



# Happy Easter

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### Gramm's aide will discuss ag issues here today

John Dietze Jr., a legislative assistant for US Sen. Phil Gramm, will offer an update on agriculture issues today (Thursday) when he visits with local residents at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Dietze will meet with area residents at 2 p.m., according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt.

Dietze's duties include ensuring that the legislative staff is properly focused on the congressman's legislative goals, formulating positions on legislative issues and overseeing the progression of legislation in which the congressman is involved as it moves from the Committee to the floor.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

One of the sure signs of spring here: When the apricot and peach trees burst into bloom, you know we're going to have at least one more hard freeze.

I hope some of our blossoms survived Tuesday night's freeze. Only time will tell.

Speaking of blossoms, the little Centennial trees around the county (flowering fruitless pear) are looking great, with thick white blossoms the size of cotton bolls.

I seem to have started a few people to singing "Yankee Doodle" while they wash their hands.

And a lot of folks have asked me during the week if I've learned all the words yet.

Well, yeah, I think so. According to Linda Maxwell, it goes:

"Yankee Doodle went to town  
Riding on a pony.  
Stuck a feather in his cap  
And called it macaroni.  
Yankee Doodle, keep it up,  
Yankee Doodle Dandy,  
Mind your manners and your cap  
And with the girls be handy."  
(Is that the way you remember it?)  
You've heard of journalist's curiosity? Well, I've got it in spades. I can't stand to not know something that it seems to me I ought to know, even if it's trivia. (Especially if it's trivia.)

I went looking for the words and verses of "Yankee Doodle" in the Encyclopedia Americana, the Encarta encyclopedia, and on the Internet. Nada. Zippo.

My Americana did give the history of the song. It said the ditty originally was a marching song, made up by English soldiers during the Revolutionary War as a way of deriding the ill-equipped American militiamen, or "Yankees."

(More curiosity: Where did that term "Yankee" come from?)

There were a dozen or so verses to "Yankee Doodle," the encyclopedia said, and most of them were vulgar. (But it didn't give any of them, doggonit. I'm a sucker for vulgar verses.)

When the Americans started turning the tables on the English, they picked up the tune and adapted it to their own use as a source of pride.

New verses are being written to the tune even unto this day. For instance, this one:

"When you hit the soap dispenser  
"With your little hand-y,  
"That's when you should start to sing

"Of Yankee Doodle Dandy.  
"Lather-lather, scrub-scrub-scrub  
"On ev'ry single finger,  
"Never mind what people think  
"The longer that you linger."

That version came Friday on an official USA postcard, addressed to Don (Mr. Clean) Nelson.

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USAF MAJ. RICK HUSBAND, ASTRONAUT  
... will speak to Dimmitt school students April 3.

### Astronaut to visit Dimmitt

The public is invited to hear USAF Maj. Rick Husband, astronaut, speak at the Dimmitt schools April 3.

Invited by the Gifted/Talented students of DISD, Husband will speak to four different student assemblies, as well as four group gatherings during the day.

Recognition will be given to Dimmitt Middle School students who entered the Shuttle Model Contest, sponsored by the G/T program and DMS science teachers. Top winners from each grade level will have their photograph taken with Husband.

Husband is slated to arrive at 8:30 a.m. April 3. At 9 a.m. he will speak to an assembly of third, fourth, and fifth graders, and at 10 a.m., he will speak to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

He will be honored with a soft drink party by the G/T students at 11 a.m. At noon, he will eat lunch with the Rotary Club and give a presentation.

Husband will speak to Dimmitt High School students at 1 p.m., and at 2:15, he will speak to an assembly of Kindergarten, first and second grade students.

He will tour Dimmitt and visit with Terri Loudder and her family from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., he will speak to the Dimmitt

Youth Group in the home of Gene and Shari Bradley.

Husband was born in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1975. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University in 1980 and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from California State University, Fresno, in 1990.

On April 4, he will be honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech.

After graduating from Tech in 1980, Husband was commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF and attended pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, graduating in 1981.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Husband completed his F-4 training at Homestead AFB, Florida, then was assigned to Moody AFB, Georgia. Sent back to Homestead AFB for F-4 instructor school in 1985, he was assigned as an F-4E instructor pilot and academic instructor at George AFB, California in 1985.

In 1987, Husband attended the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards (Continued on Page 2)

### Redistricting costs continue to mount

## County to pay \$280,960 for 'attorney fees, costs'

Castro County must pay \$280,960 to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and to attorneys Jose Garza and Judith Sanders-Castro in settlement of attorney fees and costs incurred during the redistricting process in the early 1990s.

After an executive session concerning pending litigation Monday, commissioners agreed to settle.

Of that \$280,960, actual costs amount to \$25,960 while the remaining \$255,000 is for attorney fees, according to County Auditor Maretta Smithson.

The county will pay the money in three installments, with the first payment of \$110,960 being due in April. The second payment, \$85,000, will be due in November 1997 while the third and final payment of \$85,000 will be due in November 1998.

Commissioners have called a special meeting for Monday at 10 a.m. to amend the budget for the \$110,960 due in April.

County Attorney Jerry Matthews has been negotiating with Judith Sanders-Castro since the first of the year.

Sanders-Castro served as attorney for plaintiff Joe Crespin, an intervenor in the redistricting discrimination lawsuit filed against Castro County in 1991.

Sanders-Castro originally asked for \$300,000 to satisfy Crespin's attorney fees, Matthews said in a January interview.

Sanders-Castro and Crespin had attempted to get compensation from the county earlier, filing a motion in Federal District Court in June 1994 to reopen the case solely for the purpose of seeking attorney's fees. The District Court denied Crespin's motion then, mainly because the court found that any application for fees should have been filed within 14 days of an April 13, 1994, order.

The District Court decision was appealed by the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the case was argued on Sept. 25, 1996. A decision was handed down on Dec. 6, 1996.

The three-judge panel hearing the case granted Crespin's request and reversed the judgment of the District Court and remanded the case back to the District Court.

## CRP deadline looms

Producers who hope to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) must sign up with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) by Friday.

Castro County producers should contact the local FSA office in Dimmitt to schedule an appointment.

Trish Elliott, county FSA executive director, said there has been "a lot of interest" locally in the CRP sign-up, and adds that many producers who have been in the program in the past have re-applied.

"It's time consuming (sign-up) but it's not complicated," Elliott said. "Signatures must be obtained on the CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract by Friday, so it is imperative that interested producers give this matter their prompt attention."

The Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments, incentive payments for certain activities and cost-share assistance to establish approved cover on eligible croplands. The length of the CRP contracts vary from 10 to 15 years.

The program encourages farmers to plant long-term resource conserving covers to improve soil, water and wildlife resources.

Producers must meet eligibility guidelines and the land offered for the program must also meet certain specifications.

Rental rates are based on the relative productivity of soils within each county, the average of the past three

years of local dryland cash rent, or the cash rent equivalent.

The maximum rental rate for each CRP offer will be calculated in advance of enrollment. This rate will be based on the type of soils offered.

The basic rental rate for Castro County is \$31 per acre plus \$5 per acre maintenance fee, according to Elliott.

For CRP sign-up 15, new contracts for acreage currently enrolled in CRP that are due to expire on Sept. 30 will be eligible to be effective on Oct. 1.

Producers with new contracts accepted for acreage not previously enrolled in the CRP will have the option of beginning their contracts on either Oct. 1, 1997 or Oct. 1, 1998.

"We probably won't know until June which contracts will be accepted," Elliott said. "All of the applications from across the United States will be evaluated before contracts are awarded."

She added that more highly-erodible and environmentally-sensitive lands will be given priority.

At the end of the third week of the sign-up period, landowners have offered almost 20 million acres into the program, according to Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

More than 240,200 offers covering approximately 20 million acres were made for enrollment nationwide. Of that total, about 14.7 million acres are currently enrolled under CRP contracts due to expire in September. Approximately 5.3 million acres are new and were offered for the first time.

The states of Texas, Montana and North Dakota lead the way in number of acres offered. Producers offered nearly 2.5 million acres in Texas, two million in Montana and 1.9 million in North Dakota.

### Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday .....	74	29	
Friday .....	83	42	
Saturday .....	86	33	
Sunday .....	67	33	
Monday .....	75	39	
Tuesday .....	78	32	
Wednesday .....	54	25	

March Moisture ..... 0.00  
1997 Moisture ..... 0.66

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

## County hires new Extension agent

Castro County will have a new Extension Agent on May 1 when Reben Lee Royall begins working as the county's new agricultural program leader.

Commissioners interviewed Royall Monday and offered him the job.

Royall has worked as County Extension Agent-Agriculture in Briscoe County since Feb. 20, 1995.

"I enjoyed my time in Briscoe County, but as far as my career goes, I feel like it's time for a move," Royall told commissioners.

In Briscoe County, Royall was responsible for agriculture program area committees, adult and 4-H agricultural programming and agricultural result demonstrations.

He assisted county residents with agriculture-related questions and problems and worked in cooperation with the Family Consumer Science Agent in all interdisciplinary programming.

This year he worked with 4-H'ers who granded the Limousin steer show at the San Antonio Livestock Expo, and two who showed the reserve Hampshire and Spotted Poland China barrows at the Houston Livestock Show.

"Rebel is one of our highest-rated agents and he's done an exceptional

job in Briscoe County," said Dr. Bob Robinson, who introduced Royall to commissioners. "They really hate to lose him."

Prior to his work as county agent in Briscoe County, Royall served as assistant agent in Henderson County from Sept. 15, 1993 to Feb. 17, 1995.

Royall holds a bachelor of science degree in animal business from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in ag education from South-west Texas State University in San Marcos.

He has worked as a research and teaching assistant at SWTSU and was production assistant for DeKalb Swine Breeders. He was involved in Texas Tech Livestock Operations in 1990 and 1991, working at the Sheep Center and Swine Center.

He is a member of Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. He served on the District 1 Animal Industries Committee in 1996-97, and was on the District 5 Animal Industries Committee in 1994-95. In 1995 he won the District 5 New Agent Recognition Award.

Royall graduated from Ira High School in 1987 as salutatorian of his class.

He and his wife have a son and are expecting their second child in October.



HE'S SAFE—Luis Silva slides into third on a steal in game action Saturday afternoon between the Ralls Jackrabbits and the Dimmitt Bobcats. The 'Cats won

the contest by a score of 13-9, raising their season record to 8-6. Silva was moved up from the JV and played at short stop for Saturday's game.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



# Bobcats edge Friona in 10-inning marathon

Derek Buckley started off his varsity baseball career with a bang Tuesday night, driving in the game-winning run with a bloop single over Friona's second baseman to lift the Bobcats to a 6-5 win over the Chiefs in a 10-inning marathon at George Howell Memorial Park.

