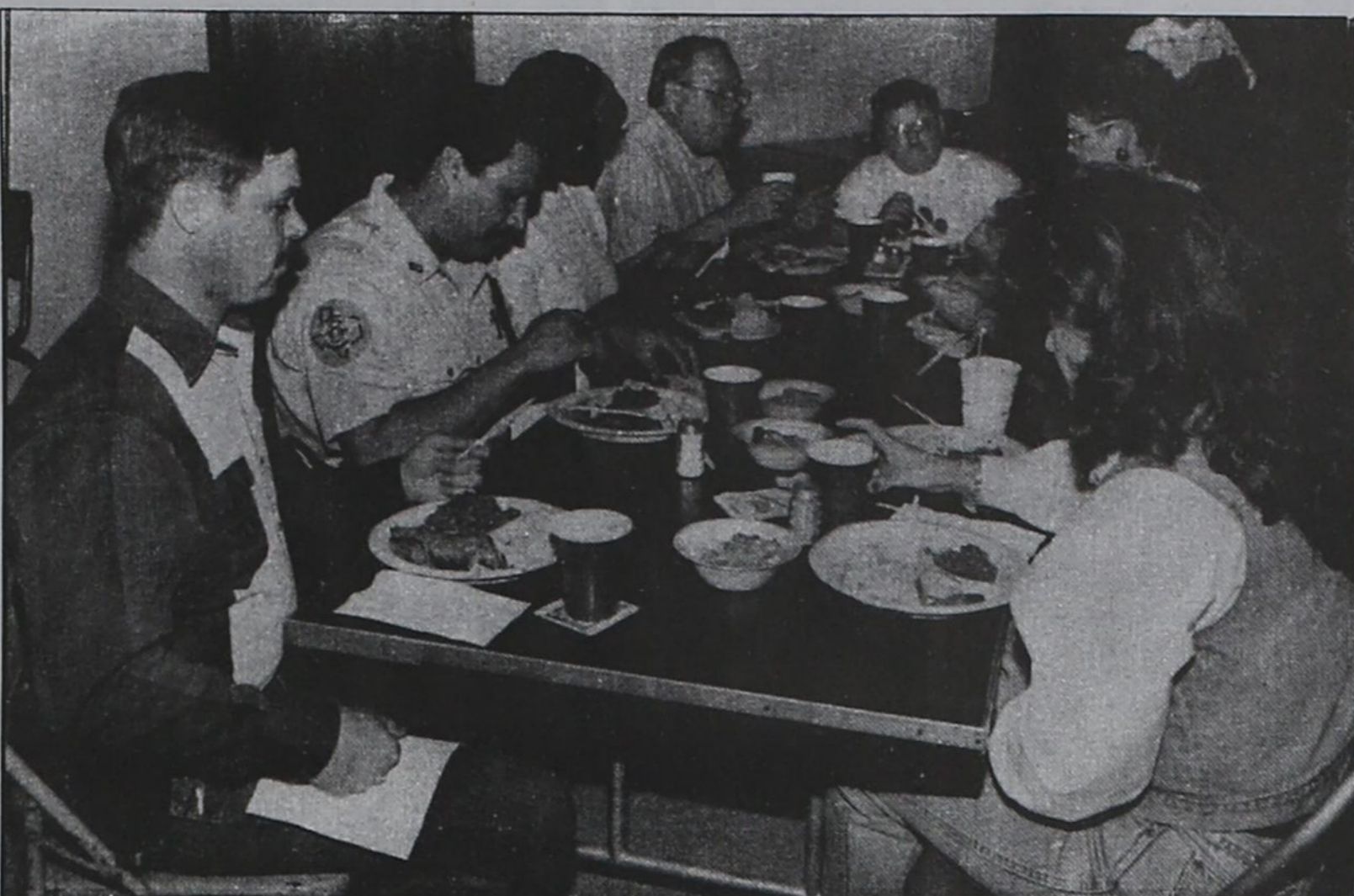
Hershell Wilson was rushed to Dimmitt Feb. 28 with his blood pressure too high. He was sent to Lubbock Methodist Hospital and had an angiogram, which showed some blockage. He underwent angioplasty and came home last Thursday.

James Norrell was admitted to University Medical Center in Lubbock last Thursday for back surgery. He is doing okay. Joan has been staying with him.

Janelle Haydon is still in Lubbock Methodist Hospital, but was better Friday.

