

## Estranged husband is charged

# Mother of four murdered Friday

A 53-year-old mother of four was the victim of a brutal murder last Thursday night on an unpaved road three miles southwest of Dimmitt. Her estranged husband has been charged with the murder and is in Castro County Jail under \$500,000 bond.

The murder victim was Frances Castañeda Dominguez, a certified nurse's aide who had lived in Dimmitt most of her life.

Charged with the murder was her estranged husband, Cecil Ward, 52. Acting on a 9-1-1 call at 12:30 a.m. Friday, State Trooper Keith Smith and Dimmitt Policeman Miguel Ontiveros tracked Ward to the Town & Country convenience store on North Broadway.

Another officer said that Ward, whose clothes reportedly were covered with blood, came out of the store and surrendered to Trooper Smith without resistance.

Ward then directed officers to a spot southwest of Dimmitt, where they discovered Ms. Dominguez's body beside the roadway, the officer said.

At that point, Smith arrested Ward on suspicion of murder and notified other state and county law officers.

Main investigating officers since the arrest have been Sheriff's Deputies Mitch McDonough, Billy Cox and Glen Snitker, and Texas Ranger Martin Hood.

"Although several of the officers knew her, we were unable to formally identify her from her facial features," McDonough reported.

"We're pretty sure that many of the injuries that she sustained were the result of being struck by a vehicle," he added.

Fingerprints were required for a positive identification, McDonough

An autopsy was completed in Lubbock Friday. The preliminary autopsy report indicated that Ms. Dominguez had died of massive blunt-force trauma and asphyxiation, authorities reported.

Justice of the Peace Tana Young ruled the death a homicide and set bond for Ward Friday night.

Law officers said that Ward is a state prison parolee, having served two years on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and felony burglary that originated in Dallas County.

The Dimmitt Police Dept. arrested Ward April 7 on a charge of assault with bodily injury to a family member. Four days later, County Judge Irene Miller sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

That Class A misdemeanor case prompted the state parole board to

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

One of my friends says he doesn't do drugs anymore. He says he can get the same effect now by just standing up fast.

One of the greatest stories of courage and heroism in recent years is that of Dr. Jerri Nielsen, the physician for a year-long research expedition to the South Pole in 1999.

The compelling human drama started quietly when Dr. Nielsen, a trauma physician from Ohio, noticed a lump in her breast.

She was the only physician in the isolated little scientific village, and she was there to treat all the other team members, not necessarily to treat herself—especially for cancer, which was not her area of expertise.

But this was in the middle of the Antarctic winter, when the mercury could drop to 60 or 70 below zero. At those temperatures, no mechanical rescue ship could swoop down from the sky and whisk her away to safety.

A way simply had to be devised to perform the necessary surgical procedures on site.

Through some creative Internet hocus-pocus by one of the team's computer gurus, Dr. Nielsen and her volunteer helpers hooked up with a pair of oncologists at the Indiana University Medical School.

Dr. Nielsen had to teach one of her non-medical teammates how to perform a biopsy, and they were able to magnify the slide-smear and send the image of it via video camera to the university's lab, half a world away, for analysis.

The lump proved to be malignant.

Chemotherapy was needed, but the research station was not geared to provide it.

Since the expedition was sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Air Force was their link to the outside world. Soon an Air Force transport plane made a hazardous flight into the Antarctic winter to drop the supplies and equipment necessary to perform the chemotherapy. (It was too cold there for the crew to try to land. Their jet fuel would freeze before they could unload and get airborne again.)

Nearly everyone involved in the air-drop signed the boxes, and the guys even included bouquets of fresh-cut flowers to lift Dr. Nielsen's spirits.

Eventually, Dr. Nielsen became so weak that her consulting physician at Indiana University requested the government to get her out.

The Air Force couldn't order anyone to go on such a dangerous

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**FAMILIAR SIGHT**—With six days of 100 degrees or higher since the first of the month, this has been the hottest July here since 1934. It also has been one of the driest, with only .02 of an inch of moisture so far this month, and without a significant rainfall in 81 days. Fire danger is extreme now on Conservation Reserve Program land, stubble fields and native grassland. Deaf Smith, Randall, Oldham and Potter Counties have adopted no-burn orders until further notice, and County Judge Irene Miller said the Castro County Commissioners' Court probably will do so at its next meeting.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Hart Days theme: 'Days Gone By'

The annual Hart Days celebration is this weekend, and there are many organized events to coincide with the celebration on July 27-28.

The event will kick off on Friday with a pet show from 5 to 5:30 p.m., followed with a homemade ice cream contest and a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Hart High School's sophomore class will host a Mexican Fiesta on Friday and also plans to sponsor a couple of fun activities for children and teenagers. Trent Barnes, one of the class members, is helping organize the activities.

Friday's events will conclude with the Miss Hart pageant at 8 p.m. at the Hart Centennial Pavilion.

Leslianne Emery is coordinating the event with the help of other Hart women.

The pageant will be held at the Hart Centennial Pavilion. Jerry Kittrell has agreed to emcee this year's pageant.

It was such a hit last year that the Miss Hart coordinators have elected to bring back "Simply Irresistible," a mini-parade of youngsters that will

be held during the Miss Hart pageant. Gayla Myrick will be in charge of this event.

On Saturday, a parade will run down Main Street at 10 a.m. under the theme "Days Gone By."

Some carnival rides will be available for youngsters to enjoy on Saturday, but a full-fledged carnival won't be part of this year's celebration. A group from Lazbuddie will furnish the small carnival rides including a gyro, a jumper and a train.

Food and craft booths will also be available in the downtown area on Saturday, along with several game booths sponsored by various organizations.

A horseshoe tournament will also be held on Saturday afternoon.

Evening entertainment will begin at 5:30 and run until 8 p.m. at the Pavilion. The final event of Hart Days will be the dance at the Pavilion from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Also during the Hart Days celebration, the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept., will be selling tickets for a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas, Nev. Tickets will be \$10 apiece.

## Miss Hart pageant draws 11 entries

This year's Miss Hart will be crowned on Friday night, but some of the judging and rehearsal for the pageant will take place before then.

According to Leslianne Emery, coordinator for this year's pageant, Miss Hart contestants will rehearse at the Hart Centennial Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26.

Friday's Miss Hart events will start with a judges' luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed by the Miss Hart interviews at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

A judge's supper will be at 6 p.m. that night followed by the 2001 Miss Hart pageant at the Pavilion.

The pageant will begin with an invocation given my last year's Miss Hart, Kellie George.

Jerry Kittrell, the master of ceremonies for the pageant, will give a welcome.

The 2001 Miss Hart contestants and Kellie George will do an opening number, followed by sportswear modeling by the contestants.

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## Dairy project is 'go'—except for a road snag

SRJ Dairy Development's proposed location for the first 2,000-cow dairy here hit a road snag Monday.

Johnny Jones, SRJ vice-president, told the Economic Development Committee and the city council Monday that his company is ready to start construction "tomorrow morning" at a site five miles southwest of Dimmitt.

However, the site is 1½ miles south of Highway 86, and Jones said he was under the impression that the county would build a caliche road for all-weather access from the highway to the dairy.

But County Commissioner Bay Baldrige, a member of the EDC, told Jones that the commissioners' court "has talked about spreading the caliche for you, but you'd have to buy the caliche and have it hauled in."

The city council, at its Monday night meeting, authorized the already-agreed-upon \$150,000 incentive to SRJ to build on the proposed site, but said it would not kick in any extra money for road construction.

City and county officials and EDC members were scurrying Tuesday to get figures together on caliche cost,

hauling fees, etc., to see if some kind of deal can be worked out that uses the proposed site.

The site is 240 acres in Section 31, Block M-10A, located four miles west and 1½ mile south of Dimmitt. First United Bank owns the property.

"We went under contract with the First United Bank this morning, contingent on city approval," Jones told the EDC Monday afternoon. "We're going to put a 2,000 to 2,400 head dairy on the west side of that property."

He added, "We should be completed by Feb. 1, and we already have a good prospect to buy it when it is completed."

He said the prospective buyer is from Sulphur Springs.

"But we're building it whether or not we have a buyer," Jones said.

"We'll need a good caliche road from the highway to the property," Jones said. "It's our understanding that the county will do that for us. In most of the communities we go into, the counties do that for us."

That's when Baldrige broke in to explain the county government's traditional reluctance about road-building.

Baldrige estimated the cost of building 1½ mile of caliche road to be in the \$45,000 - \$50,000 range.

City Councilman and EDC member Paul Wayland said that that specific stretch of road wouldn't need much caliche "because a good portion of that road already is natural caliche, and holds up well in bad weather."

"We probably would not start construction without a commitment on the caliche," Jones said. "I thought going in that that was a given."

The EDC took a recommendation to the council Monday night that the city offer SRJ Dairy Development the \$150,000 incentive and enter into an agreement for the construction of a dairy at the site of SRJ's choice, with a guarantee that the dairy would create at least 20 new jobs.

The recommendation did not address road-building, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava told the council that the EDC was not asking for any extra funds for that purpose.

The council asked Jones to clarify the road problem.

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## Schools plan fall registration

School teachers and administrators across Castro County are preparing lesson plans and getting ready for the 2001-2002 school year, and one of the first things on the agenda is registering students.

The schools in Castro County have scheduled their registration times. Dimmitt students will register on Friday, Aug. 10 as will Nazareth students. Hart students will register throughout the week of Aug. 13-17.

Students in Nazareth will report for classes on Monday, Aug. 13.

## Chicken-fryin' time at Bethel

Beef will join chicken in the deep fryer tonight (Thursday) at the annual Bethel Chicken Fry.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will held at the Bethel Community Building.

"This year we have had several requests for chicken fried steak," said Krisse Bruton, one of the organizers for this year's event. "If you and your family want chicken fried steak, just bring enough steak for your family in place of chicken. A few ladies have volunteered to make gravy, so there will be gravy if you want it."

Those planning to attend the event are asked to bring enough chicken or steak (thawed and cleaned) for their family to the Bethel Community Center by 4 p.m. on July 26. Each family also is asked to bring two covered dishes.

"We are so excited about this year's chicken/steak fry and we hope that you will be able to attend," said Bruton.

For more information, call Kevin or Krisse Bruton at 647-2991.

Dimmitt students will start school three days later on Aug. 16. Hart students will report for school the next week on Monday, Aug. 20.

Hart

On Monday, Aug. 13, high school seniors will register at 10 a.m. and

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**A TARANTULA NAMED TURKEY** - This tarantula was found by Suzanne Gibbs, 4-H Extension Agent, near Turkey (hence the name). The tarantula was put into its new home in an unused fish tank with the help of Jeff Bishop. The tarantula will be featured at the entomology class for beginners that will be held on July 27. Participants will learn about insects and arachnids and enjoy many other bug-related activities.

Photo by Susan Book

### Pray for rain

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	97	64	
Friday	97	51	
Saturday	97	64	
Sunday	99	66	
Monday	101	58	
Tuesday	100	65	
Wednesday	98	65	

July Moisture ..... 0.02  
2001 Moisture ..... 13.71

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



# Music, fun on tap at Sunday festival

An evening of music and fun is planned in Nazareth on Sunday and organizers are hoping Mother Nature will join in the celebration by sending a little rain to complete the event, which is being dubbed as a "Rainin' on Sunday Festival."

The event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth and the public is invited to attend.

Food and drinks will be available throughout the evening. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

The name for the event, "Rainin' on Sunday Festival," stems from a situation in rural towns that occurs during the busy summer season when, on a rainy day, people take a break from their regular schedule of caring for crops and cattle to enjoy music, recreate and relax together.

Before the silage harvest begins, signaling a start to the busiest time of the year for farmers, the public is invited to gather at the Home Mercantile to enjoy a "rainy day" of song and fun.

The festival will feature three distinct performances by local musicians.

Sara Atherton and her all-woman band will take the stage first, playing Irish ballads and humorous songs

that are guaranteed to delight any audience.