The Bobcats trailed Friona by a run going into the bottom of the seventh but picked up one run to tie the game at five and send it into extra innings.

Dimmitt pitcher Zack Matthews, who pitched the entire 10-inning game, held Friona scoreless in the three extra innings, then Dimmitt's offense went to work in the bottom of the 10th.

That's when Friona committed two costly errors which resulted in Jason Nino reaching third base.

Then Buckley, who was moved up from junior varsity and was seeing action in his first varsity game, drove in the game-winning run.

Matthews did an exceptional job for Dimmitt from the mound, throwing a 14 strike-out complete game.

With Dimmitt down 2-0 in the second inning, Michael Pedroza got a Bobcat rally started when he singled and scored on Jason Nino's base hit. Dan Maxwell walked and Buckley tripled to right field for two RBIs.

With a 4-3 lead in the top of the

fifth inning, the Bobcats were in a jam with Chief base runners at second and third and nobody out. But Matthews retired the next two hitters on strike-outs.

Then the Bobcats got the third out at first base and escaped the inning with the lead.

Friona took a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning on a walk, pass ball, two hits, and a wild pitch. In its last at-bat Dimmitt had to have a run to tie.

Conrado Saucedo led off with a walk and went to third base on Matthews' single and a throwing error.

Richard Carpio took a pitch for a one-out sacrifice bunt that scored Saucedo and tied the game.

Matthews stayed on the mound into extra innings and faced seven batters in the eighth and ninth, striking out three. The Chiefs' hitters couldn't handle Matthews' curve ball, which had hitters diving out of the batter's box before the ball broke across the plate.

"I asked the coach to leave me in," said Matthews. "My arm just seemed to get stronger as the game went on."

In the top of the 10th inning Matthews once again mowed down the Chiefs 1-2-3, adding two more strike-outs.

"I'm proud of the way this team battled back and hung in there tonight," said Coach Bobby Feaster. "Matthews' gutsy effort was the cornerstone in the win."

## Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

# Obituaries



**Marie Bowen**

Services for Marie Bowen, 73, of Hereford, former Dimmitt resident, were held Wednesday morning at First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bowen died at 11:06 p.m. Sunday in Hereford after a lengthy illness.

She was born March 27, 1923, in Frederick, Okla. She married George Bowen on Aug. 4, 1972, in Canyon. He died Feb. 1, 1993.

She lived in Dimmitt for many years before moving to Hereford in 1994. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. She owned and operated Marie's Beauty Shop since 1959. She was a member of Castro County Senior Citizens, Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a volunteer at King's Manor Nursing Home. She was an artist.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Hutton of Aberdeen, Wash., Ronnie Hutton of Amarillo and Mike Hutton of Richmond, Va.; three step-daughters, Barbara Braughman of Amarillo, Georgia Rogers of Hereford and Frankie Coody of Houston; a brother, James Autry of Rocky Ford, Colo.; a sister, Mary Williams of Ruidoso, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Taylor Hutton, Trey Hutton, Travis Hutton, Max Neuman, Jerry Baldrige, Cody White and Kelly Autry.

The family requests memorials be to Cardiac Rehab Center, in care of Hereford Regional Medical Center, Hereford 79045.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Edwards died March 22 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

He was born Oct. 8, 1915, in Frederick, Okla. He married Wilma Hodo on Nov. 23, 1935, in Grassland. He moved to Lubbock in 1986.

He farmed in the Meadow community, and worked at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M. He retired in 1977.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jerry of Lockney; a sister, Estella Cook of Tahoka; and a brother, Hubert Edwards of Dimmitt.



**Jean Kasher**

Jean Kasher, 71, of Amarillo, former Dimmitt resident, died Sunday.

Services were held Tuesday in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with Father Phillip Lindley, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kasher was born in Greer County, Okla., and attended schools in Dimmitt. She married Arthur Kasher in 1953, at Clovis, N.M. She worked in the Dimmitt Middle School Lunchroom from 1976 to 1980. She lived in Dimmitt for 50 years before moving to Amarillo in 1980. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Mike Kasher of Amarillo and Tony Kasher of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; a daughter, Kathy Shugart of Groton, Conn.; two brothers, Jerry Adams of Lubbock and Claude Adams of Carrollton, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79176-0001 or the American Heart Association.

## Larue Vernon Glenn

Services for Larue Vernon Glenn, 78, of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

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

Mr. Glenn died at 1:20 a.m. Friday in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 1, 1919, in Elida, N.M. He moved to Dimmitt in 1970 from Louisville, Ken. He married Alice Nagel on June 6, 1942, in St. Louis, Mo.

He was a school teacher and mail carrier, and he served in the US Air Force from 1941-1945. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and Masonic Lodge of Elkhart, Kan.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Bonnie Sue Downing of Oklahoma City, Okla., Janis Marie Hutton of Amarillo and Melissa Jean Glenn of Amarillo; a sister, Willa Ruth Simmons of Plainview; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 South Jefferson St., Amarillo 79101.

Pallbearers were Lewis Heck, Michael Goolsby, Abe Sanchez, Kelly Goolsby, Wade Maynard and Thomas Richburg.

## Roxie Tanner

Funeral services for Roxie Tanner, 82, of Morton, the mother of Virginia Hansen of Dimmitt, are set for 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in the First Assembly of God Church of Morton with Rev. Jimmy Beggs and Henry Russell officiating.

Burial will follow in Morton Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tanner died March 25 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

She was born Dec. 12, 1914, in Quanah. She moved to Morton in 1929. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by four sons, Hershel Tanner and Randall Tanner, both of Morton, Carlton Tanner of Lubbock and Larry Tanner of Normangee; two daughters, Virginia Hansen of Dimmitt and Thelma Scoggins of Morton; two sisters, Florence Owen of Hobbs, N.M., and Juanita Buckeley of Odessa; a brother, Garth Beard of Shepherd; 18 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

## Joe Edwards

Funeral services for Joe Lesley Edwards, 81, of Lubbock, the brother of Hubert Edwards of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Ted Samples of Grace Fellowship Church in Lockney and Roy Macha of Lockney officiating.

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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## ACROSS

- 1 attender of the State Fair: fair
- 5 Aikman's alma mater
- 6 TX Kenny Rogers' "I Don't \_\_\_ You"
- 7 TXism: "scorch the \_\_\_ ment" (run)
- 8 LBJ's early education was in this (3 wds.)
- 18 TX Charley Pride's "You \_\_\_ Again"
- 19 going around without a hat
- 21 TX Gramm's workplace: Washington, \_\_\_
- 22 Rockport is "Where the fun never \_\_\_"
- 23 a TX Tech athlete: Red \_\_\_
- 24 TX Jack Wrather produced this TV series starring a dog
- 29 TX group Cavaliers only hit: "Last \_\_\_ 'or to the brim"
- 30 \_\_\_ 'or to the brim"
- 31 boot width size
- 32 TXism: "mean as \_\_\_ cow"
- 34 TXism: "\_\_\_ in the towel" (give up)
- 35 this TX Sonnichsen wrote book about great TX feuds (init.)
- 36 TX Steve Martin film: "\_\_\_ Don't Wear Plaid"
- 37 TXism: "hobble your lip" (\_\_\_ up)
- 38 footballer cushions \_\_\_
- 39 TX actor Wallach
- 40 religious holiday
- 42 Paris, TX's Chili du \_\_\_ Chili Cookoff

## DOWN

- 1 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a \_\_\_"
- 2 of the sea
- 3 a football team
- 4 Rangers mgr. Doug ('83-'85)
- 9 TXism: "he's perfected the boarding-house reach" (fat)
- 10 TXism: "feeling his \_\_\_" (frisky)
- 11 TXism: "missus"
- 12 to Tyler from Denton
- 13 Corpus Christi: "Body of \_\_\_"
- 14 cures
- 15 "Bum" Phillips
- 16 TXism: "a horse of a different color"
- 17 first black golfer in the Masters was this Texan
- 20 Odessa museum has miniature \_\_\_ of first ladies
- 22 Aikman calls these at the line
- 24 Coleman's "Fiesta de \_\_\_ Paloma"
- 25 TXism: "sneaky as \_\_\_ egg sucking dog"
- 26 TXism: "\_\_\_ buster"
- 27 TXism: "does a bear \_\_\_ in the woods?"

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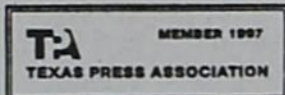
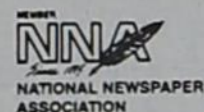
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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met in the solarium at the hospital on March 12 with 13 members attending. Mattie Seale presided over the business meeting. Florene Leinen gave the secretary's report, and Barbara Sava gave the treasurer's report. A letter of thanks was read from Edith Graef. Mattie appointed the nominating committee: Wanda Murdock, chairman, Irene Blanton, Edith Graef, Betty Freeman and Irene Carpenter. They will report at the April 9 meeting on a slate of officers for the next two years.

Joe Sloan presented the most urgent needs for the hospital, as it has been the custom of the Auxiliary to provide as many as possible through the years.

We always appreciate the whole community's support of our buffet and bazaar, the gift shop, the quilt raffles and our other money-making projects, including the Operation Christmas Greeting, so we can help in this way.

Louise Moffitt visited her daughter, Regina White, and her daughters Caprice and Tonya in Sasakwa, Okla. Louise's sister, Ann Butler of Levelland, went along for the ride and visited her niece, who is fun to be with.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Alyson Smith of Amarillo, who came with her grandmother, Wanda Murdock; Tary Bryant of Lubbock and Derek Bryant of Plainview, who came with their grandfather, Dale Winders (in fact, Dale had them working on one of the buildings at the museum); James Acker of Tulia; and Tommy and Marilyn Thompson of Las Cruces, N.M., who were in Dimmitt visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Jed and Heidi Thompson.

Sarah Bradford was honored with a "Glamour Shop" Birthday on her 13th birthday. June Norman styled all the girls' hair, Kellie Proffitt and Susie Bradford put all the makeup on, and James Baker and his two daughters, Jamie and Tory, were there to take pictures.

The girls tried on fancy clothes, furs and fine jewelry, and they all were beautiful! They ate pizza and snacks most of the night, and since they were in the basement, they didn't disturb Sarah's parents, Jack and Susie Bradford, too much! James Baker will give the girls pictures later.