Kelley Green also is doing really well. His last tests were good and he is expected to come home in a few days. Dara Green has been spending the days with him and then picking up the kids for the night from Judy and Doug Loudder, who keep them during the day. His mother, Linda Green of Earth, also has spent some nights with Kelley and a cousin from Oklahoma also has stayed some.

Saturday and part of Sunday, Rev. Bennie Wright attended a Bible



IN APPRECIATION—Local law enforcement personnel and their families (approximately 45 people) attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner sponsored Friday by the Dimmitt VFW and Auxiliary. About 20 members of the VFW and

Auxiliary also attended, and a check for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Castro County was presented to the Sheriff's Dept. by Post Commander Jackie Powers.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Moran overcomes physical ailment to become top gymnast

Jake Moran is an All-American gymnast, a high school senior, National Honor Society member and math whiz.

He's worked hard for all of his successes, but the biggest battle he fights on a daily basis is the one to overcome problems associated with cystic fibrosis, a chronic disease that often hinders his activities.

Moran is the son of Scott and Sharon Moran of Dallas and the grandson of Myrtle Lois Moran of Dimmitt.

Moran is not the only one in his family to suffer from the disease. His sister, Angela, was diagnosed with the disease when she was five months old. The Morans learned that cystic fibrosis is a disease developed when there are carriers on both sides. It can damage all major organs and is especially deadly to the lungs, which fill with mucus.

After Angela was diagnosed, her other siblings were tested and Jake turned up positive. Both children undergo daily treatments, but Jake has had more physical problems from the disease.

He's overcome a lot, and his gymnastic work has helped in that area.

Jake was recently awarded a \$5,000 scholarship provided by the Dallas All-Sports Association and also received a trip to Orlando, Fla., where he will tour Disney World and Epcot Center. He was one of 10 youths recognized. Each has overcome serious problems to excel in athletics.

"Through cystic fibrosis I have learned what it means to persevere and to be patient," said Moran. "In order to accomplish my goals in

school, gymnastics or anything else, it is essential that I keep a positive attitude, stay on task and have a teachable spirit. Rather than focusing on being number one, my parents have taught me to strive for my personal best."

Moran undergoes breathing treatments each morning when he wakes up. The hour-long therapy is repeated two more times each day, once in the afternoon and again before bedtime.

Moran says on days that breathing is more difficult, he may need extra treatments and sometimes even intravenous medications given at home or in the hospital.

"Cystic fibrosis affects my digestive system as well as my lungs," said Moran. "Therefore I am very slender for my height. Any time I eat I must take an enzyme supplement to aid digestion."

Moran, who is a senior at Lake Highlands High School, says academics are high on his list of priorities and he maintains a 91 average. He also is involved in a program called Peer Helpers, and under this program, he goes to Lake Highlands Elementary School three days a week to work with children who needs extra help. He also teaches basic gymnastics to children on weekends.

Gymnastics has been a big part of his life.

"When my parents heard the news that I had a fatal disease they immediately started looking for a sport that was indoors, year-round and aerobic," said Moran. "They decided to let me try gymnastics. Even though I

didn't have much natural talent, they made me stick with it."

Moran suffered a serious knee injury in the sixth grade, and still has pain when he performs. He wraps the knee before each workout or performance, but his dedication has paid off.

"After 15 years, I am an All-American and am ranked 12th among hundreds of male high school gymnasts in the state of Texas," he said.

He is district and regional champion on the pommel horse and won a silver medal on the apparatus at the 1996 Texas State Gymnastics Meet. He's ranked in the top 10 nationally on the pommel horse.

When he was first diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, Jake was told he probably wouldn't live to see his 20s. Now he's being told he can live into his 60s.

And he intends to make each day count.

What's cooking?
In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

- DIMMITT**
Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.
MONDAY: Taco pie, Mexipinto beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito Corn Chips, cantaloupe and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, celery sticks, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.
FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
- Grades 2-12 Lunch**
THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
MONDAY: Choice of barbecued hot links, beef stew or taco pie; baked beans, fresh grapes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or garden relish; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat and skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, lasagna with ground beef or Monterey casserole; Frito corn chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, celery sticks or orange wedges; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and nood-
- dles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips, or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fishburger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
- HART**
THURSDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket; beets, mixed vegetables, peaches, dill pickles, chocolate cake, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, pizza or bean burrito, salad, dill pickles, cornbread, spinach, peanut butter bars, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, plums, fruit cocktail, tortilla pieces, salad and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potato, plums, apricots, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips, coleslaw, apricots, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.
- NAZARETH**
THURSDAY: *Chicken spaghetti with roll or corn dogs, salad, beans, oranges, pineapple and milk.
FRIDAY: *Cheese pizza and baked potato, salad, okra, peaches, dessert and milk.
MONDAY: *Tater tot casserole or pizza, salad, beans, pears, fruit salad and milk.
TUESDAY: *Corn dogs or chicken strips, salad, rice, pineapple, cobbler and pizza.
WEDNESDAY: *Soft tacos or pizza, salad, corn, peaches, dessert and milk.
THURSDAY: *Baked chicken with bread or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, pears, fruit cocktail and milk.
FRIDAY: *Fish or cheese pizza, salad, peas, peaches, applesauce and milk.