Next, Moses Morin of Amarillo will perform acoustic instrumentals highlighting a Flamenco/jazz fusion style. Morin works full time for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroads and is a self-taught guitarist.

Amarillo singers and songwriters Mike Fuller and Tennessee Tuckness will team up to offer the best in "home-grown" contemporary folk music to round out the evening's entertainment.

Interested musicians are invited to join in a jam session beginning at 5 p.m.

## DISD changes dress code

Dimmitt Independent School District has changed its dress code for grades 4-12 for the 2001-2001 school year.

The length of shorts for boys and girls, and the lengths of skirts and dresses for girls have been changed to fingertip length.

Also beginning this year, girls are no longer allowed to wear tube tops, shirts with spaghetti straps or halter tops.

## When will you get your refund?

Taxpayers who filed returns in 2000 are entitled to receive rebates under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001.

The refunds will be up to 5% of income up to \$6,000 for single taxpayers and up to 5% of income up to \$12,000 for married taxpayers. Single parents qualify for up to a \$500 refund.

To determine when you can expect to receive your refund, match the last two numbers of your Social Security number in the chart below to determine when your check will be "in the mail."

Social Security Number	Date refund will be mailed
00-09	July 23
10-19	July 30
20-29	Aug. 6
30-39	Aug. 13
40-49	Aug. 20
50-59	Aug. 27
60-69	Sept. 3
70-79	Sept. 10
80-89	Sept. 17
90-99	Sept. 24

## Police Calls

Police investigated three incidents at the local supermarkets this week.

On July 18, both the Dimmitt Market and Thriftway Supermarket reported occurrences of a suspect passing forged checks.

On July 19, Paul Rivera Deleon, assistant manager of Thriftway Supermarket reported an occurrence of an unknown person passing a counterfeit bill.

On July 18, law enforcement officials investigated an occurrence of criminal mischief reported by Joe Franco, manager of the Azteca Complex.

A suspect vandalized a storm door by shooting at it with a B.B. gun. The door was valued at \$30.

Police also investigated a suspect who was in possession of drug paraphernalia on the 600 block of Northwest Sixth Street on July 21.

There were only nine people arrested this week in Castro County, but several of the crimes were serious.

Those arrested this week were:  
- 24-year-old Dimmitt woman, arrested July 19 on a warrant for having an unrestrained child under

### More about

## Miss Hart pageant...

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Some entertainment will then be provided from a parade of the "Simply Irresistible" children of Hart, directed by Gayla Myrick.

Visiting queens from surrounding communities will then be introduced to the audience.

The contestants will next model their evening gowns. Sarah Berridge will sing after the modeling.

The 11 contestants will then be narrowed down to the top five, when they will be asked an on-stage question to show their personalities.

While the scores are being tabulated the judges and auditors will be introduced and a thank you will be given to all the pageant's sponsors, donors and volunteers.

Kellie George will then give her final walk as Miss Hart, followed by the announcement of all awards.

The evening will conclude with the crowning of Miss Hart 2001 and pictures taken by Amy Carrasco.

The new Miss Hart will receive a crown, banner, silver tray or picture frame, flowers and miscellaneous gifts.

In addition to the Miss Hart title, judges will present a special "Judge's Award," and will name "Miss Congeniality."

The Judge's Award will be presented to the contestant who "catches the eyes of the judges and stands out for one reason or another." This honor will include a gift, according to organizers.

Miss Congeniality will be selected by the Miss Hart contestants, and the winner will receive a banner and silver tray or frame.

The top four runners-up will receive a silver tray or picture frame, and flowers.

There are 11 contestants for this year's pageant.

Dalila Longoria, daughter of Jesus and Leticia Longoria, will be sponsored by Lowe's grocery store.

Ashley Martinez, daughter of Bennie and Alice Martinez, will be sponsored by Cargill.

four years of age and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- 52-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 20 for murder in the first degree.

- 47-year-old Floydada man, arrested Friday on a warrant for theft by check greater than \$20, but less than \$500.

- 42-year-old Dimmitt man, arrested July 21 for no safety belt, criminal non-support of a child, and failure to make and return a report.

- 59-year-old Amarillo woman, arrested Saturday for failure to identify and no safety belt.

- 35-year-old Amarillo woman, arrested July 22 for failure to identify, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no safety belt, failure to display driver's license, failure to change address and expired driver's license.

- 55-year-old Hart man, arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated, third or more.

- 19-year-old Nazareth man, arrested Sunday for driving under the influence.

- 36-year-old Hereford man, arrested Sunday for failure to appear, speeding and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in an episode of family violence.

Dolores Rocha, daughter of Felix and Hilda Rocha, will be sponsored by Hart Auto.

Whitney Mitchell, daughter of Rick and Janet Mitchell, will be sponsored by Central Plains Sprayers.

Millie Longoria, daughter of Jesus and Leticia Longoria, will be sponsored by Brooke Insurance.

Valarie Ellis, daughter of Jay and Adel Livingston, will be sponsored by Ed Harris Lumber.

Kathleen Diaz, daughter of Cecil and Elisa Diaz, will be sponsored by Davis Aerial Spraying Service.

Crystal Diego, daughter of Andy and Senobia Diego, will be sponsored by the Hale County State Bank of Hart.

Yvet Beanes, daughter of Rey and Antonia Beanes, will be sponsored by Castro County Feedyard.

Jennifer Reyes, daughter of Jose and Lupe Macias, will be sponsored by Gary's Engine and Machine.

Marsela Morales, daughter of Fred and Lupe Morales will be sponsored by Morales' Longhorn Diner.

## Dimmitt, Nazareth students earn honors from Texas Tech

Fifteen Texas Tech University students from Dimmitt and Nazareth qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Five former Dimmitt students qualified for the President's List.

Amy Denise Garcia, daughter of Paul and Ortensia Garcia, earned the President's List honor as a senior human development major.

Jason Randel Hargrove, son of Randy and Jan Hargrove, earned the honor as a junior management major.

Lee Ann Wilkerson, daughter of Dena Wilkerson, achieved President's List status as a junior psychology major.

Heather Sha Wise, daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise, also earned the honor as a junior psychology major.

Amber Denece Matthews, daughter of Jerry Matthews and Sherri Matthews, qualified for the list as a sophomore business major.

Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Six Texas Tech students from Dimmitt earned the Dean's List honor.

Jacy Noel Buckley, daughter of Darrell and Beth Buckley, made the Dean's List as a senior exercise and

sports sciences major.

Taran Scott Hargrove, son of Steven and Dianne Townsend, earned the honor as junior petroleum engineering major.

Jared Edward Townsend, son of Carter and Dianne Townsend, achieved Dean's List status as a junior business major.

Adan Gonzalez, son of Petra Saucedo and Eliseo Saucedo, made the Dean's List as a junior microbiology major.

Margaret Carolyne Bradley, daughter of Ray and A'llan Bradley, earned the honor as a senior general studies major.

Jessica Dianne Ball, daughter of Lonnie and Renee Wilson, achieved Dean's List status as a senior Food and Nutrition major.

Four Nazareth students also made the Dean's List.

Laura Jeanne Birkenfeld, daughter of Julius and Kathy Birkenfeld, made the Dean's List as a sophomore agribusiness major.

Mitchell Frank Brockman, son of Ralph and Sharon Brockman, earned the honor as a sophomore pre-medicine major.

Susan Marie Jones, daughter of Buck Jones and Suzy Jones, achieved Dean's List status as a sophomore agriculture and applied economics major.

Jill Danielle Schulte, daughter of Bob and Beverly Schulte, made the Dean's List as a freshman pre-communication disorders major.

## Hart hires McCook as head football coach

Jay McCook has recently been hired as Hart's new head football coach and athletic director.

McCook is no stranger to Hart as he was the defensive coordinator for the football team and head boys' track coach in 1995-96.

Before he worked at Hart he also worked at Canyon Randall and Abilene Cooper. After leaving Hart, he worked at Wellington, Austin Crockett and Amarillo Highland Park.

McCook grew up in Post and attended college at Abilene Christian University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in biology.

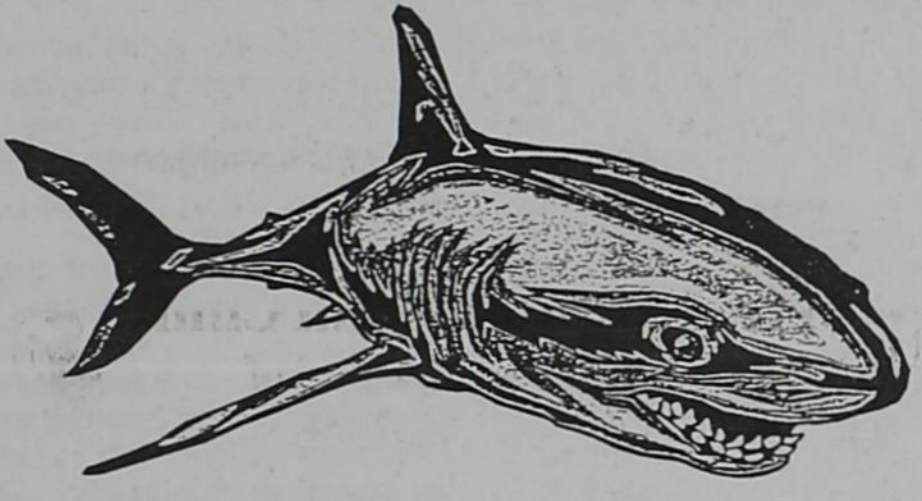
He will be teaching health and

possibly some other science classes.

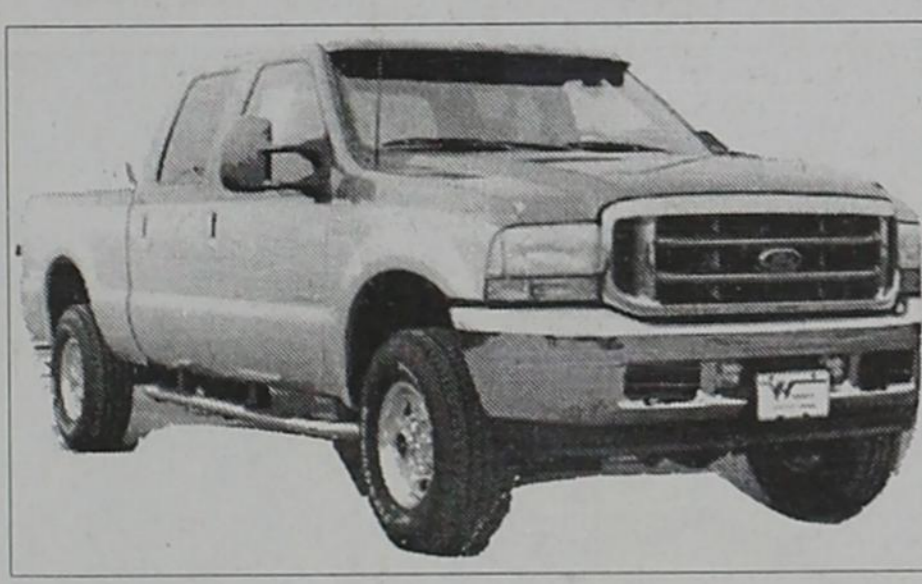
He has been married to his wife Lynn for five years. They have two sons, 4-year-old Gage and 14-month-old Garrison. They are expecting a third child that is due the weekend after Thanksgiving.

McCook is looking forward to coaching in Hart again. "I enjoyed it when I was there before, and I'm excited to be back," said McCook. "I'm ready to get started and have a good year."