Alyson Smith of Amarillo celebrated her 5th birthday on March 19 at Mr. Gatti's. Among the seven children on the guest list were Katie Murdock of Clovis, N.M., and Jonathan Perez of Amarillo. For entertainment at Mr. Gatti's, there was a carnival atmosphere with a ferris wheel, carousel, bumper cars and a maze. Later, they all went to see the Beauty and the Beast Ice Capades. They ate pizza and a Barbie birthday cake. The adult guest list consisted of Doug and Debbie, parents; Bobby and Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt, grandparents; and Mr. W.H. Felder of Hart, great-grandparent.

Sally Ortiz of Denver, Colo., and her son, Andrew, 12, arrived in

Dimmitt March 15 to help their father and grandfather, Ed Freeman, celebrate his 82nd birthday on March 16.

Sally and Ed drove to Albany on Wednesday to see the fabulous Old Jail Art Museum there. Both thought it was well worth the long trip.

Sally and Andy left Dimmitt on Friday to return home.

Avie Lewis never thought she would be living in Dimmitt again. She says she is glad, though, that she is able to come be with her mother Geneva Justice. They are having a good time together even under the present circumstances.



**FRIDAY**  
District 1-AAA Game  
**Bobcats 12, River Road 3**

Dimmitt	000	202	8	12	8	3
River Road	001	002	0	3	6	2

Carpio, Nino (6) and Furr for Dimmitt; Fikac, Lundegreen (6), Kinard (7) and Ricci of River Road. **WP:** Carpio. **LP:** Fikac. **2B:** Luis Silva of Dimmitt. **3B:** Zack Matthews of Dimmitt; Kinard of River Road. **Records:** Dimmitt 7-6, 1-1; River Road 6-8, 1-2.

**Saturday**  
Regular Game  
**Bobcats 13, Ralls 9**

Ralls	010	214	1	9	9	5
Dimmitt	105	151	x	13	11	7

Rubalcaba, Cortez (5) and Salazar of Ralls; Michael Pedroza, Luis Nino (6) and Richard Carpio of Dimmitt. **WP:** Pedroza. **LP:** Rubalcaba. **2B:** Sergio Pedroza, Dan Maxwell and Carpio for Dimmitt; Rubalcaba of Ralls. **3B:** S. Pedroza of Dimmitt. **HR:** Morales of Ralls. **Records:** Ralls 6-6; Dimmitt 8-6.

**Tuesday**  
District 1-AAA Game  
**Bobcats 6, Friona 5 (10 Innings)**

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Luis Ramirez, Justin Daniel (8) and Jeff Hamilton for Friona; Zack Matthews and Richard Carpio for Dimmitt. **WP:** Matthews. **LP:** Daniel. **2B:** Sergio Pedroza for Dimmitt. **3B:** Jeff Hamilton for Friona and Derek Buckley for Dimmitt. **Records:** Dimmitt 9-6, 2-1; Friona 5-8, 1-3.



Avie's son, Kerry, and his bride-elect Tami, are flying in for the bridal shower at Carol Lantz's on April 5. Tami is a lovely California girl. Her parents are so impressed with Dimmitt's shower plans. They are flying in with Kerry and Tami. Avie says they will all be at the shower so they can meet all those Texans Kerry is always talking about. Kerry is hoping they will hear a lot of "fixin' to" and "hi, y'all"!

Avie's daughter, Ronna, will not be flying in for the shower. She will just be returning from Greece, where she was to be accompanying six of her high school students for Spring break. Poor thing!

Ronna's husband landed a wonderful job with a Washington, D.C. law firm after he graduated from Georgetown University. Avie keeps wondering just what she did to end up with a kid on each coast and her in the middle.

Fay Varner, Green Thumb Representative for Castro County, was a very busy person last week, March 10-12. Fay covers six counties on her job, including Castro, Randa'l, Deaf Smith, Swisher, Hale and Floyd.

She had meetings in Randall and Deaf Smith counties on March 10, Hale and Swisher counties on March 11, and Floyd County on March 12. She said three new workers have started in Randall County, and two in Hale County.

Bernice Hill was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served strawberry cake and ice cream.

Virginia Crider won high score and Loranel Hamilton won second high. Others playing were Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Emily Clingsmith, Carol Lantz, Dude McLaurin, Alma Kenmore, Edith Graef, Bill Thornton, Opha Burks, and Elizabeth Huckabay.

Renee Doss celebrated her March 21 birthday with tennis friends Tuesday evening. She played tennis with Pam Bratton, Noemi Ponce, Deanne Clark, Kay Kellar, Doricell Davis and then Pam Bratton had the group plus Renee Smith over for El

Monterrey casserole and the trimmings. Activities for the evening included the traditional cake, cards and singing, along with entertainment by Butterscotch, Pam's bull mastiff puppy.

Regine Reynolds Blair of California and her mother, Willa Mae Reynolds of Lubbock, were visiting in town March 19.

Jo B. Prather, daughter of Kate Beecher and a former Dimmitt resident, was awarded the 1996 Celebrate Literacy Award by the Mississippi Reading Association at the group's annual conference in December in the Biloxi Grand Hotel.

Some of the areas in which Prather contributed time and effort included Kids Count 1996, Storytelling and Story Reading; Pat Fordice Reading Commission Activity, Project Read; Madison Public Library, story reading; Federal Women's Organization, Promoting Literacy Through Family Involvement presentations; Mississippi Library Association's LAMP Tour, Literacy Presentations; Missouri Young Authors State Conference, keynote speaker; and Delta Kappa Gamma, Literacy Presentations.

In addition to her volunteer efforts, Prather has authored her first published book, Mississippi Beau.

She was nominated for the Literacy Award by the Crossroads Reading Council.

## Police Calls

An incident of disorderly conduct was reported to police last Thursday afternoon in the 200 block of Southwest Seventh.

Friday, Robert Ewing told deputies that someone had entered his

### More about

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The postcard was unsigned. But it was delivered to the News office personally by the US Postal Service's official keeper of the postcards himself, Bill Sava, who has been known to whip out occasional tunes during fits of inspiration.

The card was duly postmarked, so he must have paid for it.

Or maybe he postmarked it for historical reasons.

Did you catch Paul Harvey's noon broadcast Saturday?

I didn't, but Roy Garza did. He was tooling around in Tulsa at the time.

Roy did a double-take when he heard the name, "Gerald Broadstreet of Dimmitt, Texas."

Harvey told of a man who was stranded on the highway, and of how the driver of an interstate Wal-Mart truck stopped to help. The driver was Gerald.

Gerald not only gave the stranded motorist a lift, but offered to give him some money if he needed it, or help him find a tow truck.

The man was so grateful that he later notified Wal-Mart of Gerald's good deed.

Wal-Mart in turn notified Harvey. (The giant retail chain is one of Harvey's sponsors.)

"Harvey commented, 'Those are the kind of people Wal-Mart employs,'" Roy said.

Not all truck drivers are from Dimmitt, of course. Just the friendliest ones.

home, out in the county, and ransacked the living room, breaking some glass items and strewing things around. He estimated the damage at \$150. Investigation is continuing.

Two people were jailed for public intoxication. A 30-year-old man was jailed last Thursday evening. Friday night, a 33-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed after police said she was intoxicated and did not know where she was.

Friday night, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for driving while license suspended in an incident early Monday at South Lake Park.

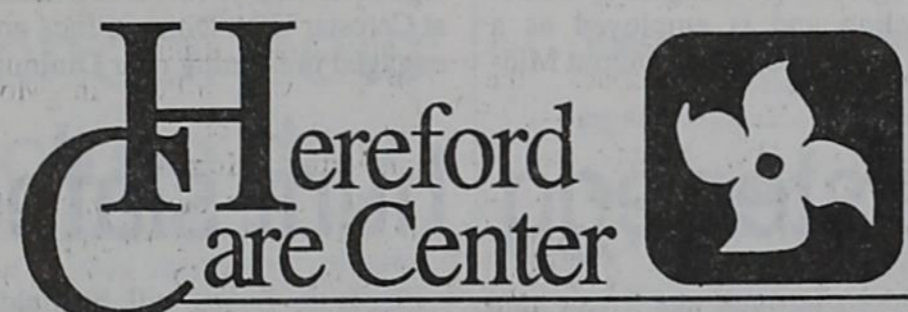
A Sudan man, 49, was jailed Monday afternoon on a warrant for theft by check. March 19, a Tulia

man, 44, was arrested on a Swisher County warrant.

A clerk at Allsup's reported that someone pumped \$36-worth of gasoline Friday night and then left without paying.

An accident last Thursday morning resulted in moderate damage to two vehicles, but no injuries were reported.

Police said a 1988 Crown Victoria car driven by Max Ray Newman of Dimmitt was heading east in the 800 block of West Bedford. A 1986 Ford pickup driven by Alvin Rosendo Vasquez of Dimmitt was stopped at the stop sign in the 100 block of Northwest Eighth. Reportedly, Vasquez was blinded by the sun and did not see Newman's car, pulled out and struck the car. The police report said Vasquez failed to yield right of way at the stop sign.



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# People



Christy Diane Stroud and Byron Colby Black

## Stroud, Black to wed April 5

Gene and Ann Stroud of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christy Diane Stroud, to Byron Colby Black, son of Paulette Wood of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Kent Black of Heavener, Okla.

The wedding has been planned at 2 p.m. on April 5 at Midwest Center Community Center in Midwest City, Okla.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She attended the Oklahoma College of Court Reporting and is currently employed by Liberty Bank.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Midwest City High School in Oklahoma. He is assistant manager at Locke Supply Co.

After the wedding the couple plan to reside in Midwest City.

## Carter and Howell recite vows in formal, double-ring ceremony

Jennifer Lynn Carter and Kennen James Howell exchanged wedding vows Saturday in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with Randy Gressett officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Howell of Dimmitt.

Solist Tami Griffith performed *The Lord's Prayer, In This Very Room and Standing Right Next to Me*.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length candle-light gown designed with a fitted, off-the-shoulder jacket of brocade that was highlighted with shades of soft gold. The jacket featured a portrait neckline and was accented with rhinestone buttons.

She carried a bouquet of gardenias, exotic blue flowers, pearl accents and English ivy with a touch of gold and ivory ribbon.

Katrina Howell of Dimmitt was matron of honor. She wore a street-length dress of navy linen and carried a bouquet of ivory and blue flowers accented with gold and ivory ribbons.

Best man was Kelly Howell of Dimmitt, brother of the groom.

Dustin Burnam of Amarillo, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer. Flower girl was Shelby Carter of Childress, niece of the bride.

A lunch and reception honoring the newlyweds was held at Cozy Corner Bed and Breakfast.

The couple's table was covered with an ivory cloth and held an arrangement of flowers, a crystal punch bowl and accent pieces. The wedding cake was a confection of ivory icing and lace and it was decorated with ivory orchids and exotic flowers that cascaded down the three tiers.