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But now, to get that same dash, I have to hold down one key while hitting a combination of four keys on the number pad. So with only five keystrokes, I get—*voilà!*—a dash.

What's easier about that? On the brighter side, though, a lot of things about the new program are easier. And hey, this computer has Solitaire on it, which my old one didn't.

Please bear with me. If you see any glitches in my copy, it isn't my fault. It's this new program that I'm still getting used to!

Notes from the boys' state basketball tournament:

The Nazareth Swifts and Tulia Hornets both gained a lot of respect from the big state tournament crowds. Naz lost its Class A state title game by eight points to Wortham, while Tulia lost the Class AAA title game to Dallas Madison by six. But both games could have gone either way.

Wortham had the big front men—6-8, 6-7 and 6-6—that can hurt a long-ball team like Nazareth. The Swifts had to hurry their shots just a little, and had to alter them just a little, and could get precious few second shots. As a result, they shot way below their usual percentage on three-pointers. If they could have hit anywhere close to their average, they'd have won the state championship.

The technical foul that was called on Marcus Brockman (a technical? On Marcus?) with 2:08 left in the championship game was the most unpopular call of the entire tournament—and the crowd throughout the Drum let the ref know about it. I don't think it cost the Swifts the game, but it certainly didn't help. They were four points down at the time, and the personal + technical call left Marcus playing those crucial last two minutes with four fouls instead of two.

Few people in the area where I was sitting expected Tulia's Hornets to stay within 20 points of the hully-gully Dallas Madison Trojans, who played for the Class AAAA title last year.

But the Tulia boys really took it to 'em, leading by 19-11 after the first quarter and by 36-30 at halftime.

Then the question became, "Can Tulia keep it up, or will they run out of gas in the second half?"

They kept it up, and didn't fall behind until the last two minutes. Madison pulled it out with an 8-0 run at the end, all on free throws, then finished with a dunk in the final second.

The Hornets could have—probably should have—been the state champs.

My son Nathan got into a conversation in the yogurt line with a 24-year-old guy who had just earned his teacher's degree and certification.

"Where are you from?" the guy asked.

"I'm from Houston," Nathan said, "but I'm originally from Dimmitt."

"You're from Dimmitt?" the guy exclaimed. "Did you get to play on any of those Dimmitt teams in the state tournaments?"

"Yeah, I was on two of them," Nathan said.

"Gosh, all my life I've wished I could be on a state tournament team," the guy said. "Boy, are you lucky!"

They still know who we are down there.

Tractor show set in Plainview

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will hold its fifth annual tractor show this weekend at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

The Fred Howard Memorial Show will feature antique tractors, stationary engines, antique equipment and windmills. Admission is free and the show is indoors.

Set up time will be Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Show times will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Other activities will include a Swap Meet, making homemade ice cream using a stationary engine, and a corn grinding demonstration. Also, a concession stand will be operated for the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association.

Daily parades are planned for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and there will be field events starting at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All makes of tractors will be welcome at the event.

Organizers said there is still room for vendors. For more information, call Debi Smith at (806)385-3555.

Obituaries



Edna Davis Riley

Edna Davis Riley, 85, longtime Castro County resident, died at 8:25 a.m. on Sunday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Tuesday morning at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Harry Riggs, minister, and Ronnie Parker officiating. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Riley was born June 16, 1911, in Mountain Park, Okla. She lived in Sunnyside and Hart before moving to Dimmitt in 1954. She married J. Ray Riley on June 6, 1933, in Amarillo. He died May 24, 1977.

She graduated from Littlefield High School and attended Texas Tech University where she received a teaching certificate. She taught school in Springlake and Hart.