*Dear Father, I often feel frustrated when my efforts don't bring the results I try to achieve. Help me to hang in there with patience and perseverance. Amen*



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6 ex-Cowboy coach Wannstedt  
7 TXism: "a neon light" (inspired)  
8 site of '37 gas blast that killed 293 TX kids and teachers  
17 Frenos, TX  
18 TXism: "than a dry land farmer needs rain"  
21 "Cowpokes" artist Ace (init.)  
22 expression of relief  
23 Highlands, TX: "Pearl of" Jacinto  
24 right-slanted letter  
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31 ex-Astro Drabek (init.)  
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35 Bigfoot, TX named for frontier scout Wallace (init.)  
36 TXism: "for bear" (equipped)  
37 Huckleberry  
38 prefix for chute, graph, or medic  
39 TX Quaid film ('87)  
41 some salsa  
42 tac toe  
43 TXism: "a hard dog to keep under the"  
44 a TX Navy ship  
45 "coffin nail" residue  
46 TXism: "sight" (alone)  
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37 a divisive person  
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47 dating status: "going"



# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Mildred Bradford had a very special belated birthday when every one of her children and their spouses, and all but one grandchild gathered in Ruidoso, N.M. to celebrate.

Her children are Bob of Dallas, Kent of David, Calif., Jean of Amarillo, and Jim and Jack of Dimmitt.

The missing grandchild is Laura (Bradford) Quiroz of Marawa, Japan. Laura and her husband Luciano had been here on leave just prior to the Ruidoso gathering. She and Luciano have returned to Marawa Air Force Base where she will be stationed for two more years.

While in Ruidoso, the group of Bradfords rode horses, shopped, swam and enjoyed the horse races and cool weather while they were there.

there.

Mrs. Elva Forrester of Lubbock announces the engagement of her daughter Deanne Clark of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, to Bill Sowder of Littlefield. They plan to be married on August 23 in the United Methodist Church in Levelland.

Deanne Clark is busy this week being a counselor at a Methodist youth camp near Merkel.

Last week, a distant cousin of Waurayne (Duree) Hughes came to Dimmitt to visit the Hughes, whom he had never met, and to visit the Castro Memorial Cemetery where his great-grandparents, the John Durees are buried.

Lauren Duree Clark and family

went to the courthouse to locate the Hughes and the cemetery. They were successful. It turned out to be a delightful get-together.

Katharin Marx, Waurayne Hughes' sister from Corsicana came to be with her and Van Earl for two weeks when Van Earl had his knee operation.

Katharin wanted to revisit some places in Amarillo so San (Jones) Rhodes took them around to areas near Northwest Hospital, Westgate Mall and Amarillo College.

Katharin visited with Mildred Bradford, Mattie Seale, and Kathryn Vardell, all of whom are long-time friends. Katharin Marx's remarks were, "There are many nice people

and places in Dimmitt."

Howard Rhodes referred Sunday to the beautifully sculptured bronze horses on display near the entrance to the Ruidoso horse museum.

Terrell O'Brien, a friend of Howard's who lived near Klondike a few years ago helped to make the horses the piece of art that they are today.

A western artist (we do not know his name) sculptured a small original piece just like he wanted the enlarged finished piece to look like.

This sculpture was brought to the O'Brien home where Terrell molded, twisted and shaped the horses. Then Terrell took the horses to a place in Wyoming to be bronzed. The bronze

horses are larger than real ones.

Howard visited the O'Brien barn many times to see Terrell as he copied each horse exactly, but he was quite disappointed to learn when he visited the museum that the only one given any credit for the work was the original artist.

Terrell now lives in Wyoming and continues doing the same kind of art.

Bryan and Donna Reinart and Donna's parents Donald and Agnes Schilling joined the rest of the Donald Schilling family, Claude and Debbie Schilling, Lee and Denise Schilling, and Roy and Carla Schilling, on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

They enjoyed some great shows, meals, dancing and fun contests. The casino was a favorite place of some of the group.

At Cozumel, some of the family went shopping, scuba diving and touring in Jeeps to some interesting places.

The shopping trips included buying souvenirs for the children who stayed at home with other relatives and friends.

The senior adult bridge winners last week were Dude McLauren, high, and Aleda Schumacher, second high. Carol Lantz was hostess.

We saw a few hummingbirds in April on their way north. We've seen about three this week. It may be the dry weather or the new feeders we bought to replace the old ones that they are attracted to. Does anyone else have a report?

Sue and Richard Stahls and Sally have just returned from a trip to San Marcos. Sally was checking out Southwest Texas State University.

She liked the looks of it and thinks

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The Stahls looked around at Fredricksburg, shopped at the outlet mall in San Marcos and enjoyed the pretty scenery.

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**NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS** of the Castro County Masonic Lodge are (back row, from left) Senior Steward Stanley B. Dyer, Tiler Doyle L. Wassom, Master of Ceremonies Marshall M. Langford, (middle row, from left) Chaplain Rev. Edward D. Freeman, Senior Deacon James Baker, Junior Deacon Jerry W. Jansa, outgoing Worshipful Master and new Treasurer Nelson (Bill) W. Stephenson, (front row, from left) Senior Warden

Jay W. Lindley, Worshipful Master Richard J. Berquist and Junior Warden Harry L. Jones. Not pictured are Secretary Boyce Carter and Junior Steward Charles H. Vaughan. The installation was conducted at the Castro County Masonic Lodge building by District Deputy Grand Master Marshall M. Langford and District Instructor and Worshipful Master of the Hereford Masonic Lodge Cliff Jones.

Courtesy Photo

## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A great number of relatives and friends gathered Saturday afternoon to attend the marriage of Michael Schmucker, son of Jim and Bobbie Schmucker, and Christina Bertolino of Amarillo, at Holy Family Catholic Church with Deacon Jerome Brockman officiating.

Reception, dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Congratulations to Marvin and Gwen Schmucker of Amarillo on the birth of a girl, April D'Nae, July 16 at Northwest Texas Hospital. She has one sister, Abby.

Her grandparents are Dan and Ethel Schmucker, and Tom and Raelene Hoelting. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker, Lucille Drerup and Sylvia Hoelting.

Craig Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman and Carson Gerber attended a "debate camp" last week at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

They benefited greatly from the six-day camp by researching, listening and then putting information together.

They spent about nine hours each day in sessions, but they also enjoyed some recreational time playing basketball, dancing, socializing and many other events. It was an education and fun week!

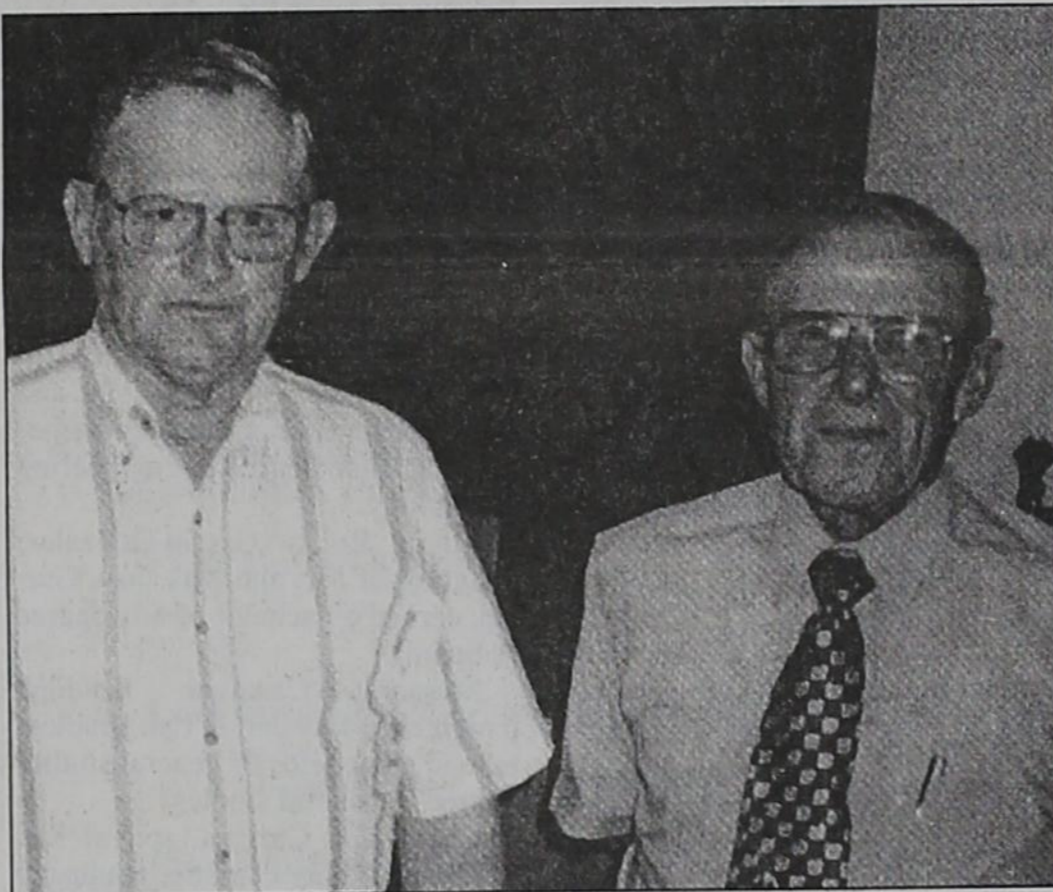
Greg, Glenda, Jason, Jamie and Matt Birkefeld, Lou, Bernie and Brad Wethington and Rusty, Vicky, Kurt and Ashley Gray spent last week at Red River, N.M.

It was a wonderful cool and rainy week. They enjoyed riding four-wheelers, river rafting and shopping.

Late one evening, they were visited by a "real" huge black bear looking for food. They all loved the tame deer that were everywhere.

Dan and Clifford Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Cory Hoelting, and Joe and Elaine Barnes and their children, Sayla and Ethan, enjoyed Sunday afternoon at a model airplane show south of Tulia. They enjoyed doing something different and exciting!

Prayers are asked for Randy Schilling, Norma Schacher, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Ray Schmucker, Ann Heck, Julia Baca and Florene Leinen, who is now home after a week in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.



**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** - At a recent meeting of the Castro Masonic Lodge, (from left) Installing Marshall Cliff Jones, District Instructor and Worshipful Master of the Hereford Masonic Lodge and Installing Officer Marshall M. Langford, District Deputy Grand Master conducted the installation of new officers.

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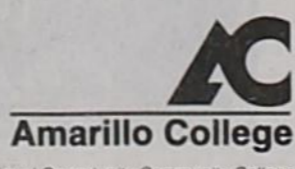
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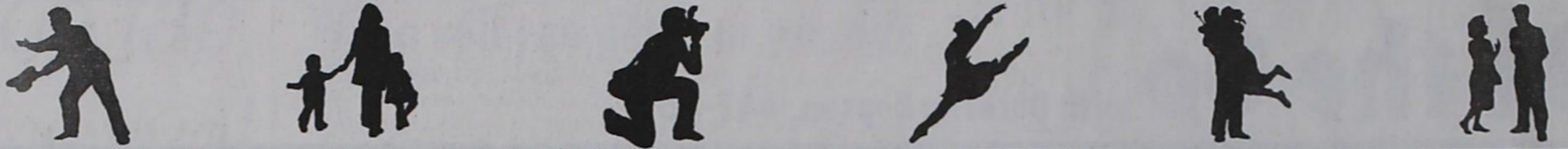
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# People



## Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baker establish home in Amarillo



MRS. MICHAEL BAKER  
... nee Sherri Hunter

Sherri Lynn Hunter and Michael Thomas Baker, both of Amarillo, exchanged wedding vows on July 21 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The Rev. Paul Kenley of Houston, formerly of Dimmitt, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Charlene and Richard Hunter of Dimmitt. Grandparents of the bride are Rachel Hunter of Dimmitt, Geneva Sutton of Happy and the late Jack Sutton.

Parents of the groom are Joyce Huff of Amarillo and W. T. and Monica Baker of Possum Kingdom. Grandmother of the groom is the late Thelma Linzy.

The church was decorated with white tulle bows, spring flowers and English ivy.

Organist Mary Olvera played *Trumpet Voluntary, The Bridal Chorus and Ode to Joy*. Mark Birkenfeld accompanied on the trumpet. Soloist Roy Eaves sang *Parents Prayer, I Know and I Could Not Ask for More*.