The bride selected a pair of natural linen walking shorts with a matching shirt and coordinating vest of spring hues for her traveling attire. Gold jewelry completed the ensemble.

The couple are enjoying a wedding trip in Hawaii and will return home



MRS. KENNEN JAMES HOWELL  
... nee Jennifer Lynn Carter

on Friday to establish their new home in Dimmitt.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling and is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Dimmitt Middle School.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1984.

He obtained a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering from Texas A&M University at College Station in 1988. He is a manager at Ceresar USA Dimmitt Inc., and is engaged in farming near Dimmitt.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for March 27-April 4.

**DIMMITT**  
Preschool-First Grade Lunch  
THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Pizza supreme, corn on the cob, fruited gelatin and milk.  
TUESDAY: Chili Fritos with picante, Mexipinto beans, orange wedges, Arroz Mexicano and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwiches, Frito corn chips, tossed salad with dressing and milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk.

**Grades 2-12 Lunch**  
THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Choice of ravioli with meat sauce, pizza supreme or taco pie; corn on the cob, scalloped potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, carrot-raisin salad and fruited gelatin; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos with picante sauce, chicken pot pie or Monterrey casserole; rice-vegetable casserole, quick-baked potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken patty with gravy, hoagie submarine sandwich or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or waldorf fruit salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, sausage links with beans or beef enchiladas; mashed potatoes, orange wedges or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, shepherd's pie or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, broccoli and cauliflower or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or coleslaw; cornbread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

**HART**  
THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, pizza or hamburger basket; gelatin dessert, potato puffs, fruit cocktail, apricots, salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, sliced cheese and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Choice of spaghetti with meat sauce, corn dog, hamburger basket or cheese toast, salad, dill pickles, peas and carrots, apricots, gelatin dessert and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, pizza or hamburger basket, salad, dill pickles, fresh fruit, chocolate cake and milk.  
THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips, coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.  
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chili and hot dog on a bun; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beans, spinach, gelatin dessert and milk.

**NAZARETH**  
THURSDAY-TUESDAY: No School!  
WEDNESDAY: Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, fruit, dessert and milk.  
THURSDAY: Spaghetti with roll or pizza, salad, beans, fruit, Jell-O and milk.  
FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches or corn dogs, salad, green beans, pears, peaches and milk.

(\*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

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Dr. Patel received his M.D. degree from Gujarat University, a state university at Ahmedabad, India. He and his wife, Indi, came to the US in 1970, and became naturalized citizens. He served five years of surgical residency in Cleveland, Ohio, and was certified by the American College of Surgeons in 1980.

He took specialized training in laparoscopic procedures at the University of California-San Francisco, the University of Virginia and Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston.

After practicing four years at Guthrie, Okla., and a year at Hereford, Dr. Patel became a full-time physician in Dimmitt in 1985.

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## Easter egg hunt slated

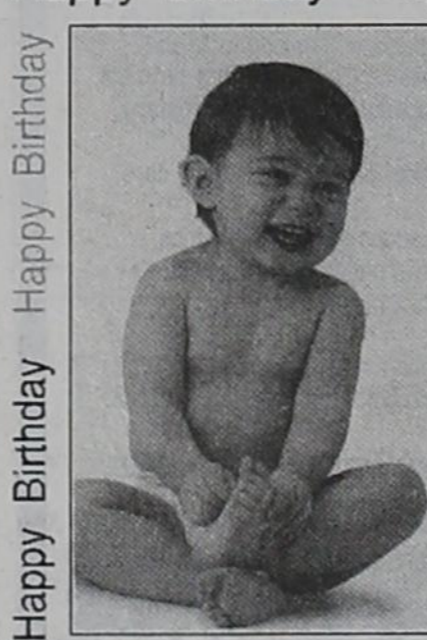
Children through age 9 can hunt Easter eggs and have their picture taken with Easter Bunny Saturday at 2 p.m. at Dimmitt City Park.

The Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by the Dimmitt chapter of LULAC and is open to all children.

Separate hunts will be held for children up to 4 years of age and for those between the ages of 5 and 9. Free balloons will be offered to the children.

Children may have their picture taken with Easter Bunny for \$4.

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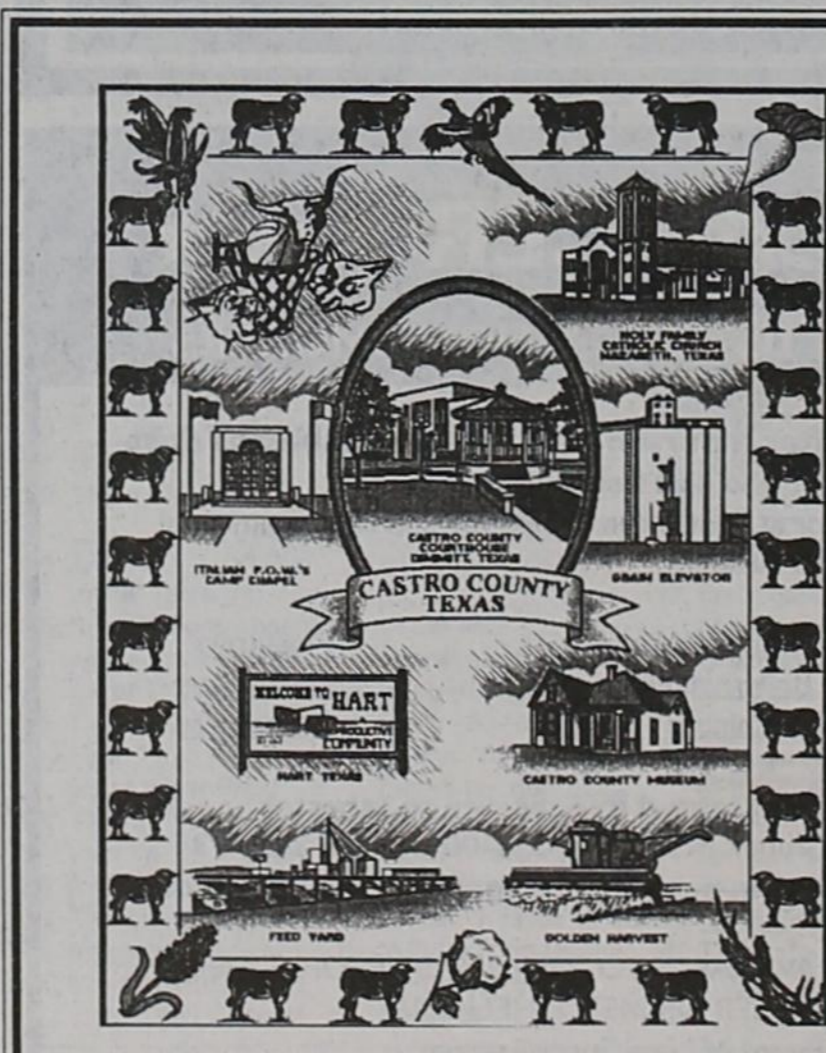


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## WTAMU to host chat room on the Internet

What's it like to live in a residence hall? Does eating cafeteria food every day get old? And what do West Texas A&M University students do for fun?

These are just a few of the many questions that high school students want to know about college life. WTAMU hopes to provide answers and just chat with high schoolers during April when it hosts an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) room.

To access the WTAMU Chat Room, users need an IRC program such as Ircl (for Mac) or mIRC (for Windows). A trial version of Ircl can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.xs4all.nl/~ircle>.

The address for the WTAMU Chat Room is [wtamu.edu](http://www.wtamu.edu) and the channel is wtamu.

The chat room will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the "WT" days of the week (Wednesday and Thursday), April 2-3, April 9-10, April 16-17 and April 23-24. Chat room hours will be divided into 48 two-hour time slots, each featuring a guest CyberBuff who will chat from a computer on campus. The first CyberBuff to host the chat room will be WTAMU President Russell C. Long, who will moderate the chat room from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, April 2.

The idea is to give prospective students a hint of what life at WTAMU is like. Participants can ask any question they wish, and if the WTAMU CyberBuff moderating the chat room does not know the answer, he or she will direct them to someone who does.

The chat room is aimed at teenagers and prospective WTAMU students, but is open to anyone including current students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University.

"I think the WTAMU chat room will be fun as well as informative," said Dana Olmstead, director of communication services. "We will feature a variety of university personalities, and it will be interesting to see how the WTAMU CyberBuffs, prospective students, graduates and other on-line participants interact."

CyberBuffs will include students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni, and will feature representatives from WTAMU's four colleges, the graduate school, the WTAMU alumni association, enrollment management, intercollegiate athletics, student services and the WTAMU administration.

For more information about the WTAMU Chat Room, contact Olmstead at (806) 656-2120, or Rik Andersen in Communication Services at (806) 656-2127.

## Childbirth classes to begin soon

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt will be offering a series of classes on childbirth preparation, starting about the second week in April.

The classes will meet once a week for six weeks and each class will be approximately two hours long. They will be held at Dimmitt Medical Center.

Those wishing to register for the classes or wanting more information may call 647-2191.

Those who plan to deliver at PMH will not be charged for the classes, and those who wish to attend the classes, but intend to deliver their babies in another facility, will be charged \$20.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FONG  
... She's the former Wendy Geisler

## New Mexico is home for Mr. and Mrs. Fong

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fong are home in Albuquerque, N.M. after enjoying a wedding trip to Kauai and Oahu, Hawaii.

The couple were wed Nov. 30, 1996, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in El Paso.

The bride is the former Wendy Geisler, daughter of Dolores (Dee) and Anthony Geisler of Diablo. She's the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kern and Anne Kern, all of Nazareth. Her mother is a former Nazareth resident.

Parents of the groom are Aurora and Jesus Fong of El Paso.

The bride attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Texas at El Paso, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed as a program specialist at University of New Mexico Medical School in Albuquerque.

The groom holds a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical

engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He works as a consultant for Applied Sciences Laboratories in Albuquerque.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at the Elks Club in El Paso.

## School sets picture day

Photographers have been lined up to take "spring casual day" pictures at Dimmitt schools on Saturday, April 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students are invited to have their pictures made alone, with a friend, family member(s) or even their pet.

Those who wish to have their pictures made should contact Kathy West at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105, to set up an appointment.

## DHS yearbook sales underway

The Dimmitt High School yearbook staff will be accepting orders for the 1996-97 edition of the yearbook beginning Monday.

Those who wish to reserve a copy should send \$20 to Kathy West at DHS or give it to any yearbook staff member before April 4.