She was a charter member of the Texas Corn Growers Association. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Dimmitt Garden Club. She was a life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, and was a past chairperson and board member of Rhoads Memorial Library for 18 years.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Joe Riley of Hart and Steven Kim Riley of Manchaca; two grandsons, Kevin Riley of Sunnyside and Jodie Riley of Earth; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Eddie Haydon, Dean Wiseman, Don Ethington, Trelis Summers, Carl King and Carrol Webb.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Waggoner, Ben Scott, Don Moore, John Merritt, Glen Merritt, Zay Gilbreath, Tom McClain, Robert Riley, Monty Boozer, J.A. Littleton, James Horton, Jack Miller, Edd Dawson, Roger Haberer, Loyd Vaughn, G.L. Willis, Bill Gregory, Jessie Hutcheson and Ronald Cleavinger.

The family requests memorials be

to the Edna Riley Memorial Greenhouse Fund, P.O. Box 250, Manchaca 78652; or the Mabridge Foundation in care of First United Bank, 201 N. Broadway, Dimmitt 79027.

Frances Comer

Funeral services for Frances Alvena Comer, 74, of Gans, Okla., the mother of Jackie Smothermon of Hereford and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in Agent Funeral Home Chapel in Sallisaw, Okla.

Burial was in the US National Cemetery in Ft. Smith, Ark. Mrs. Comer died March 9 in Ft. Smith.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Jackie Smothermon of Hereford, Becky Williamson of Mabank, and Robin Chambers of Marshall; four sons, Jim Marsh of Granbury, Joe Comer of Vian, Okla., Charles Comer of Gans, Okla., and Wesley Comer of Columbus, Kan.; two sisters, Margaret Cline of San Ramon, Calif., and Nellie Jones of Lufkin; 27 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were sons and grandsons.

Raymond Odom

Funeral services for Raymond Odom, 77, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister, officiating.

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

Mr. Odom died March 5 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 18, 1919, in Stonewall, Okla. He lived in McClain County, Okla., before moving to Dimmitt in 1941. He married Mozelle Teague on Oct. 21, 1939, in Chickasha, Okla. He was a retired farmer, and was a member of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Glenn Odom and Jesse Lynn Odom, both of Dimmitt; two daughters, Maretha Smithson of Dimmitt, and Patricia Campbell of Amarillo; a brother, M.B. Odom of Dimmitt; a sister, Gladys Richardson of Bakersfield, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Greg Odom, Troy Odom, Shane Smithson, Chester Morgan, Mike Obert, Aaron Odom and Chad Smithson.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church Youth Fund, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt, 79027.

Rowena Moore

Graveside services for Rowena Moore, 94, of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Moore died Saturday at Lubbock Hospital Home.

She was born in Meridian and had been a resident of Lubbock since 1939, when she moved from Dimmitt. She married Elmer Moore Oct. 29, 1921, in Meridian. He died on May 8, 1959. She was a housewife.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine M. Hilton of Odessa; a brother, C.G. Lewis of Muleshoe; one sister, Louise Cooper of Lockhart; two grandchildren; two great-

grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill Sharp Sr.

William Henry "Bill" Sharp Sr., 85, of Tulia, died Friday.

Services were held Monday in the Tulia First Baptist church with Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor, and Rev. Jeffrey Lee of First Baptist Church of Kress, officiating.

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

Mr. Sharp was born in Castro County and he married Mosie Marie Peugh in 1940 at Tucumcari, N.M. He farmed west of Tulia in Castro County most of his life.

He was raised in the Tulia area and attended Elkins and Tulia schools.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Toastmasters and Swisher County Senior Citizens.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1993.