The bride wore a beaded white gown with a fitted bodice, square neckline and a floor-length, a-line satin skirt. The skirt and train were accented with floral shaped beads, which were scattered throughout the skirt and train. The ensemble also featured matching beaded, elbow-length gloves. The matching elbow-length veil was accented with rhinestones and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of Ariann roses enhanced with Casa Blanca lilies. The stephanotis entwined with English ivy was enjoined with iridescent tulle.

Charlynn Wilhelm served as matron of honor. Bridal attendants were Jennifer Hieman of Nazareth, Callie Waltersheid, Keri Barbour and Am-

ber Stephens, all of Amarillo, Danielle Williams of Panhandle and Jenifer Fuller of San Antonio.

The attendants wore cobalt blue satin floor-length dresses and carried bouquets of bright spring flowers.

Best man was Bill Sanders. Groomsmen were Dee Lagrone, Greg Herndon, Jason Waltersheid, Kyle Barbour and Jamie Lucero, all of Amarillo, and Rodney Hunter of Dimmitt.

Flower girls were Holly Wilhelm, niece of the bride, and Makayla Jones, niece of the groom.

Ring bearer was Reagan Hunter, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Ross Hunter and Ryan Hunter, nephews of the bride, Brandon Potts, nephew of the groom, and Jeff Tucker.

Sara Hunter, sister-in-law of the bride, registered guests.

Special guest was C.A. Pace of Amarillo.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Nat Ballroom. Reception attendants were Brandi Ash, Rala Byrnes, Patricia Martinez, Jennifer Benson and Kassie Conklin.

The bride graduated from Dimmitt High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from West Texas A&M University. She is a registered nurse in the Northwest Texas Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

The groom is a graduate of Plainview High School. He served as a firefighter in the U.S. Air Force for four years and was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. He is now a firefighter with the city of Amarillo.

The couple will reside in Amarillo after a honeymoon trip to Antigua.



Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson  
... On their wedding day in 1951 (top) and today (bottom)

## Smithsons to observe 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson of Dimmitt will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Rayphard Smithson and the former Mary Lu Hofmann were married on Aug. 13, 1951 in Shamrock.

The couple have four children. Teddy Smithson and his wife Vicki live in Klondike. Janet and her husband, Odell Tuggle, live in Meridian. Dean Smithson and his wife Benita live in Lubbock, and Randy Smithson and his wife Vicki live in Dimmitt.

The couple have eight grandchildren. Their children and grandchildren are hosting a reception in their honor at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt. The reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend.

## Bridal shower held Saturday

A bridal shower honoring Rhonda Melvin, bride-elect of Jason Jackson, was held Saturday, July 21 in the home of Sandy Baker.

The table was covered with an ivory-colored crocheted cloth. A tall vase with mixed burgundy and pink flowers was the centerpiece. The table also had china and gold appointments.

An honored guest was Ruth Jackson, the groom's grandmother. Out-of-town guests were Ava Melvin, mother of the bride, and Theresa Melvin, sister of the bride, both of Lubbock.

There were 30 hostesses at the bridal shower and their gift to the bride-elect was an outside barbecue grill.

## Texas Tech graduates seven Dimmitt, Nazareth students

Seven Castro County students graduated from Texas Tech University this spring.

Five Texas Tech graduates were from Dimmitt.

Carlos Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Garcia, earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering technology.

Maria Rocio Garcia-Gonzalez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia, earned a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish.

Margaret Carolyne Bradley, daughter of Ray and Allan Bradley, earned a bachelor of general studies degree in general studies.

Colby Lea Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Christie, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary agriculture.

John Lawson Fuller, son of Craig Fuller and Nancy J. Fuller, earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics.

Two former Nazareth students graduated from Texas Tech University.

Sarah Jean Olvera, daughter of David and Mary Olvera, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies.

Casey James Hoelting, son of Tom and Raelene Hoelting earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

## 4-H family fun night to take place tonight

Castro County 4-Hers and their families can enjoy an evening of pizza and bowling tonight in Hereford as part of a special "Family Fun Night" planned by the County Council.

All 4-Hers and their families are invited to join in the evening, and if a 4-Her needs to attend without their parents, transportation can be arranged.

Those attending will leave the Extension Office for Hereford at 6:30 p.m.

Those who wish to bowl should bring \$5. Pizza can be purchased at a discounted rate from Buck's Pizza during the evening.

The parent leaders and club managers also will hold a short meeting that night.

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# Bertolino and Schmucker marry in formal ceremony

Christina LeAnn Bertolino became the bride of Michael James Schmucker on July 21 when the pair exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Deacon Jerome Brockman officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Rodney and Peggy Collier of Canyon and Francis and Diana Bertolino III of Salisbury, Mass. Parents of the groom are Jim and Bobbie Schmucker of Nazareth.

Gerbera daisies, a unity candle, two candelabras and two candle-lanterns decorated the front of the church. Candles also lined the pews.

Music was provided by organist Yvonda Stokes of Amarillo, a friend of the bride. Soloist Judy Tatum, aunt of the bride sang *Because You Loved Me* and *Butterfly Kisses*.

Nicole Schulte of Nazareth, friend of the couple sang *Valentine*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father and step-father, wore an elegant, ivory satin sleeveless dress. It featured a beaded waist and trim. The bride also wore an ivory veil.

She carried a bouquet of gerbera daisies.

Shana Friemel of Amarillo, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jenna Bertolino of Salisbury, Mass., sister of the bride; Jayme Schmucker and Tiffany Schmucker of Nazareth, sisters of the groom; Tara Angelo of Virginia, Chrissy Perkins of Amarillo, and Erin Bither of Amarillo, all friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore sky blue, satin two-piece sleeveless dresses with a-line skirts. Each carried a bouquet of daisies and gerbera daisies.

Serving as best man was Robert Schmucker of Gruver, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Blake Collier of Canyon and Frank Bertolino of Salisbury, Mass., both brothers of the bride; Brian Schmucker of Lubbock and Marvin Schmucker of Amarillo, both cousins of the groom; Travis Schulte of Sunray and John Elder of Bangs, both friends of the groom.

Candlelighters for the ceremony were Mandy Hoelting and Holly Kleman of Nazareth, both cousins of the groom, and Celina Braddock of Nazareth, friend of the couple.

Abby Schmucker, cousin of the groom, and Meghan and Beth Collier, cousins of the bride served as flower girls.

Guests were seated by Roy Castellion of Amarillo, Jason Aven of Hereford and Bret Leathers of Amarillo, all friends of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception, dinner and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall. Decorations at the reception consisted of gerbera daisies in blue vases. The band South 40 provided music at the dance.

The bride is graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and is pursuing her master's degree in educational counseling. She will be teaching journalism at Randall High School.

The groom is a graduate of Nazareth High School and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in sports and exercise science. He works at Palo Duro Builders in Amarillo.

The couple plans to make their home in Amarillo after returning from their wedding trip to Taos and Santa Fe, N.M.



Taryn Hays

## Hays wins scholarship

Taryn Hays, daughter of Norman and Kim Hays of Dimmitt, was recently awarded a Clampitt Paper Company/Henry Phillips Memorial scholarship.

Hays is a student at the University of North Texas, majoring in communications design.

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# Hospice Thrift Shop looking for donations

The Hospice Thrift Shop, recently renamed as The Rose Garden is located next to the Medical Center of Dimmitt at 112 W. Jones and it is currently seeking donations.

The shop is in need of everyday items such as clothing, shoes, books, small pieces of furniture, bed linens, and other miscellaneous items.

All gifts are greatly appreciated, but they request that all items donated be in good condition, clean, and usable. All items must be checked in by one of the volunteers on duty. Please do not leave donations on the outside.

Proceeds from the thrift shop benefit the Hospice Care program.

Hospice Care is an approach to caring for terminally ill individuals stressing palliative care (relief of pain and uncomfortable symptoms), as opposed to curative care.

The shop is staffed by the heart of the hospice - the volunteers. At present, they are staffed Monday through Saturday.

If you are interested in this community service, please call the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 647-3020.

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# Barbeque and chili contest to be held

A barbeque and chili cook-off will be held at the Castro County Fair this year on Sept. 8.

It will be held on the Castro County Expo grounds. There are four categories for contestants to enter.

The pinto beans category has an entry fee of \$5 and its turn-in time is 11 a.m. The pork spare ribs category has an entry fee of \$10 and its turn-in time is 11:30 a.m.

The brisket category also has an entry fee of \$10 and its turn-in time is 12 p.m. The final category, chili, has an entry fee of \$10 and its turn-in time is 12:30.

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## CCHD is implementing new patient protection law

The Castro County Hospital District is in the first phase of implementing the federal "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act" (HIPAA).

Main purposes of the act are to protect patients' health information and confidentiality, to standardize electronic data interchange, and to protect workers' insurance coverage when they lose their jobs.

HIPAA is the largest governmental action in health care since Medicare, according to Linda Rasor, R.N., chief operating officer.

HIPAA applies to all health care providers, hospitals, insurance plans, business associates and patients.

The costs of implementing HIPAA will be an estimated \$100,000 for the first year and \$40,000 for each of the next 10 years, Rasor said. However, the Dept. of Health & Human Services estimates the new process will save between \$3 billion and \$5 billion a year nationally.

Rasor said the CCHD is beginning the first phase of HIPAA implementation starting with education of employees, physicians, patients and board members.

"Patient confidentiality is of the greatest concern and has always been a priority," Rasor said, "but now the routines, policies and procedures will be changing. Patients will be required to sign a consent form authorizing what information may be given out and to whom, and only then will the minimum necessary information be released."

The hospital district's business associates also have certain contractual requirements related to HIPAA.

Any health information that they receive that identifies a patient must be either returned to the CCHD or disposed of in a prescribed manner.

"Business associates must all sign new contracts with the hospital district, and can be liable for releasing patient information to other businesses," Rasor explained.

All health-care information is protected under HIPAA and must be safeguarded through internal administrative controls, physical security and technological security.

Rasor said HIPAA standards also will require the hospital district to make changes in its Policies and Procedures manual, consent forms, departmental physical structure, computer access and medical records release.

"HIPAA must be implemented by April 2003," Rasor said. "Some of the changes for the Castro County Hospital District will be minor and easy to implement. Others will take 18 months to implement."

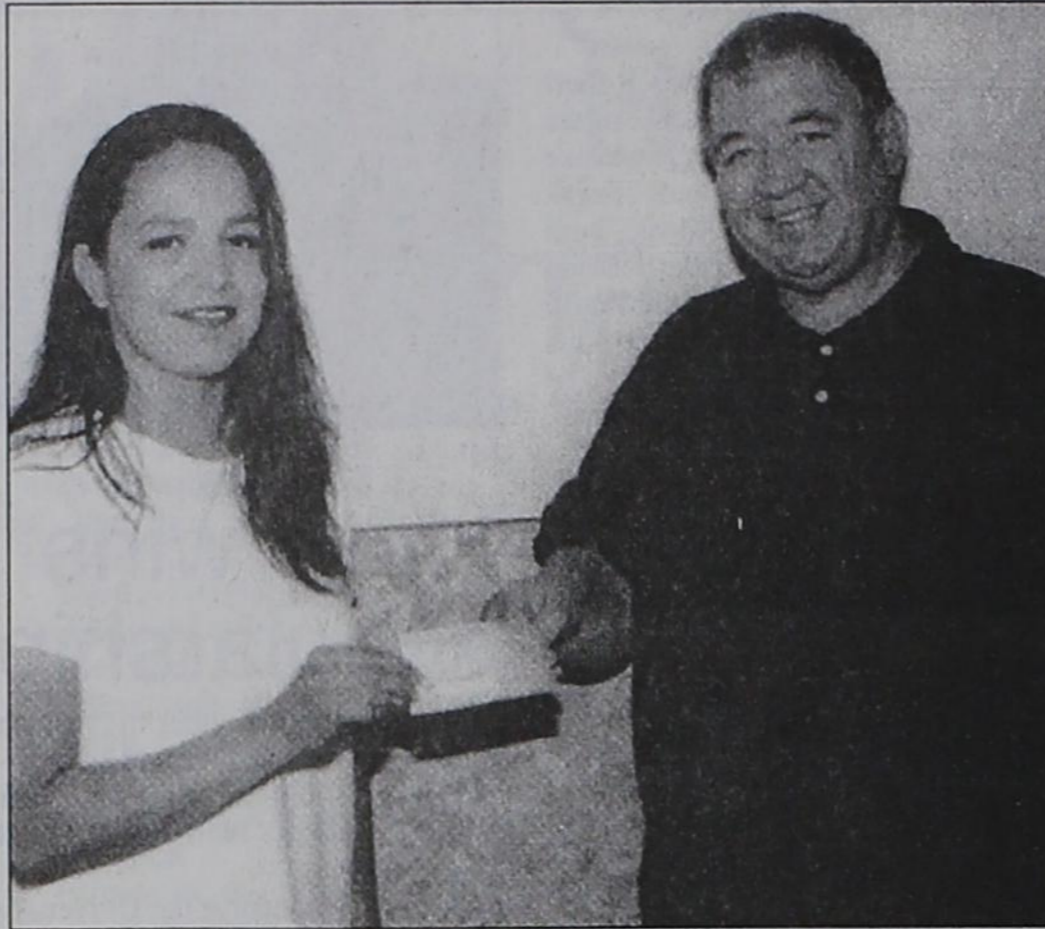
"Education is a key to the successful implementation, along with time, money and patience," she said.