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sunday morning mass was very special in Holy Family Church as we were honored with a visit from our new Bishop John Walter Yanta, who celebrated the morning mass along with Father Jerry Stein, pastor, and Deacon Jerome Brockman.

He was installed March 17 in Amarillo as the seventh bishop of the Amarillo Diocese. He seems to be a very friendly, warm, and caring bishop. He was impressed by the Passion Play acted out by parishioners. It really added to the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday.

Congratulations to Joe and Dana Kleman on the birth of a son, Kade Joseph, Feb. 19 at Northwest Texas

Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Denis and Dolores Gerber of Childress and Alvin and Dorothy Kleman of Nazareth. Great-grandmothers are Mary Gerber and Margaret Birkenfeld and great-grandfather is George Venhaus of Happy.

Congratulations to Marlon Backus and Barbara Sparks of Dimmitt, who were married in the Wedding Chapel

in Amarillo on Saturday. Family members and friends attended the wedding and reception. The couple will live in Dimmitt.

Later, all enjoyed a meal at Dyers Restaurant in Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Julie Hatla's baby, who has been transferred to Children's Hospital in Dallas for treatment.

## McDonald feted with bridal shower

Sydelle McDonald, bride-elect of Billy Ray Thomas, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Hazel Nelson.

The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg lace cloth and it held a centerpiece of silk flowers in a blue floral vase. Crystal serving pieces completed the table decor.

Guests were served punch, an assortment of cookies and fresh apple slices with dip.

Special guests were Ruthie Thomas, mother of the prospective groom; and Karen McDonald and Sydney of Lubbock, the bride-to-be's sister-in-law and niece.

The 24 hostesses assisting Mrs. Nelson with the shower presented the honoree with cookware, dinnerware and stainless steel flatware.

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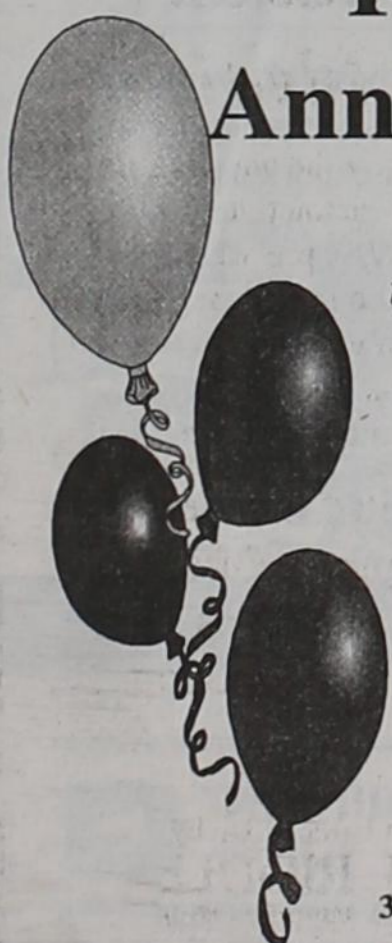
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## Energas plans major changes

Energas Co. will undergo major changes in the coming year, and part of those changes include opening payment centers and closing some of its offices in smaller cities.

The changes are designed to "better meet customer needs and to prepare the company to meet future changes in the utility industry," according to Energas officials.

As part of this plan, Energas expects to consolidate its field operations among offices that are located in proximity to each other, although it is not yet known which offices will be affected. Atmos Energy Corp., Energas's parent company, will close its 108 business offices in six states for routine business traffic. After the consolidations, approximately 77 offices will remain as field service centers in the communities.

Atmos expects that over time, these changes will mean a reduction of about 240 jobs throughout the six states Atmos serves. The exact number of jobs and the effect in Energas locations have not yet been determined, but employees displaced by the changes will be eligible for a competitive package of severance benefits.

Before the office closings are implemented, Energas plans several other changes.

Beginning in early summer of 1997, the company will create a network of payment centers through an arrangement with a national vendor at grocery stores, convenience stores and other locations in towns where Energas currently has offices. These payment centers will offer extended hours and a convenient place for customers to pay their bills.

Following the opening of the payment centers, local business offices will be refocused on field operations such as service calls, and construction and maintenance activities. These field service centers will no longer take over the counter payments or handle routine walk-in customer transactions.

In early 1998, Atmos Energy Corp. will open a central customer support center to serve all of its customers. Customers will call toll-free for service 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The location of the center has not yet been determined.

The company has already started implementing new technology to increase efficiency in serving customers, including installation of a state of the art customer information system and use of in-truck computer terminals to dispatch technicians from the central customer support

center.

"Energas will be making these changes over the next year to enhance the service and convenience we offer to our customers," said Gene Ehler, president of Energas. "We believe it is important to respond to customers' changing needs, and to meet their time schedules. The new central customer support center will be open around the clock to allow customers to request a service appointment, inquire about a bill or ask any other question about their gas service."

Ehler added that Energas will open a network of payment centers in locations convenient for customers, which will allow extended hours for customers to pay their bills.

The majority of customers currently pay their gas bills by mail or by automatic bank draft, rather than in person.

Energas officials say the company intends to continue a strong presence in the communities it serves and has added Dan Alderson in Odessa, Junior Aston in Lubbock and Roy Urrutia in Amarillo as managers of public affairs. They will focus on working with local governments, chambers of commerce, economic development boards and other entities to help the communities grow.

"We believe that this plan will provide our customers with enhanced service and meet their needs into the future," said Ehler. "In addition, these actions will increase the company's future efficiency in order to continue to be competitive. We will keep our customers and communities informed of our progress in making these changes. For your service requests, please continue to contact your local Energas business office."

**UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**—Observing the change with a ribbon cutting and open house celebration Tuesday is Texas Equipment Co., Dimmitt's John Deere dealership. New owner is Paul Condit, who was unable to attend. Holding the ribbon are (left) Gerald Summers, sales manager, and (right) Curt Summers, parts manager. Welding the scissors are Scotty Johnson, store manager, and his wife, Kelly. Employees of the business are standing along the ribbon, and Chamber representatives and other observers are in the background. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

## Swisher Electric's annual meeting is slated today

The membership of Swisher Electric Cooperative will elect two directors today (Thursday) when the cooperative holds its 57th annual meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia.

Two directors will be elected with incumbent Guinn Fitzgerald opposed by nominee Gary Martin for position one, and incumbent Gene Latham opposed by nominee Sherrol Patton for position two.

Candidates were selected by a seven-member nominating committee on Jan. 16. Only current members registered at the meeting or those

voting by proxy representative will be allowed to cast a ballot in the director election.

Members attending will receive attendance gifts and a buffet supper.

A brief management meeting and audit report will round out the business portion of the meeting and all door prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting. The top door prize will be an 18" RCA Digital Satellite System with a month of free programming from USSB.

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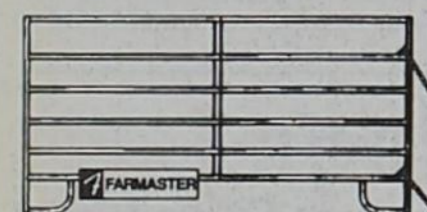
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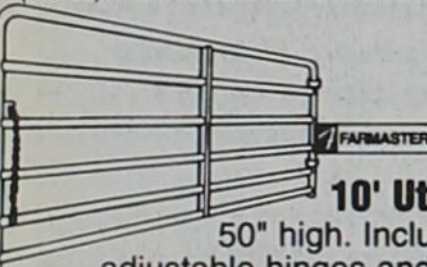
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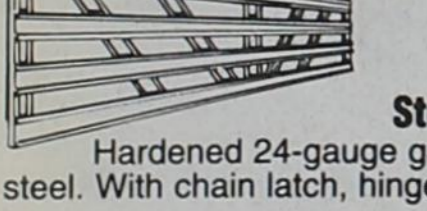
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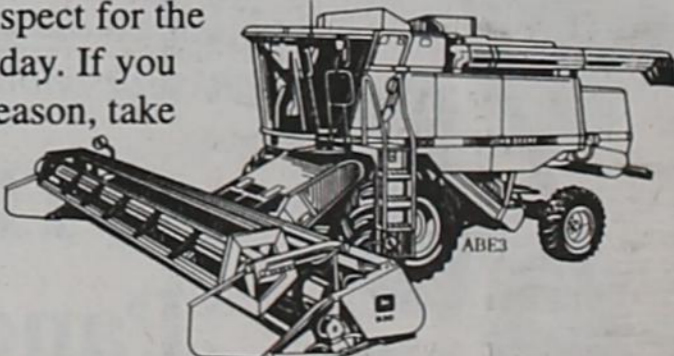
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# Pct. 4 to buy two new motor graders

Precinct 4 will purchase two 1997 Caterpillar 140-H motor graders from West Texas Equipment at a trade difference of \$110,046.

Bids from West Texas Equipment and Yellowhouse Machinery were studied by commissioners Monday, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker told the court he preferred to stick with Caterpillar if possible.

"I've spent a lot of time consulting

with the crew and researching machines," Schmucker told commissioners. "The Cats we're running right now meet all our needs. I'm comfortable with their performance and durability. John Deere has a good product and price, but I'd like to stay with Cat."

In an unanimous decision, commissioners approved purchase of the two Caterpillar motor graders

from West Texas Equipment. Pct. 4 will trade in 1988 and 1992 model Caterpillars for the two new machines.

The trade difference on the 1992 machine for a new one was bid at \$40,798. The trade difference on the 1988 model will be \$69,248.

West Texas Equipment also offered a guaranteed five-year buy-back price of \$105,000 for each 1997 machine.

The 1997 Caterpillars list for around \$140,000. Yellowhouse Machinery's bid

offered a trade difference of \$109,159 for the two machines, but only offered \$94,500 under the five-year buy-back. The John Deere graders list for around \$135,000.

Commissioners accepted separate bids from Frank Mendoza for two pieces of property seized for back taxes in the City of Dimmitt.

Mendoza bid \$600 for Lot 7, Block 50, OTD (300 Northeast Fourth) and \$1,500 for Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 23, OTD (206 Northeast Sixth).

The lot on Northeast Fourth used to have a house on it at one time, according to County Tax Appraiser Jerry Heller, but the dilapidated structure has been torn down and it's now a vacant lot.

"It's worth less than the taxes owed against it," Heller said. "It's not worth \$2,900. We have it appraised for \$500."

The property on Northeast Sixth has a house on it, but it's in poor condition and "needs to be torn down," said Heller. The property has

been appraised at \$3,000.

Commissioners discussed a request from the Dept. of Public Safety to have the DPS and Juvenile Probation offices in the courthouse switched, but tabled the matter pending further investigation; approved a grant submission from Panhandle Community Services to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; and heard from Bob Sheffy, the county's Veteran's Service Officer about training courses.