Survivors include three daughters, Janis Varner of Powderly, Shyla Bruce of Krum and Rhonda Williams of Kress; a son, W.H. "Bill" Sharp Jr. of Powderly; a sister, Mary Edwards of Tulia; two brothers, J.P. Sharp of Durant, Okla., and Lewis Sharp of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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 1-Best/Vegetable 8 Row Double/Single 40" Cultivator, DSB, Beet Knives
 1-Taylor 8 Row 40" Cultivator, T.T.B., T.W., 2 sets GW, Stabilizer
 1-Fertilizer Rig 3 pt 28" 16 S/S, 2 sets GW, TP
 1-IHC 140 4-16 Breaking Plow, Hitch for Schlab Packer
 1-Schlab Clodbuster Packer, 4 btm
 1-John Deere Dozer Blade, 10 ft Heavy Duty, Good
 1-John Deere 727 Shredder With Rear Hitch, Good Paint And Cylinder
 1-John Deere DR-A, 20-8" Grain Drill, PW
 2-John Deere 400 30' Rotary Hoers
 1-11 Shank Big Ox Chisel Plow, Dual Gauge Wheels, Heavy Rear Hitch
 1-Graham Home 12' Chisel Sweep Plow, D.T., H.C., H.D.
 1-Walden 2 Drill Hitch
 2-Hamby 12' x 14' Bed Rollers
 1-Triangle Bar 8 Row 40" Bed Shaper
 1-IHC 4-7' Section Harrow w/ Hitch 28'
 2-Cline 9' Single Blade Ditchers
 1-3 Point Bo Bar with Weed Wiper, 8 Row
 5-Myers Drag V Ditchers
 1-Oliver Superior 20-8" Wheat Drill, Press Wheels
 1-Caldwell 2 Row Shredder DT
 1-Servis 2 Row Shredder DT
 1-Everman 10 ft DT Float
 1-Moline 3 pt Disc One Way Plow
 1-3 pt Lift Frame
 1-Steel, 14 x 20' Drag Float
 1-4 Row Packer Wheels
 1-Triangle 3 pt-2 row Cotton Stripper
 1-Phares Wilkins DT 2 row Sandfighter
 1-Lot Pipe Drags, RR Iron, Various Lengths
 TRAILERS:
 1-Big 12 30' Low Implement Trailer, New Front End, Needs New Floor
 5-Big 12 Cotton Trailers 8x9x24, Metal Floor and Sides
 2-Cobey Cotton Trailers 8x9x24, Metal Floor and Sides
 1-Big 12 Cotton Trailer 8x9x32 Metal Floor And Sides
 1-Cobey Bale Trailer
 1-Cobey 6 x 12 Flat Trailer
 1-Big 12 Trailer Chassis</p> | <p>PICKUPS:
 1-1985 Ford F-150 Pickup, 6 cylinder, 4 spd Trans, LWB
 1-1978 Chevrolet C-10 Pickup, V8, 3 spd Trans, LWB
 IRRIGATION:
 25 Joints 8" x 30' Alum Flowline
 47 Joints 7" x 20' Alum Gated Pipe 40" Rows
 42 Joints 6" x 20' Alum Gated Pipe 40" rows
 1-Lot Slip Joints, Reducers, End Caps, Elbs, Tees
 1-2 Wheel Pipe Trailer for 30' Pipe
 1-4 Wheel Pipe Trailer for 20' Pipe
 1-KM Pump 8" x 20' KMP 1170 RPM, 3 Phase, 20 HP Electric Motor
 1-KMP 4 Portable Pump, 292 Engine
 1-P&R 8" Surge Valve
 Lots of Irrigation Tubes, 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2"
 DISC DITCH FILERS
 TANKS & TRAILERS:
 1-1000 Gallon 200# Propane Tank
 2-500 Gallon 200# Propane Tank
 1-800 Gallon High Clearance Trailer, Transfer Pump, Adjustable Wheels
 1-1000 Gallon Links Axle Water Tank
 2-200 Gallon Front Mount Wylie Spray Tanks
 2-150 Gallon Floor Mount Fuel Tanks Pickup
 TRACTOR & TOOL MAKE-UP:
 8-Rotary Scratchers w/ Deflectors, Very Good
 8-Hamby Rolling Fenders
 1 x 3 Hamby Shanks And Clamps
 5/8 x 2 Shanks And Clamps
 Cultivator Sweeps, Bolts, Pipe Fittings, Hoses, Belts,
 Tractor Hydraulic Fittings, Couplers
 Fertilizer Chisels
 Clean Out Sweeps
 3-Heavy Draw Bars For 3 point Hitch
 16-John Blue Fertilizer Shanks
 12-Ace Herbiolide Fenders
 1-Lot Tractor Weights
 1-Lot IHC Planter Plates, Parts
 8-Cycle Air Planter Drums
 8-Blackwelder Beat Thinner
 1-Hamby Rodweeder Rod/Gear Box/ Bearings/ Holders
 NON-CLASSIFIED-SHOP:
 1-10 Gallon Propane Bottle
 1-Lot Concrete Blocks
 1-Lot Barrel Pumps
 2-Butane Stock Tub Heaters
 1-Lot Tires, Wheels
 1-Scratch Cattle Oiler
 1-8' Stock Water Tank
 Acetylene Cutting Torch and Gauges,
 Air Compressor
 Jacks, Hand Tools, Yard Tools
 1-Lot Misc Shop Tools
 1-Lot of Items Too Numerous To List
 Announcements Made Sale Day Take Precedence</p> |
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