### NHS offers physicals

Nazareth High School will be offering physical exams Monday, July 30, at 1:00 p.m. for any of their junior high and high school athletes who are required to get one.

The cost will be \$5 per exam. The money will be donated to the Nazareth Booster Club.

*Common sense is the least common of all senses.*



CARLOTA OLTIVERO ACCEPTS SCHOLARSHIP CHECK ... From Chief Operating Officer Joe Sloan

## Oltivero awarded CCHD scholarship

Castro County Hospital District recently provided a scholarship to Carlotia Oltivero to be used to pursue studies toward a career in an allied health care profession.

Joe Sloan presented the scholarship award, of which Castro County Hospital District provided \$500 in matching funds to the scholarship provided by the Northwest Texas Hospital Association.

Carlotia is studying Radiologic Technology and will pursue a career in a rural area of Texas. She is attending Amarillo College.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association established the scholarship program in order to assist smaller communities in the state with

their efforts to recruit health care professionals to work in rural hospitals.

The Association awards a total of \$5,000 each year to students nominated by member hospitals. Each hospital provides the matching scholarship amount for a total of \$1,000 per student.

The Northwest Texas Hospital Association is the oldest association of its kind in the state and is composed of hospitals, businesses, and others interested in health care and continuing access to health care.

The membership territory covers the area from the Panhandle in the north, to Dallas in the east, El Paso in the west and Kerrville in the south.

## Texas sets annual sales tax holiday for Aug. 3-5

Texans will get a break from paying sales tax on many back-to-school clothing items on Aug. 3-5 during the state's third annual sales tax holiday.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

"The sales tax holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad," Rylander said.

This year the sales tax holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales taxes and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 sales tax holiday are the same as in previous years.

During the three-day period, most children's and adult's clothing and footwear priced under \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt; however, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging

suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax exempt.

Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the sales tax holiday, and items placed on layaway during the sales tax holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.

School supplies and backpacks will not be tax exempt.

"Earlier this year I asked the legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Rylander said.

"I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam; however, the legislature did not make the sales tax holiday a priority and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the legislature to make Texas families and the sales tax holiday expansion a top priority," she said.

During the first two sales tax holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the sales tax holiday and a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, see the comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

### More about

## School registration...

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juniors will register at 1 p.m. On Aug. 14, sophomores are expected to sign up at 1 p.m. On Aug. 15, freshmen will register at 10 a.m.

Registration will conclude on Friday, Aug. 17 with eighth graders registering at 8 a.m. and seventh graders registering at 10 a.m.

Hart's first day of school is Aug. 20.

### Dimmitt

#### High School

Dimmitt High School's registration information was not available at this time.

#### Middle School

Students at Dimmitt Middle School will also register Friday, Aug. 10.

The following schedule will be observed: fourth grade from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; fifth grade from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; sixth grade from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; seventh grade from 1 to 2 p.m.; and eighth grade from 2 to 3 p.m.

All Dimmitt Middle School students are required to register for the 2001-2002 school year, and new students to the school must bring all pertinent information (immunization record, transcript, etc.) from their previous school.

### Richardson Elementary

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt is not planning an advance registration. Instead, new students and those not already registered will sign up on the first day of school, Aug. 16.

### Nazareth

Nazareth Independent School District will hold registration on Aug. 10 for students in the sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The first group to register on Aug. 10 will be the senior class, expected to sign up between 8 and 9:15 a.m. The rest of the registration schedule includes juniors from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; sophomores from 10:15 to 11 a.m.; freshmen from 11 to 11:45 a.m.; eighth graders from 1 to 1:30 p.m.; seventh graders from 1:30 to 2 p.m.; and sixth graders from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

School pictures for students will be taken during registration, and Nazareth ISD will be mailing out pamphlets and order forms to parents prior to registration. Students are asked to return the order forms, with the appropriate money for the order, when they have their pictures made on Aug. 10.

The school's dress code will be in effect on registration day.

Nazareth will start the 2001-2002 school year on Aug. 13.

## Sales tax rebates are down in Dimmitt, Hart this month

Sales tax rebates issued during July to the cities of Dimmitt and Hart were down from those paid in July 2000, while Nazareth's rebate was much higher.

Rebates issued in July were for local sales taxes collected in May which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in June.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$23,722.77, 8.32% lower than the July 2000 rebate of \$25,876.33. So far this year, the city has earned \$166,788.52, which is down 11.52% from the \$188,523.54 collected through July 2000. Dimmitt

collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw a 57.47% hike in its rebate from July 2000 to July 2001, as this month's payment of \$1,700.65 was up from the 2000 stipend of \$1,079.93. This year, Nazareth is running 10.17% ahead of its 2000 totals after receiving \$9,759.70, compared with the \$8,858.13 earned through July 2000. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was down 19.43% for July. The city earned a rebate of \$1,360.13 this month, compared with \$1,688.16 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$9,735.35 so far this year. That's 20.25% behind 2000 payments which totaled \$12,208.82 through July.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 10.

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## Bishop, Lane advance to state

At a recent district 4-H contest, Jeremy Bishop and Holly Lane received 1<sup>st</sup> place awards for their Senior record books.

Bishop's book was entered in the Recreation category and Lane's was entered in Healthy Lifestyles.

The books will be taken to the state contest at College Station in August. Suzanne Gibbs, Castro County 4-H agent, will be judging record books in a different category.

Jaci Bishop also submitted a Senior record book in the Clothing and Textiles category for district and received 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Three Junior I 4-Hers' record books also went to district. Will Whitaker received a blue ribbon for his Food and Nutrition record book, while his brother Whit received 1<sup>st</sup> place for his record book in the Sheep category. Elizabeth Hill also received a blue ribbon for her Clothing and Textiles record book.

Thomas Brockman, Eric Odom and Jake Ebeling also submitted record books at the county level, but did not advance to district.

## Montedison accepts EdF/Fiat's latest bid

Electricité de France and Fiat won control Sunday night of Montedison after the Italian agro-energy group's board accepted their bid in return for a second increase in the offer.

Cerestar USA is a member of the Montedison conglomerate. However, according to *FT.com*, the Internet news service of *Financial Times*, EdF/Fiat's main interest in the deal is Edison, the 61%-owned Montedison subsidiary that controls its energy assets.

Sunday night's multi-billion-dollar agreement ended a long battle by Montedison to avert the hostile takeover bid by the French electrical company and the Italian automaking giant.

The international high-stakes game still may not be over, *FT.com* says. The European Commission, based in Brussels, is examining the bid and may yet upset the arrangement. It is not clear whether the offer is conditional on EC approval or not, or whether the EC has any jurisdiction in the matter.

## Dates set for athletic physicals

Students who are required to obtain a physical before they can compete in athletics will have a chance to do so in Dimmitt during August.

The staff at Medical Center of Dimmitt will conduct physicals for boys on Aug. 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Girls' physicals will be offered on Aug. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost for each physical examination will be \$10.

All Dimmitt High School football players should report to the DHS field house at 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, for the first day of workouts for the fall 2001 season.



## Who's New OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy, Lucas Alexander, for David and Melissa Riley of Arlington. He was born at the Medical Center of Arlington on July 16 at 5:35 p.m., weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. He has two older brothers, 7-year-old Nicholas and 4-year-old Jacob. Grandparents are Phyllis Riley and the late Walter Riley of Arlington, and Tommy and Mary Guzman of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Connie Guzman of Amarillo, the late Josefina Martinez and Dara Louise Black.

## DISD hires two

The Dimmitt Independent School District Board met in a special session at noon on Wednesday, July 18.

They accepted Trent Wilson's resignation as assistant coach. He will be going to West Texas High at Stinnett.

They also hired two new employees. Elizabeth Valdez, R.N. was hired as the school nurse. She is coming into the system from Amarillo.

Josh Goen, a recent graduate of West Texas A&M University, was hired as a high school assistant coach.

The school board will meet again on Monday, July 30, if necessary.



**NEW APRONS FOR LEADERS** - Elizabeth Hill, a Junior I 4-Her is making these aprons as a clothing community service project. The aprons are being made for the adult 4-H leaders to wear while working in concession stands. Hill recently entered her record book and received a blue ribbon for her Clothing record book at district contest. Photo by Susan Book

## 2002 farm bill will be discussed July 27 at DeFalco Retreat Center

Those interested in discussing or hearing about proposals for the 2002 farm bill are invited to attend a special workshop on July 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 N. Spring St., in Amarillo.

The meeting is being billed as "A day of listening and advocacy for the 2002 farm bill," and it is being sponsored by several organizations, including the Promised Land Network.

Refreshments throughout the day and a noon meal will be served to all participants. There is no registration cost, but those who wish to attend should call Lydia Villanueva at (806) 364-4445 or e-mail [plnl@wrtf.net](mailto:plnl@wrtf.net) as soon as possible.

The US Catholic Bishops Conference is currently reviewing its social policy positions on livestock feeding in agriculture, the effects of agricultural concentration and its ramifications for workers, rural communities and the food system. The structure of agriculture in Texas and the surrounding High Plains area is crucial to the bishops' understanding of fair farm prices, grower/farm labor relationships and environmental stewardship.

In the morning session, the public is invited to participate in a series of open discussions and workshops planned to coordinate legislative action among farm, faith and citizen groups.

The goal is to develop a strong voice and learn strategies to shape the new 2002 farm bill. Participants can gain new connections and a greater awareness of trends hurting rural people, gain greater knowledge of federal farm legislation and how to make an impact.

There will be workshops on fair competition and farm prices, conservation programs and green payments, rural life and enterprise development and a wrap-up presentation on shaping a fair and just farm bill.

The morning session is sponsored by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, the National Family Farm Coalition and the National Campaign for Sustainable Agricul-

ture.

After lunch, a series of presenter panels will offer testimony focused on concentration in the livestock feeding and meat packing industries, the challenges facing rural communities and the concerns of immigrant agricultural workers. These presenters will address issues and identify key points for new policy directives.

Special guests hearing the testimony will be Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas and Bishop Nicholas Dimarzio of Camden, N.J., members of the US Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on Agricultural Issues. The hearing is being organized and conducted by the US Catholic Conference.

In the evening after supper, the bishops and organizing groups will travel north to host a meeting with Hispanic agricultural workers at the Cactus Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. to hear concerns and conditions experienced by meat packing and livestock feeding workers. Catholic Charities USA and The Promised Land Network are sponsoring this meeting.

## Beginning entomology classes scheduled

Beginning entomology classes for Junior I and II 4-Hers will be held July 27, Aug. 1 and Aug. 6.

The classes will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Castro County Extension Office.

Participants will learn new and interesting things about insects.