## ROW hears Kennedy

Beverly Kennedy of Dallas spoke to the March 19 meeting of the Republican Organization for Women in Dimmitt.

Kennedy spoke on the promise of initiative and referendum legislation making it out of committee this session in the Texas legislature.

Two guests joined 17 ROW members in hearing Kennedy's presentation at K-Bob's.

Kennedy, who refers to herself as "the only conservative Kennedy," is an officer in United We Stand America (which is no longer connected with Ross Perot). She has dedicated the past 10 years to promoting initiative and referendum, a

## Additional candidates have filed

Filing ended March 19 for candidates running in the May 3 elections for local school boards, the Hospital Board of Trustees, and city governing bodies.

Four candidates had filed after press deadlines.

Patricia Elliott and Clint Seward filed as at-large candidates in the Dimmitt City Council election.

Harvey Perez filed for Hart City Alderman.

Virgil Huseman filed as Nazareth City Commissioner.

Early voting will be held April 14-29.

## LULAC accepting scholarship requests

Dimmitt High School seniors may apply for a scholarship from LULAC through April 18.

The Dimmitt chapter of LULAC is accepting applications for its annual scholarship through April 18, and application forms may be picked up at the counselor's office during school hours.

For more information contact Gloria Hernandez at 647-4571.

## Sorority schedules bake sale

The Beta Zeta Upsilon Sorority will hold an Easter Bake Sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dimmitt Thriftway Supermarket.

The proceeds from the sale will be used for the sorority's annual scholarship donations and other charitable projects.

petitioning effort that can bring issues before the people and get them passed without going through the legislature.

She told the group that the initiative and referendum procedure is "one of the last ditch stands for letting the people speak."

She said the bill in committee right now in Texas will call for judicial rule on the constitutionality of an issue before it is placed on a ballot. This is to avoid a similar situation to the one California faces with an issue that passed, but was then declared unconstitutional (no benefits for illegal immigrants). If the judicial ruling aspect is included, once an issue is approved by voters, then it would become law, according to Kennedy.

ROW members also heard reports on fundraising efforts of the group, along with regular reports and the legislative report. Issues discussed included combatting the "Beef is Bad" promotion aimed at school children, and supporting funding for trauma treatment.

Also, ROW President Kathy Hill reported that she would be attending the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Day in Austin over the weekend. She was to attend a reception for state senators and representatives, in addition to seminar sessions. Also, she planned to attend the volunteer hours recognition ceremony. Hill had verified over 1,100 campaign hours and was in the top numbers for the state. Her time was spent working toward her father's candidacy for state representative from our area. Hill's mother and daughter were to accompany her on the trip.

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**From left: Ricky Fudge, Ann Widick, Mickey Bishop, Frank Ramos, Al Webb, Jennifer Harmonson, Roger Malone and Geneva Malone.**

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Mickey Bishop joined the firm in 1978 as a partner in the office supply side. In 1982, the pair purchased First Printing & Office Supply in Hereford. In 1983, Mickey signed the company up on the first launch of nationwide agencies for the Xerox Corporation, and has earned national sales achievement awards.

Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply is able to do just about every type of printing job, and has a list of more than 600 steady customers that keep seven offset presses operating regularly, in addition to the letter press equipment. Roger has added more computerized equipment to keep on top of customer demand and new developments in the field. In 1995, the company installed a computer system in the store to keep track of sales and billing.

Along with the office supplies available on an immediate basis, the store also is able to order office furniture and other items from a wide selection of suppliers. Xerox sales and service over a four-county territory also is an important part of the store's business.

"Every line of merchandise we take on and every change we make—it is all geared to widen the selection for our customers and help us stay competitive," Mickey said.

The company has five full-time employees in Dimmitt and two in Hereford. Ricky Fudge has worked with Roger since 1977. Frank Ramos came on in 1983, and Ann Widick in 1989. Jennifer Harmonson has worked there for two years, and Al Webb started in January of 1996. Roger's wife, Geneva, does the bookkeeping for the print shop.

"A partnership works best when each has something to give to the partnership," Roger said. The two men feel that their business also is in a partnership with the community. They contribute to numerous school and civic organizations, as well as other youth activities, and they appreciate the support of their customers who continue to patronize a home-town business.

Mickey and his wife, Carole, have three children, Jeremy, 13, Jaci, 12, and Jeffrey, 5. Roger and Geneva have seven grown children, Dusty, Cindy, Debbie, Denise, Nathan, Tammy, and Greg.

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# Pre-plant crop conference set

A pre-plant crop conference will be held in Dimmitt Friday, April 4, and producers attending the meeting will be offered five continuing education units (CEUs).

The conference is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Corn Produc-

ers Board, and will begin with registration at 8 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Doughnuts and coffee will be served in the morning.

At 8:30 a.m. the program is slated to begin, featuring several speakers including Wayne Wyatt, Dr. Dan Kreig, Dr. Wayne Keeling, James

Esty, Dr. Tom Fuch, Polly Vann, Dr. Tom Archer, Dr. Pat Morrison and Dr. Carl Patrick.

In addition to the five CEUs which will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial applicators; producers attending also will be entitled to licensed Certified Crop Advisors credit.

Three of the CEUs will be avail-

able to those attending the morning session the other two will be offered during the afternoon session.

A free lunch will be provided by the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations with Greta Schuster or Pammy Millican at 647-4115.

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## Sticky cotton, pest control to be discussed at meeting

A producer information workshop will highlight the Texas Cotton Ginners Show in Lubbock on Friday, April 11.

The workshop is jointly sponsored by International Textile Center of Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Plains Cotton Growers.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Room 107.

Among the topics addressed at the workshop will be the economic impact of the boll weevil, sticky cotton, record keeping for pesticide use and nematodes: soil sampling and control.

Moderator for the program will be Dr. Dean Edthridge, director of the

International Textile Center.

After the 1:30 registration for Continuing Education Units (CEUs), the program will begin at 2 p.m. with "The Importance of Soil Testing" by Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock.

A boll weevil economic impact study will be offered by Dr. Don Ethridge, who works in the agricultural and applied economics department at Texas Tech University.

A question-and-answer session will be held at 2:30 p.m. and those on the panel will be Dr. Don Ethridge, Dr. Ron Lacewell of Texas A&M University and Dr. Don Rummel of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Danny Davis, manager of American Cotton Growers Denim Mill will discuss sticky cotton and its effect on the mill at 2:50 p.m.

At 3:10 p.m., late season aphid management to control stickiness in cotton will be discussed by Dr. James Leser, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Dan Krieg, a plant and soil scientist at Texas Tech University, will discuss "Managing for Potential Plant Sugar Stickiness" at 3:20 p.m.

Record keeping on pesticide use will be the topic of Polly Vann with V-Tech Environmental Services in Littlefield.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, a plant pathologist with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss "Nematodes: Soil Sampling and Control."

It is estimated that 9.5% of the West Texas cotton crop is lost each year to nematode infestation, according to Wheeler, but because the soil-borne pests are difficult to diagnose, these yield losses are often mistakenly attributed to other problems.

For more information about the program, contact Pammy Millican at the Castro County Extension office, 647-4115.



**COUNTY INVESTMENT OFFICERS**  
... Janice Shelton (left) and Maretta Smithson earn designation  
*Photo by Anne Acker*

## County officials complete investment training course

County Treasurer Janice Shelton and County Auditor Maretta Smithson have been certified as county investment officers by the Texas Association of Counties.

The two were presented certificates Monday by Karen Norris, assistant executive director of the Texas Association of Counties.

Smithson and Shelton were complimented for their commitment to excellence in public service and for the time and effort they have contributed to improving the investment operations of Castro County.

"TAC began its formal investment officer training program in 1992 and now a little over 40% of our counties have certified investment officers," said Norris. "This is an important step in showing the citizens of Castro

County that your officials are committed to continuous improvement in the way they go about handling tax dollars."

The designation as county investment officer is a professional credential presented to an elite group of county officials who successfully complete a comprehensive examination following participation in a formal 55-hour curriculum.

The curriculum incorporates classroom lecture, self study and visits to financial institutions such as commercial banks and the Federal Reserve Bank. The overall objective of the program is to safeguard public funds through the introduction of modern operational techniques that provide the county with appropriate yield from taxpayer dollars.

## Harman earns student honor

Rochelle Harman has been named to Who's Who Among American Students in American Junior Colleges.

Harman is a sophomore nursing major at South Plains College in Levelland. She was nominated for the honor by Terry Isaacs, a history professor at the school.

Selections are made by a campus nominating committee based on academic standing, community service, leadership ability and the potential for continued success.

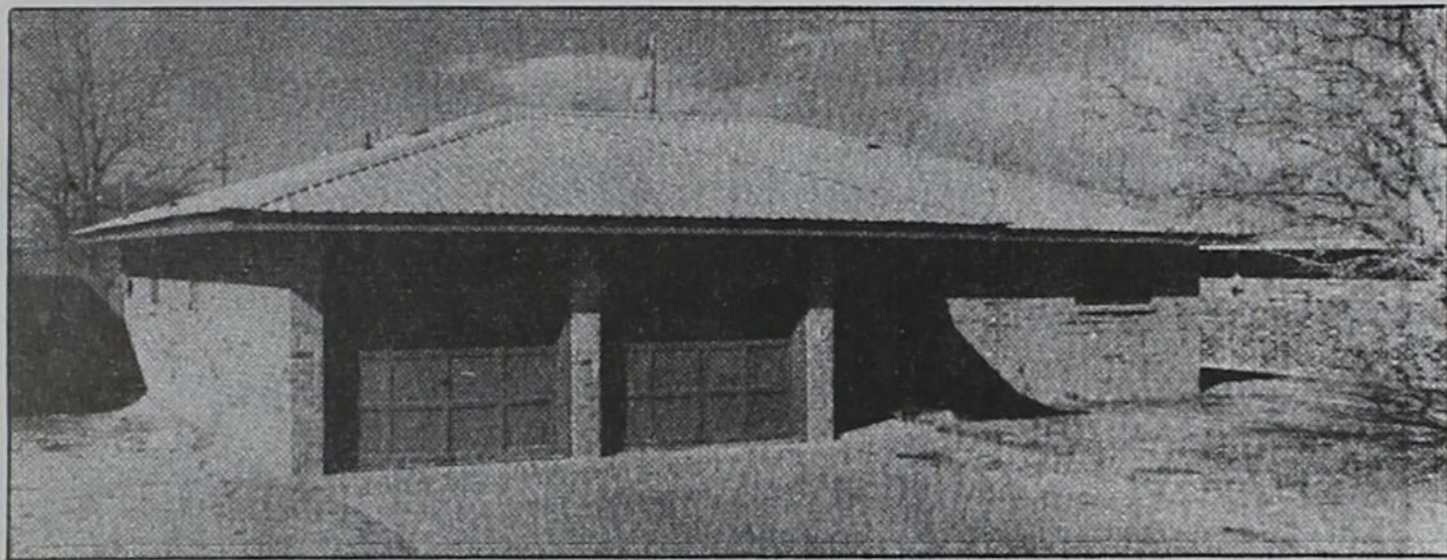
Harman was one of 78 SPC students who received the award.