At the first class, 4-Hers will be trying to "outperform" the bugs. A grasshopper can jump 20 times its body length and a beetle can drag 60 times its body weight. Participants will attempt to do the same.

They will also learn the body structure of insects and arachnids. For refreshments, the 4-Hers will make insect models using marshmallows and pretzel sticks.

Tidwell Spraying is sponsoring the insect class.

# Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

**LUBBOCK**—Members of the House Agriculture Committee got a mixed message from commodity groups commenting on the HAC's concept paper released July 12.

The concept paper outlines the direction the House Ag Committee will take in the development of the next Farm Bill. Comments on the proposal were heard during hearings July 17-19 of the full committee. More hearings were scheduled for this week.

While most groups have been supportive of the concept there are specific issues that could drastically change the final product. Overall, cotton fares well as the proposal adopts the general structure put forth by the industry for delivery of program benefits.

To say that Plains Cotton Growers and other cotton industry groups are 100% satisfied is premature. PCG officials were in Washington July 16-19 to talk with House Ag Committee members and staff, as well as with representatives from the USDA and Bush Administration about the situation facing producers.

The PCG led contingent included representatives from other Texas Cotton Producer member organizations and Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs.

PCG continues to make the case that cotton production costs have generally increased over the years since the 72.9-cent target price used by the House Ag Committee was established. PCG also believes that the minimum loan level should more accurately reflect the costs associated with producing a crop and continues to support an increase in the minimum loan level to at least 60 cents.

PCG will continue to maintain a presence in Washington as the legislation is developed. The organization's focus will be to work for improvements in the proposal over and above what is currently on the table whenever possible.

One idea that is getting a second look at this time is the impact of updated payment yields. Such a change would impact growers and commodities differently.

## Porter named to Dean's Honor List

Brittany Porter of Dimmitt was named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Lubbock for the previous semester.

Porter is the daughter of Paula and Randy Johnson of Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 2000.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor List, one must be a full-time student and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Porter will be a sophomore at the school this year.

At the commodity level such a change would cause a greater portion of government money to go to grain crops that have had significant increases in yields over the past 15 years. Cotton as a whole would probably receive less total money compared to current amounts.

Cost will ultimately decide this issue, especially since growers will likely have to decide what they are willing to give up from the current proposal in order to get the higher yields.

The current HAC proposal essentially reverts the cotton program back to what was in place in 1995 with two important differences. First

the grower is now guaranteed a fixed, de-coupled payment equal to 5.54 cents per pound. Second, growers are provided full planting flexibility with no mandated set-aside provision.

Currently, payments for both the fixed payment and the counter-cyclical payment will only be made on 85 percent of the growers applicable base acreage for each commodity and calculated using yields frozen at 1985 levels.

That means total guaranteed support is theoretically capped 72.9 cents per pound, although in real terms the 72.9-cent target will probably not be realized on every pound of production.

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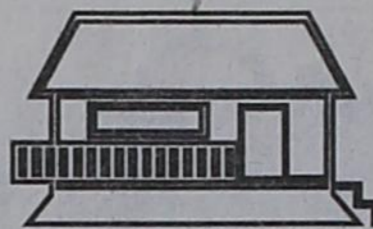
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622 N.W. 5th  
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638  
S&S Properties

**FOR RENT: TWO BEDROOM TRAILER**, 619 NW 6th, \$250. 647-7000 or 647-3638. 3-17-2tp  
**TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT**, \$125, includes water. 647-7000 or 647-3638. 3-17-4tp

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

**RENT TO OWN**  
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
**KITRELL ELECTRONICS**  
647-2197 Dimmitt

## 3—Real Estate For Rent

**Azteca Complex APARTMENTS**  
910 E. Jones, Dimmitt  
★ NOW LEASING ★  
1, 2 or 3 Bedrooms  
We have Rent Assistance for qualified tenants (agricultural workers)  
For more information, call (806) 647-3406 TDD 1-800-735-2989 Joe Franco, Manager

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

**RENTAL EQUIPMENT** now available at Unique Too (formerly Glenn's Equipment). Tables, chairs, tablecloths, coffee pots, punch bowls, glassware, china and silverware, wedding and Quinceanera equipment. Call 293-8265 or stop by 724 Ash, Plainview. 5-17-4tc

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**Storm Cellars**  
Solid Concrete Rebar Reinforced Build on Location  
8'x10'—\$3,900  
12'x12'—\$4,800  
385-5508  
Lynn Miller Since 1975

## 8—Household Goods

**SECTIONAL** for sale, teal green, recliner bed. \$575 or best offer. 647-1235. 8-16-2tc

## 10—Agricultural Services

**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING**. Matt Gfeiler, 647-4551, home; 647-6754, mobile. 10-49-tfx  
**CRP SHREDDING** with 25-foot shredder. Leaves no wind rows. Call Lonny at 647-7663 or 945-2458; or Al at 945-2667. 10-6-tfx

**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING**. Call Leslie Birkenfeld, 647-3320. 10-5-tfx  
**CUSTOM FARMING:** No-till, drill, mini-till, tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard. (806) 945-2270 or (806) 627-4623. Mobile, 657-7980 or 647-7981. 10-8-tfx

**CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING**. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401, home; 647-7066, mobile. 10-27-tfx

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**GOT SEED?**  
Wheat, Beardless Wheat, Triticale, Rye, Grazing Blends, TAM 105, TAM 110, Lockett and many other varieties available. Certified, Registered and Select Classes.  
Bulk, Bagged or Bin Run.  
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## 14—Automobiles

**Scott's Trading Post**  
Area's Oldest Dealer Since 1966  
S. Hwy. 385 647-3414  
**1994 CHEVY S-10 PICKUP**  
Long bed, Regular Cab, V-6 Engine, New Tires, 34,000 miles.  
**1991 BUICK PARK AVE.**  
4-door sedan. Well equipped. Good family car.  
**FOR SALE:** 1998 FORD PICKUP. 34,000 miles, like new. \$17,000. Call 4495. 14-17-tfx

## 3—Real Estate For Rent

## 18—Services

**I DO HOME**, office and apartment cleaning. Affordable, reliable, trustworthy. Free estimates, local references available. Connie Franco, Hereford, Texas. (806) 363-6384 or (806) 364-0268. 18-16-4tp

## 19—Students Wanting Work

**EIGHTH GRADE GIRL** will do babysitting for you this summer. Call 647-3503. 19-9-tfx

**15-YEAR-OLD BOY** will do odd jobs for you this summer. Call 647-3503. 19-9-tfx

## 20—Help Wanted

**OFFICE ASSISTANT:** High school graduate or equivalent—knowledge of personal computers and typewriter. One-year experience in business office environment. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027; Phone (806) 647-2191; fax (806) 647-2407. 20-16-tfx

**OPERATOR NEEDED** for manure spreader truck. CDL required. Call Kreig at 344-7272 (mobile) or (806) 276-5321. 20-13-tfx

**EXPERIENCED WELDERS** needed. Benefits include health insurance, uniforms. Call 647-3128 or apply in person at Dimmitt Welding & Electric, E. Hwy. 86. 20-8-tfx

**41-BED RURAL HOSPITAL** has full-time positions open with competitive wages and good benefits. X-ray tech, full-time and weekend. Rns needed for Home Health/Hospice/Genl Psych/Med Surg Charge Nurse (Sign on bonus for Rns). Infection control, employee health and QI director. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, TX 79027; phone (806) 647-2191, Ext. 423; fax (806) 647-2407. 20-14-tfx

**ATTENTION:** Can you qualify for a bonus? Knight's Nursing and Rehab Center is looking for LVNs and nurse's aides who can qualify for a bonus. If you are interested, call 385-6600 or come by 1241 W. Marshall Howard Blvd., in Littlefield, Texas. Ask for Fayedell Arend or James Jones. 20-10-tfx

**BUSINESS OFFICE PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE**—High school graduate or equivalent. Strong computer skills in Excel and Microsoft Word. Strong interpersonal skills. Primary duties include charge posting/data processing, patient financial counselor, assist in finance dept. as required. Contact Castro County Hospital District, PO Box 278, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas 79027; Phone (806) 647-2191; fax (806) 647-2407. 20-16-tfx

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**FIVE STAR AUCTIONEERS**  
30th Annual Special Harvest Equipment Auction

**WE ARE NO LONGER AT THE PLAINVIEW AIRPORT**  
Plainview, Texas, 3 Miles North On I-27 To Exit 54, Then Across Overpass To West Side (Same Being Just Southwest Of Excel Beef Packers)

**Call Early, For Consignments To Be Advertised, By July 25th**  
Call Five Star Auctioneers: (806) 296-0379 (Ans. Serv.)  
Merv Evans (Home): (806) 864-3721 • Jimmy Reeves (Home): (806) 864-3362  
Jim Summers (Home): (806) 864-3611  
Or Mail Your Equipment List To Five Star Auctioneers: P.O. Box 1030, Plainview, Texas 79073-1030

## FIVE BIG DAYS

**Tuesday, August 21, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.**  
Combines, Cornheads, Headers, Attachments, Grain Carts, Augers, Combine Trailers  
**Wednesday, August 22, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.**  
Grain Trucks, Truck Tractors, Implement Trucks, Trailers, Cars, Pickups, Buses, Hopper Bottom Grain Trailers, Livestock Pot & Straight Trailers, Float Trailers, Motor Homes & Travel Trailers  
**Thursday, August 23, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.**  
Cotton Strippers, Module Builders, Boll Buggies, Cotton Trailers, Livestock Equipment, Stock Trailers, Irrigation, Hay Equipment, Ensilage & Peanut Equipment  
**Friday, August 24, 2001 – Sale Time 10:00 a.m.**  
Tractors, Backhoes, Loaders, Front End Loaders, Construction Equipment, Motor Graders, Forklifts, Crawlers, Tractor Makeups  
**Saturday, August 25, 2001 – Sale Time 9:00 a.m.**  
Selling All Farm Implements, Fertilizer Equipment, Utility Trailers, Tanks, Toolbar Makeups, Shop Equipment, Grain Drills  
**Deadline For Advertising Equipment: July 25, 2001.**  
**Deadline For Getting Equipment In Place: Monday, August 20, 2001 At 6:00 p.m.**

CALL FOR CONSIGNMENTS

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Merv Evans (Home): (806) 864-3721 • Jimmy Reeves (Home): (806) 864-3362  
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Cashiers: Gail Hanna (806) 647-5115, Donna Noel (806) 293-1124  
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Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:  
**647-3123**

**What your ad will cost:**  
✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).  
✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.  
✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

**Where to find ads:**

1. Homes and land for sale	14. Automobiles for sale
2. Farms for sale	15. Recreational vehicles
3. Homes and apartments for rent	16. Auto parts and supplies
4. Things people want to rent	17. Business opportunities
5. Miscellaneous items for sale	18. Services
6. Garage sales	18A. Insurance
7. Household goods for sale	19. Students seeking work
8. Farm equipment and supplies	20. Help wanted
9. Agricultural services	22. Notices
10. Feed, seed and grain for sale	23. Lost and found
11. Farm produce for sale	24. Cards of thanks
12. Livestock and pets	25. Legal notices

## 20—Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED:** Doctors and pen riders. Apply in person at Dimmitt Feed Yard, six miles west of Dimmitt on Hwy. 86. 20-17-2tc

**IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR BUSINESS OFFICE COLLECTOR.** Performs collection job duties administering self-pay accounts and collecting payments for delinquent accounts. Send resume to 801 E 3rd St., Hereford, TX 79045. 20-17-2tc

## 22—Notices

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 945-2553. 22-14-4tc

## 23—Lost & Found

**LOST: LIVER AND WHITE MALE POINTER.** Answers to Guy. Call 647-2858 and leave a message. 23-17-2tp

## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers, etc. A special thanks to Rusty Dickerson and the Methodist Junior High Sunday School Class for their concerns while I spent eight weeks in the hospital.  
CLEO FORSON 24-17-1tc

## 25—Legal Notices

**NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS ON CITY OF DIMMITT DEPOSITORY**  
Notice is hereby given as provided in Section 105.102 "Local Government Code" (V.T.S.) That the City of Dimmitt at its regular meeting on Aug. 6, 2001, will receive bids from banking institutions in the City of Dimmitt that may desire to be selected as the depository of the City of Dimmitt funds.  
Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on Aug. 3, 2001. Bidders should indicate specifically the method and frequency of calculation of interest rates payable on accounts and investments during the term of the contract. The bid must detail all proposed costs for printed checks and deposit slips, service charges, stop payment charges and any other contemplated charges.  
Bidders are notified that most city funds are in the form of trust accounts with service charges prohibited. Successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with the City of Dimmitt and approved by the City Council within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract.  
All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application, together with a certified check for \$10,000, to guarantee that if accepted as city depository, it will excuse the required bond. The City of Dimmitt reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS  
City of Dimmitt  
25-17-2tc

## 6—For Sale, Misc.



**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Private Club Permit Renewal to be located at 208 SE 4<sup>th</sup>, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of Gerry's First Place.