Harman works in the student activity center at SPC. She is the daughter of Billy and Carolyn Harman of Dimmitt and the granddaughter of Bill and Paula Harman and Everett and Bea Cole of Hart.



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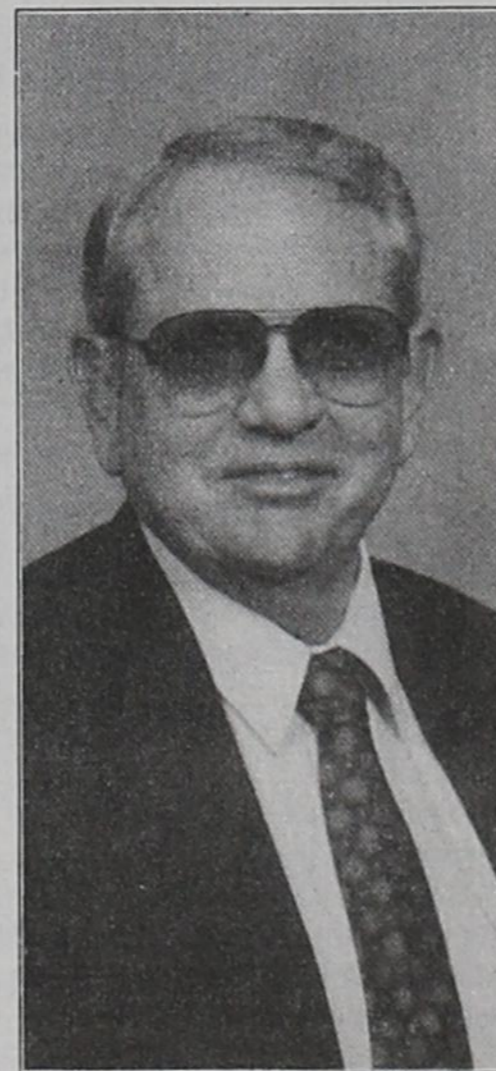
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## Cities receive sales tax rebates

Sales tax rebates dropped in Hart and Nazareth, but were up slightly in Dimmitt during March.

Dimmitt received a check for \$24,031.84, which is 3.58% higher than the March 1996 payment of \$23,199.57. For the year, Dimmitt has received rebates totaling \$70,829.86, 4% lower than the first-quarter 1996 total of \$73,787.21.

Nazareth's rebate was down 36.89% from a year ago—\$773.02 this year compared with \$1,225.04 in 1996. For the year, though, the city's rebates have totaled \$2,970.22, which is 12.07% higher than the 1996 total of \$2,650.20.

Hart's March 1997 rebate also was lower, but the city's rebates are still up for the year. The March rebate of \$1,214.46 is 23.14% lower than the March 1996 rebate of \$1,580.13. Year-to-date totals reflect a 9.65% increase on payments issued during the first three months. The 1997 total is \$3,923.16 while payments issued in 1996 were \$3,577.89.

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered this month's payments on sales taxes collected in January



### In Memoriam

The Fourth and Fifth Grade Friendly Helpers of Dimmitt Middle School took up a collection to purchase this book and donated it to the DMS Library in memory of the late James and Reta Welch, who died in an accident earlier this year. Reta had been the sponsor for the Friendly Helpers

program and had spent many hours with the youngsters. Presenting the book to DMS Librarian Ruth Cochran is (front) Todd Jansa, and (back, from left) Jaime Cavazos, Rigo Presas, Elias Zepeda, Kelly Reyes, Nyssa Martinez, Christina Campos, Samuel Cavazos, and Ryan Miller. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Cats bomb River Road hurlers in big 12-3 romp

A solid pitching performance by Richard Carpio, big hits and stylish defense boosted the Bobcats to a 12-3 win over the River Road Wildcats Friday in Amarillo.

Dimmitt improved to 1-1 in district baseball action with the victory.

"My arm felt good today," said Carpio. "I had good control of my pitches and I stayed ahead in the strike count."

The Dimmitt starter went for 5-1/3 innings Friday, giving up three runs on six hits and striking out five batters.

Dimmitt batters exploded for 12 hits and blew open a close game with an eight-run performance in the top of the seventh for the victory.

With just one out in the third, River Road threatened to increase its 1-0 lead, but Bobcats threw out a runner stealing at second base and trapped another Wildcat runner on the base path to end the inning.

Dimmitt a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning when Zack Matthews, Luis Nino and Carpio tagged Wildcat pitcher Brandon Ficauch for three straight hits.

In the sixth the Bobcats put some distance between themselves and the Wildcats when Conrado Saucedo walked and stole second before

Matthews drove him in on a single. Then Luis Nino laid down a sacrifice bunt followed by a Carpio RBI single and Dimmitt lead 4-1.

River Road battled back in the bottom of the inning, picking up two runs on three straight hits before Luis Nino came on in relief of Carpio.

The next inning, the Bobcats hammered Wildcat reliever Rowdy Lundergreen exploding for eight runs as they batted around. Saucedo's two-RBI double opened the flood gates and Dimmitt was able to double-up River Road 6-3. Carpio added an RBI single before Michael Pedroza and Luis Silva walked.

With the bases loaded, Dan Maxwell drew a walk for an RBI and Sergio Pedroza capped the scoring, bringing in two more runs on a single.

With a lead of 12-3, Luis Nino closed out the Wildcats in the bottom of the seventh facing only four batters.

"Today we showed what teamwork is all about," said Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster. "Every time we overthrew a play somebody was there to cover. I'm pleased with the way we played solid defense behind our pitching and held our errors to a minimum."

## Bobcats hold Rabbits

The Bobcats smothered a Ralls Jackrabbit rally late in the game Saturday and held on for a 13-9 non-district victory at home.

Dimmitt took a one-run lead in the first inning after Sergio Pedroza led off with a triple and scored on an error. Ralls tied the game in the top of the second inning, also on a hit and an error.

Dimmitt's offense got in gear in the third inning when Dan Maxwell led off with a base hit, Pedroza doubled and Maxwell scored on a wild pitch.

Richard Carpio's double brought home two more runs before he scored on an error giving the Bobcats a 6-1 lead.

Leading 7-4 headed into the bottom of the fifth, Dimmitt added an-

other big inning. Ralls aided the Bobcats' efforts, committing three errors and walking three batters during the inning. Dimmitt took advantage, scoring five runs to extend its lead to 12-4.

In the top of the sixth, Ralls got runners on base with two hits and an error. Then with two outs, Ralls' shortstop Jose Morales hit a towering shot off the scoreboard in right-center field for a three-run homer that cut the lead to 12-9.

Trailing 13-9 in the bottom the seventh, Ralls' first two batters reached on an error and a hit, respectively. The next hitter ground-ed into a double play and Ralls was only able to score one run before its last batter flied out to right.

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# Sports



## Lady Horns claim track title

The Hart Lady Horns edged Farwell by four points enroute to their second track team title in as many weeks, claiming the honors at the W.H. Hallmark Relays in Lockney Saturday.

Hart athletes captured first places in the long jump, mile, 3,200, 800 and 100 hurdles.

The Lady Horns amassed 127 points for first place. Farwell finished second with 123.

Lisa Rincon was unstoppable in the long distance races, winning both

the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. Her time in the mile was 5:57.46 while she broke the tape in the 3,200 with a time of 13:02.85.

The 800-meter gold also went to Hart, with Isela Minjarez taking the honors with a time of 2:32.99

In the 100-meter hurdles, Charbra Lee topped the field in 17.37; and Ysa Rodriguez had the best long jump with 15-3 3/4.

The Lady Horns also scored five seconds and three thirds in the meet. Charbra Lee was second in the

triple jump (31-9 1/4) and long jump (15-0 1/2) while her sister, Nikki Lee, was second in the shot put (31-4 1/2). Valerie Key ran the 400 in 1:05.94 for second. Rodriguez was second in the 100 with a time of 13.20.

Earning third places were the Lady Horns 400 Relay including Veronica Gonzales, Charbra Lee, Angelica Perales and Rodriguez (54.22); Adelita Dozal in the discus (83-8) and Minjarez in the mile (6:04.88)

Also placing in the meet were Nicki Burress, fifth in the 3,200, 14:45; Perales in the 100 hurdles, fourth, 17.9; Amanda Ethridge in the 300 hurdles, 54.9; Nikki Lee, sixth in the discus, 80-9; and the 800 Relay, fifth, 1:57.61.

## DHS golfers finish fourth

Dimmitt's Travis Crow fired an 80 to lead the Dimmitt Bobcats in the District 1-AAA tournament, held at Friona Country Club Monday.

Crow's score was among the top five in the meet, but wasn't good enough for a medal.

The Bobcats finished fourth overall with 1172.

Other Dimmitt team members and

their scores were Andy Hill, 102; Van Jeter, 106; James Jackson, 108; and Brandon Allison, 110.

Dimmitt individuals competing in the meet were Hank Morgan, 100; and Michael Keith, 113.

Tulia won the round with a team total of 956 while Muleshoe was second with 1013 and Friona was third with 1075.

## Burnam takes two golds in Claude meet

Jayson Burnam of Nazareth claimed gold medals in the 110 hurdles and the triple jump and was third in the long jump to lead the Swifts to a fourth-place finish in the North Plains Relays at Claude Saturday.