**DOUGLAS HERMAN SCHILLING,**  
President  
**WAYNE NIEL CHRISTIAN,**  
Vice President  
**KELLIE JO BRADLEY,**  
Secretary  
25-17-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2001, at 2 p.m., bids will be received at the offices of A&S General Contractors, Inc., 5744 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX, the Construction Manager at Risk for Castro County, for the following project: **ADA Modifications for the Castro County Courthouse.** Prospective sub bidders will need to contact the Construction Manager.

Bidding information can be obtained by calling (806) 355-8253. Faxed bids received prior to the deadline will be accepted. The fax number is (806) 353-0719. Faron Walker is the Project Manager.

Some of the Scopes of Work required and the Bid Packages are BP #1 Environmental Assessment & Testing (any required remediation is not part of this solicitation), BP #2 Selective Demolition and Trash Removal, BP #3 General Construction, BP #4 Finishes, BP #5 Plumbing and Mechanical and BP #6 Electrical.

Castro County and A&S General Contractors, Inc., are equal opportunity employers. HUB participation is encouraged.  
25-16-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on July 31, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermen's Chambers at the City Hall, to discuss and consider a variance of City Ordinance 406 for Sharon Leinen who plans to move a mobile home to 511 S. W. 6th which has an existing building on the lot. The Mobile Home Ordinance states, "which no part of any building exists."

Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the Department of Public Works, 217 E. Jones between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by article 1011g of the Vernon's Civil Statutes.

**SAUL ARCE**  
Building Inspector  
City of Dimmitt  
25-17-1tc

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**  
Castro County Hospital District will receive proposals for the purpose of the insurance coverages listed below. The deadline to submit your proposals is August 17, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Those wishing to submit a response may deliver or mail their response to: Castro County Hospital District, Attention Mark Wishard, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

1. Business/Auto
2. General Liability
3. Commercial Property
4. Professional Liability

Additional information may be obtained from Mark Wishard, CFO at 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027, telephone number (806) 647-2191. Castro County Hospital District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities.  
25-17-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 24th day of July, 2001 and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$1,603,947.86.

First United Bank, Dimmitt, Texas	Working Certificates	Fund Balance of Deposit
General Fund	\$981,331.91	
Precinct #1	\$122,000.35	
Precinct #2	\$130,827.56	
Precinct #3	\$ 88,917.29	
Precinct #4	\$280,870.75	

**WITNESS OUR HANDS,** officially, this 24th day of July, A.D. 2001.

**IRENE MILLER**  
County Judge  
**NEWLON ROWLAND**  
Commissioner, Precinct #1  
**CLYDE DAMRON**  
Commissioner, Precinct #2  
**BAY BALDRIDGE**  
Commissioner, Precinct #3  
**DAN SCHMUCKER**  
Commissioner, Precinct #4  
25-17-1tc

**Azteca Bicycle Rodeo held Tuesday, July 17**

Fifteen children enjoyed a morning of learning about bicycle safety at the Azteca Bicycle Rodeo last Tuesday, July 17, organized by the Azteca Complex and Suzanne Gibbs, 4-H Extension Agent.

Participants in the program learned turn signals for use on bicycles, bicycle traffic safety and how long it takes to stop a bicycle going at a fast speed.

Joe Franco, manager of the Azteca Complex was pleased with the turnout at the bicycle rodeo.

"We hope to continue to involve young people in constructive activities," said Franco. "Suzanne and I and anyone else who wants to help want to do something such as this on a monthly basis with funds we have available."

The children were able to complete the day by going swimming for free courtesy of local police officer, Rita Ramos.



**EXPLAINING THE RULES** - Suzanne Gibbs, Castro County 4-H Extension Agent, explains the rules of an exercise to the 15 children that attended the Azteca Bicycle Rodeo. The bicycle rodeo was held on

Tuesday, July 17. The participants learned about bicycle traffic safety that morning and enjoyed an afternoon of swimming later that day.

*Courtesy Photo*

**Birkenfeld receives scholarship**

Mark Birkenfeld has recently been awarded a Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) scholarship in the amount of \$13,320.

To qualify for a TILF scholarship, a student must have participated at the state UIL Academic Meet.

Birkenfeld qualified for the meet his sophomore, junior and senior years.

He placed first in Calculator Applications as an individual and team member in his senior year, second in Editorial Writing in his sophomore year, fourth in News Writing his junior year, fifth in Calculator Applications his junior year and sixth in

Mathematics his senior year.

Birkenfeld was also active in many other various activities in high school, including the Student Council, National Honor Society and band.

He served as president of the Student Council, co-editor of the yearbook, secretary of his class and a member of the FFA.

He also played varsity football, baseball, and ran cross country.

Mark is the son of Clyde and Jeanie Birkenfeld of Nazareth and plans to major in biomedical sciences at Texas A&M University.



**Castro County Fair**

**Barbeque & Chili Cookoff**

September 8, 2001

Castro County Expo Grounds

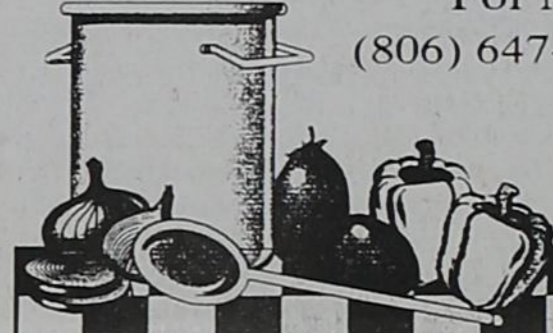
400 SE 4th

Dimmitt, Texas

Category	Entry Fee	Turn In Time
Pinto Beans	\$ 5.00	11:00 AM
Pork Spare Ribs	\$10.00	11:30 AM
Brisket	\$10.00	12:00 AM
Chili	\$10.00	12:30 PM
All 4 Categories	\$30.00	

For More Information Call:  
(806) 647-4115 (806) 647-3736

Contest is Restricted to Castro County Residents Only.



**Sunnyside reunion to be held Saturday**

Sunnyside Baptist Church is hosting a Sunnyside School Reunion for anyone who ever attended the school.

It will be held this Saturday, July 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

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6 - Mo	3.60% <sup>APY</sup> *	3.60% interest rate	Minimum Deposit \$5,000
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3 - Year	4.90% <sup>APY</sup> *	4.90% interest rate	Minimum Deposit \$5,000
5 - Year	5.45% <sup>APY</sup> *	5.45% interest rate	Minimum Deposit \$5,000

\*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) Interest cannot remain on deposit, periodic payout of interest is required. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Names of current insurers are available on request. As of 7/24/01.

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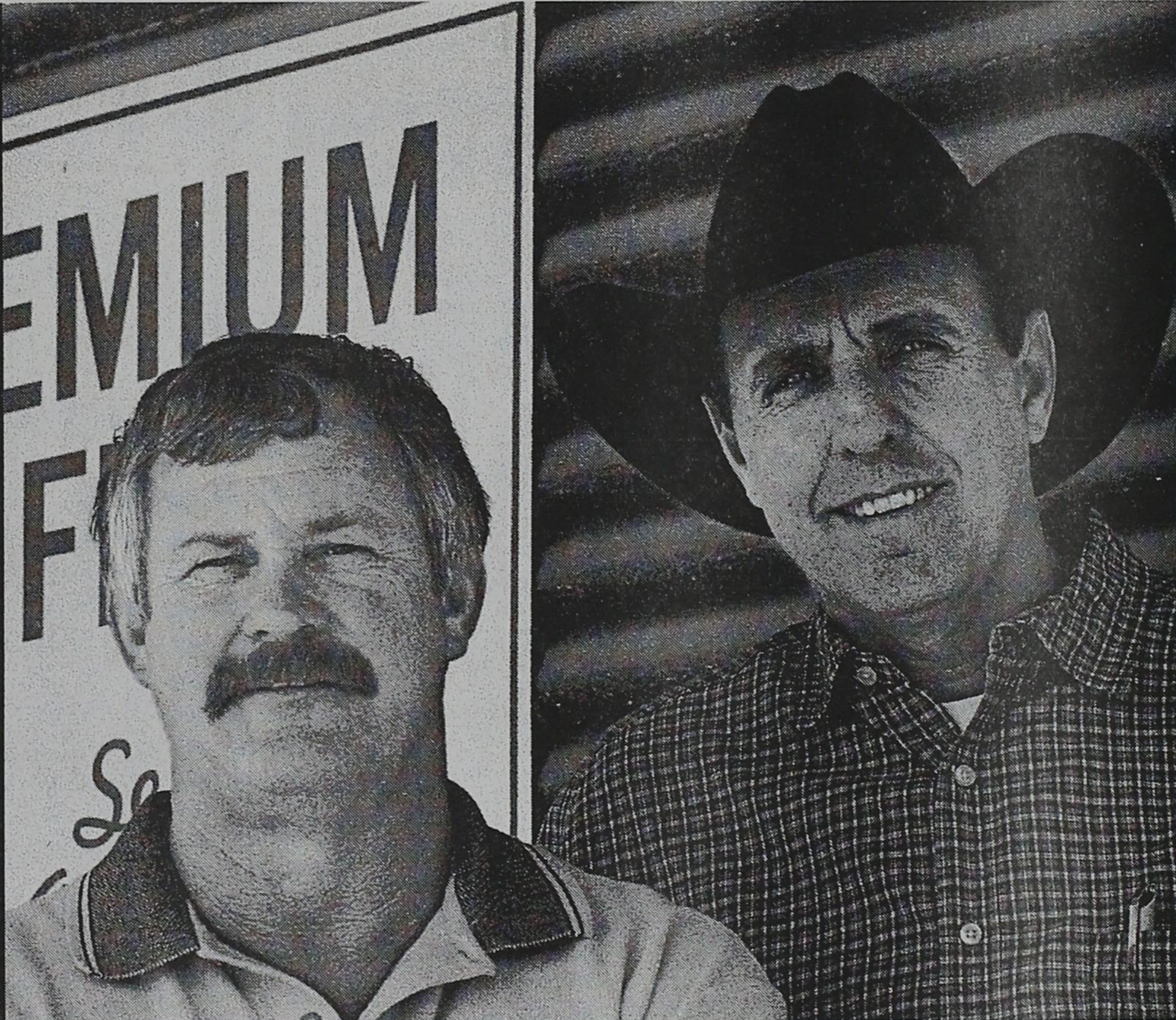
*"There's a lot more to riding a horse than sitting in the saddle and letting your feet hang down."*

"Bagging feed, mixing feed, sacking feed, shoveling feed, delivering feed, unloading trucks: you name it, we did it." That's what Jerry Gore and Kenneth Harvick did as teenagers in their families' feed mill. Today, as partners in one of Texas' larger feed mills, Gore's Inc., they employ two hundred people. They work as hard as ever, but they don't shovel feed anymore.

Jerry and Kenneth's business runs on power supplied by a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

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Electric cooperatives in Texas have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As co-ops, we are non-profit and member-owned. To learn more about deregulation, visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice cooperative.



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- Comanche Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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- Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

www.smartchoicecoops.com



# Obituaries



## Frances Dominguez

Last rites were conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Francisca (Frances) Dominguez, 53, of Dimmitt, who died Friday, July 20.

Services were held in the Ivey Chapel of Foskey - Lilley - McGill Funeral Home, with Father Fern Couture of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Born July 18, 1948, in Ft. Worth, Miss., she was raised in Dimmitt and attended school here.

She was a certified nurse's aide and a long-time employee of Canterbury Villa nursing home.

She is survived by three sons, Larry Alcantar, Adam Guzman and Michael Guzman, all of Dimmitt; a daughter, Ramona Guzman of Dimmitt; a brother, Benito Castañeda of Hereford; and two sisters, Israela Castañeda of Dimmitt and Cleotilde Rodríguez of Clovis, N.M.

Pallbearers were Tim Anes, Chris Reyes, Mitchell Gentry, Michael Guzman, Adam Guzman, Raymond Hernandez and Joe Lewis Castañeda.

Memorials may be made to the Frances Dominguez Memorial Fund at the First United Bank or to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

*Dear Lord, I come to You when I'm troubled and then forget You when life is bright. I will try to be thankful every day. Thank You for never forgetting me. Amen*

## Rita Padilla

Services for Rita Padilla, 65, of Earth, were held Monday in St. Mary Magdeline Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Augustine, pastor, presiding. Burial will be in Earth Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Ms. Padilla died Friday, July 20, in Lubbock.

She moved to Earth 53 years ago from Bernal, N.M. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sisters, Frances Anes and Veronica Steffens, both of Dimmitt, and Genoveva Zamora of Earth; seven brothers, Daniel Padilla, Joe Raymond Padilla, Juan Padilla and Toddy Padilla, all of Friona, Lorenzo Padilla of Levelland, Salvador Padilla of Earth and Sebastian Padilla of San Antonio.

## James Ray Slough

Services for James Ray Slough, 59, of San Angelo, were held June 26 at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mr. Slough died June 23. He was born Jan. 19, 1942, in Perryton to James and Ruth Slough. He was a resident of San Angelo for 23 years, where he retired as a postal carrier of 29 years. He was a Mason and in Eastern Star.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Leonard Slough and his brother, Russell Eugene Slough.

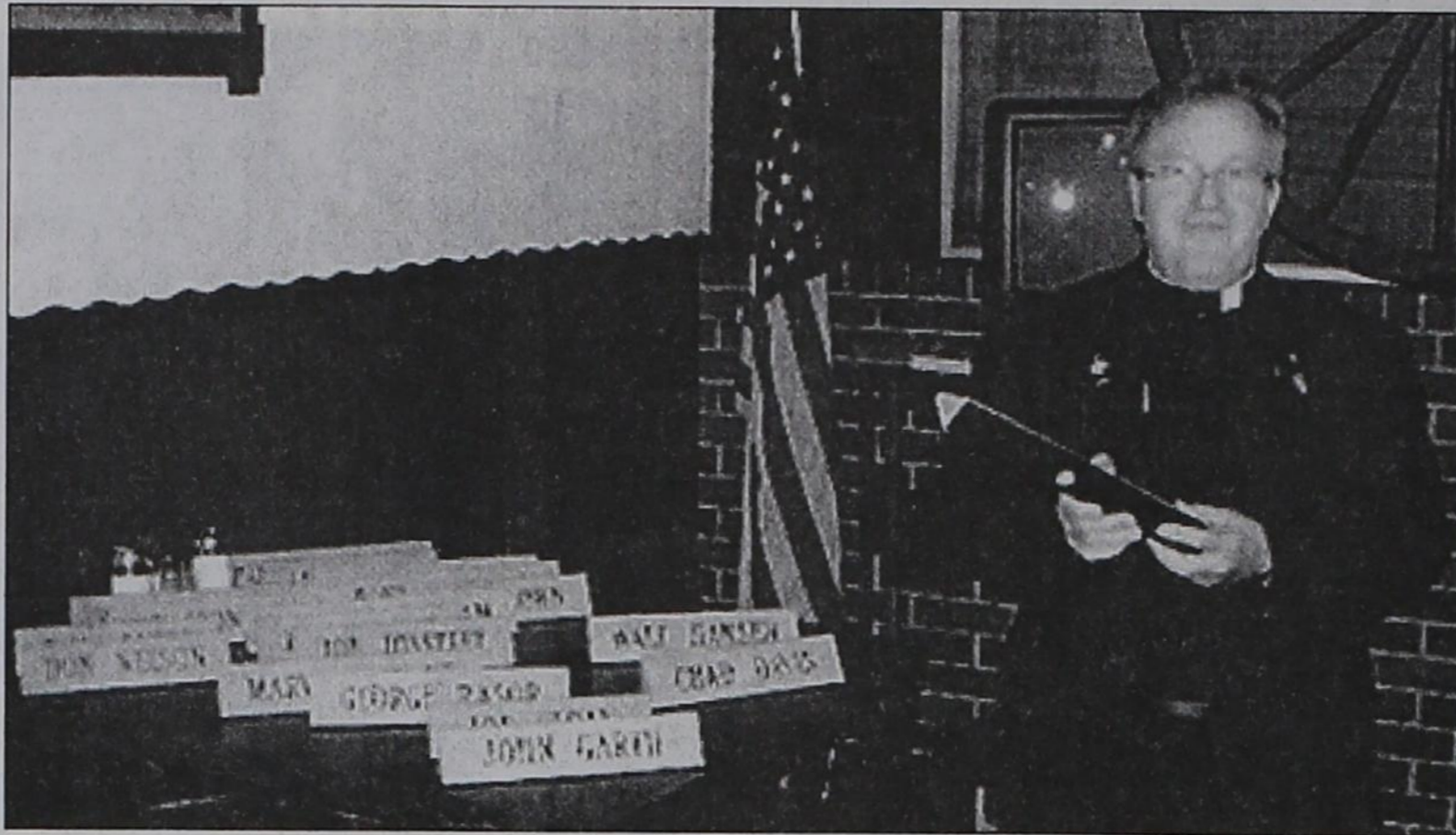
Survivors include his wife, Mary; his mother Ruth Slough; three daughters, Cyndi Wells of Copperas Cove, Christie Slough of San Antonio and Debora Cole of Amarillo; one step-daughter, Kristen Hancock of San Angelo; three sisters, Joyce Vilseck of Kingsville, Edna Rice of Lubbock and Karon Moss of Tahoka; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to Castro County Museum, PO Box 457, Dimmitt 79027.

*Heavenly Father, I spend far too much time worrying. Help me to develop a more positive outlook with trust and hope. Amen*

*The simplest toy that even the youngest child can operate is called a grandparent.*

*Any law enacted with more than fifty words contains at least one loophole.*



**FROM THE GRANITE STATE**—Father Fern Couture is a native of Vermont, and his fellow members of the Dimmitt Lions Club aren't likely to ever forget it. After giving a two-week series of programs on the granite industry in his hometown of Barre, Father Fern presented each of his fellow Lions Tuesday with an individual granite desk plaque from the Rock of

Agnes company, largest granite supplier in North America. Father Fern's dad worked all of his life in Barre's granite quarries, and many of his relatives still work there; in fact, Father Fern's brother engraved these plaques. "My entire life has been built on a rock," Father Fern said, "the rock of granite that I grew up on, and the rock that is Christ."

Photo by Don Nelson

## More about Murder . . .

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revoke Ward's parole. He was ordered to serve time in an "intermediate sanction facility" at Brownfield, and was released from there just two or three weeks ago.

Ms. Dominguez grew up here as Frances Castañeda and attended Dimmitt schools.

Through the years, she had the married names of Alcantar, Guzman, Dominguez and Ward.

She had three sons and a daughter ranging in age from 16 to 30.

A certified nurse's aide, she had worked 15 years or more at Canterbury Villa nursing home here.

"She's going to be greatly missed by the residents and employees here," said Ola Fay Sherman, business office manager at Canterbury Villa. "Her death was a great loss for all of us."

"Frances was always so polite and so kind to everybody," said Janie Quintero, a co-worker and lifetime friend. "I'm sure going to miss her, and so will a lot of others."

A vigil service for Ms. Dominguez was observed Monday evening at the Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home, and the funeral was conducted there Tuesday morning by Father Fern Couture of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

## More about 1:1

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rescue mission. Antarctica's severe winters, with temperatures averaging 49 below, prevent planes from landing there from March to October.

But a crew from the 109th Air National Guard volunteered for the mission.

Even in the middle of the day in the Antarctic, the plane could stay on the ground only for a matter of minutes before its fuel would turn to gel.

In a precision operation in October 1999, they landed on a marked runway during a snow storm, with the temperature minus-58, and airlifted Dr. Nielsen out. At the same time, they brought in a replacement physician for the research station.

Dr. Nielsen assumed that she would not survive the cancer. But she did, and she's now healthy again. She has co-authored a book, has been making many TV appearances, is on the public-speaking circuit—and is looking forward to returning to the South Pole.

Dr. Nielsen's story was retold last Thursday night on ABC-TV's *Prime Time*, during which they showed lots of videotapes of life at the Antarctic outpost, and of the medical procedures performed on Dr. Nielsen by her home-schooled team of chemotherapists, with the village electrician performing the needle biopsy.

During the showing of those "home videos," I kept looking for a recognizable face—and I'm pretty sure I saw him.

This guy and I were in the same videoconferencing "room" on the Internet more than a year ago. I knew him as Don@Antarctica, his "chat name," and he worked in either supply or communications at the research station (I can't remember which).

During our videoconference visits, we didn't usually talk much about our work. But I recall him saying once that the people at his outpost were preparing for an air drop.

It was a few days later that we heard on the news about the heroic air drop at the National Science

Foundation's Amundsen-Scott Station in Antarctica.

Don@Antarctica appeared on my computer screen to be a fairly stout guy (but so are two-fifths of all American men now). And he had a dark winter beard (but so did half of the other guys at the station). So I'm not positive that the guy I saw briefly on TV last week was really my chat-room friend.

But I think it was. I hope it was.

## Substitute teacher sign-up to be held

Substitute teacher sign-up for the 2001-2002 school year will be Aug. 8 at the Dimmitt Independent School District Administration Office at 608 West Halsell at 9:00 a.m.

Substitute teachers are asked to bring their social security cards and driver's licenses.

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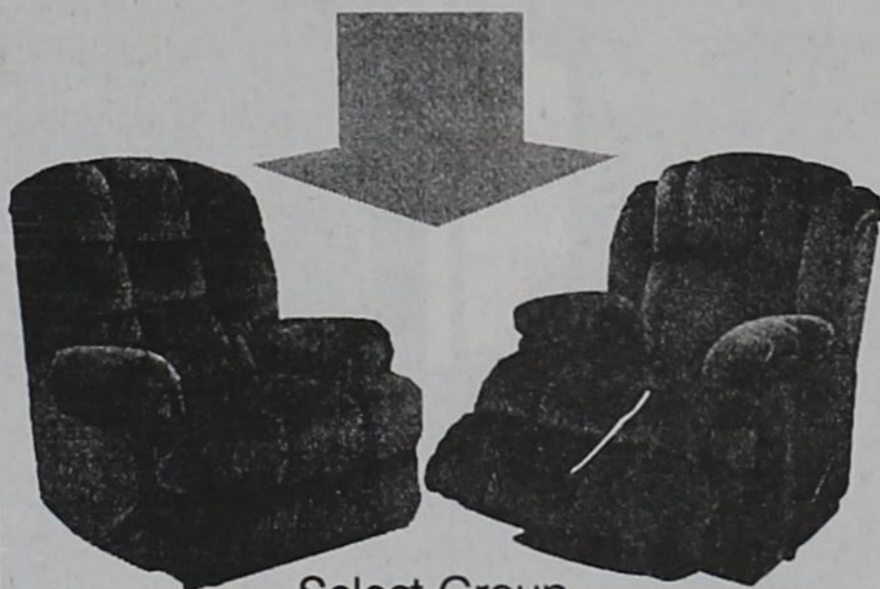
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