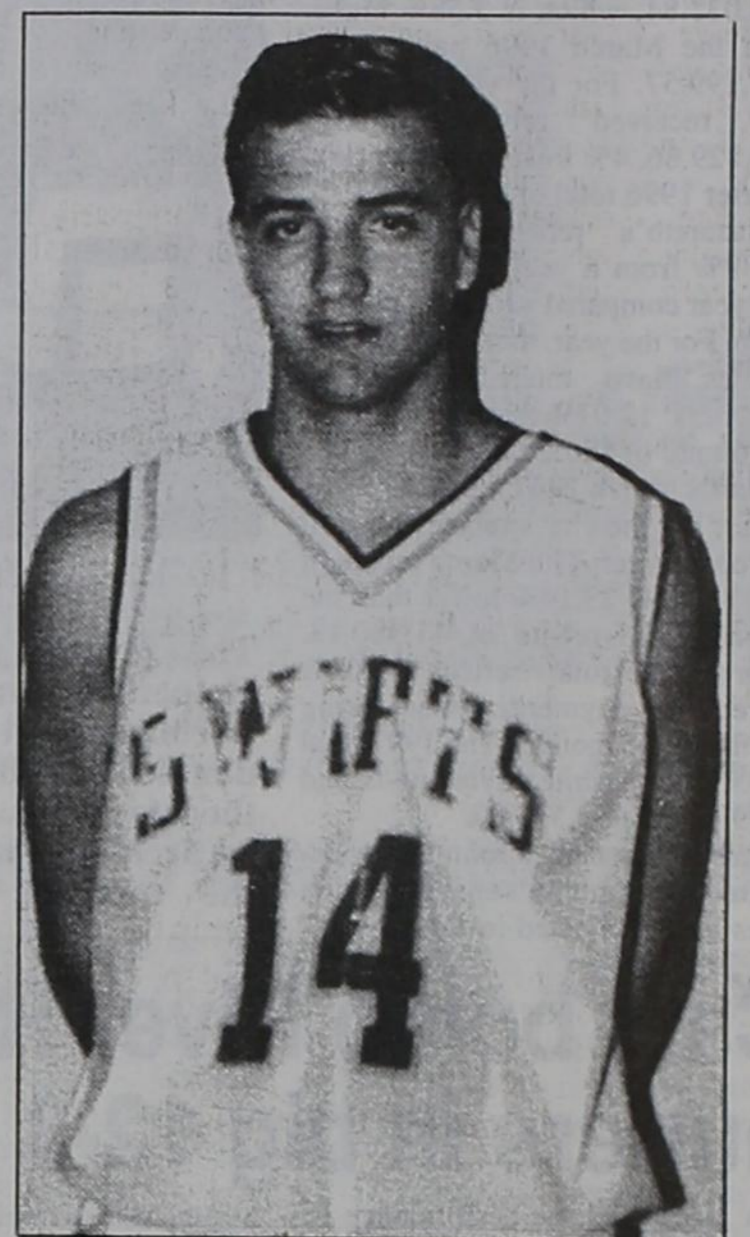
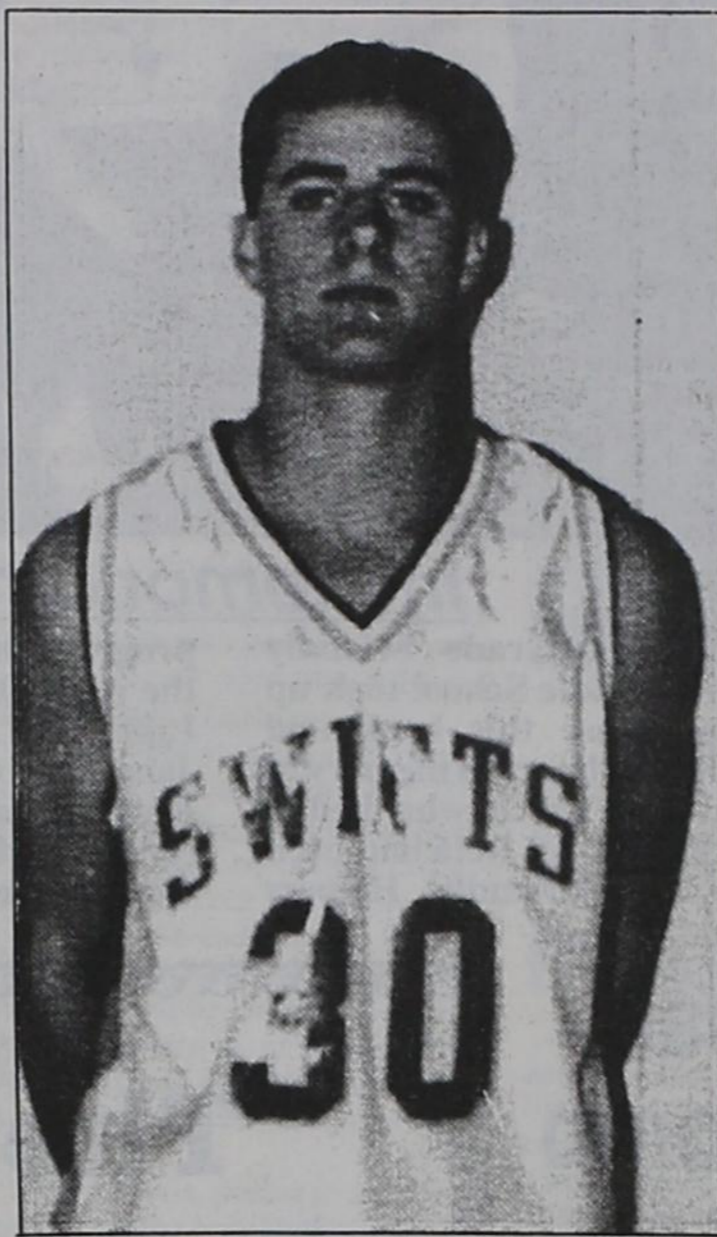
Burnam leapt 41-11 1/2 in the triple jump, easily beating Jamandron of Highland Park, who was second with a jump of 38-7.

Burnam won the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.87 and finished third in the long jump with a leap of 19-9 3/4.

Darren Huckert of Nazareth was edged by Travis of Highland Park in the 800-meter run, posting a second-best time of 2:09.51.

In the girls' meet, Nazareth's Misti Ball was second behind Evan Lair of Hapy in the 800, finishing the race in 2:53.04. Celina Braddock of Nazareth was third in the 3,200 with a time of 14:14.23.

The Swiftettes finished seventh with 19 points.



## TABC FIRST-TEAM ALL-STATERS

... Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting (left) and Bryan Braddock

# Hoelting, Braddock named TABC all-state

Post-season honors continue to pile up for Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting and Bryan Braddock.

The two were named to the Class A all-state first-team and the all-Region 1-A first-team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches last week.

The two were the Swifts' leading scorers during the 1996-97 season and led their team to the state finals before losing to Wortham.

Hoelting, a 6-4 senior post, averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game while Braddock, a 5-10 senior point guard, averaged 19 points and six assists per outing. Braddock set a school record by making 118 three pointers this season.

Both made the Class A all-tournament team, were first-team all-district and all-South Plains. They were joined on the first team by Wortham's Lance Chambers, who was a Class A all-state tournament selection and MVP of the title game; Kevin Fishbeck of Moulton; Clint Ledbetter of Lipan; Treston Dowell of Avinger, Corey Jones of Avalon, Chris Martin of Brock, Chris Wyatt of Goodrich and Jeff Foy of Anderson-Shiro, who was the TABC Class A Player of the Year.

The second-team all-state roster includes Region 1-A standouts Shea Feagan of Roby, Jason Poteet of Paducah and Brant Armes of Gruver.

### TABC all-region

Braddock and Hoelting were two

of four county players to make TABC's all-region first-teams.

Dimmitt's Brandon Smith, who led the Bobcats with an 18.8-point-per-game average this season, joined all-staters Tim Marshal and Nathan Culwell of Tulia, Chris Ogden of Seminole, Brad Woosley of Denver City and Koby Hoffpaur of Glen Rose on the Region 1-AAA first-team squad. Smith has also been named all-district and all-South Plains this season.

Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth made the first-team TABC Region 1-A team after helping the Swiftettes through a tough district schedule. Nazareth beat Farwell in playoff for second place, then won their bi-district game before losing to Gruver in area. Pohlmeier made the honor squad along with Class A Player of the Year and all-state honoree Shaun Weaver of Sudan; first-team all-staters April Jordan of Meadow, Breanne Baker of Sudan, and Amy Foote of Whiteface; and second team-all-staters Janan Bankhead of Whiteface and Tamika Francis of Spur.

Dimmitt's Carrie Bradley made the all-Region 1-AAA second team for her work in leading the Bobbies. Bradley was sidelined with a knee injury during district play, but the Bobbies didn't let that stop them from a successful playoff run that ended in the regional semifinals. Bradley averaged 15.5 points and five rebounds per game for Dimmitt and was named District 1-AAA Most Valuable Player.

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# Longhorn Relays are planned this weekend

Hart will host its annual Longhorn Invitational on Friday and Saturday and several good Class A and AA teams from the area will be featured. The junior high teams will compete on Friday while Saturday's schedule is reserved for varsity and junior varsity competition. Among the boys and girls teams entered in the varsity meet are Hart, Nazareth, Bovina, Hale Center, Happy, Kress, Lockney, Olton, Springlake-Earth and Clarendon's girls. The JV division will feature boys' teams from Bovina, Hale Center, Happy, Hart, Kress, Lockney, Nazareth, Olton and Springlake-Earth. The junior high meet on Friday will feature teams from each of the above-mentioned schools. The meet will begin at 3 p.m. with field events, and running finals are slated to start around 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, the varsity and JV meet will begin at 9 a.m. with the varsity boys' shot, varsity girls' discus and JV boys' discus. Field events will continue throughout the morning. The running prelims will begin at 9 a.m. and the finals will begin around 2 p.m. Here's a complete schedule of Saturday's events.

## Longhorn Invitational Relays

Time	Varsity Boys	Varsity Girls	JV Boys
9 a.m.	Shot Ring #1	Discus #2	Discus #4
9:30 a.m.	Pole Vault	Triple Jump (B)	High Jump
10 a.m.	Triple Jump (B)	High Jump	Pole Vault
10:30 a.m.	Discus #2	Long Jump (A)	Triple Jump (B)
11 a.m.	High Jump	Shot #1	Long Jump (A)
11:30 a.m.	Long Jump (A)		Shot #1

## Running Preliminaries

Time	Event	Order of Running
9 a.m.	400 Relay	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	100 Hurdles	Varsity Girls
	110 Hurdles	JV Boys, Varsity Boys
	100-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	800 Relay	Varsity Girls
	400-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	300 Hurdles	Varsity Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Boys
	200-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	3,200 (Final)	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys

## Running Finals

Time	Event	Order of Running
2 p.m.	400 Relay	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	800-Meter Run	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	100 Hurdles	Varsity Girls
	110 Hurdles	JV Boys, Varsity Boys
	100-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	800 Relay	Varsity Girls
	400-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls
	300 Hurdles	Varsity Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Boys
	200-Meter Dash	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	1,600	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys
	1,600 Relay	JV Boys, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys

# Bobcats take second in San Angelo

Dimmitt scored 78 points to finish second overall in the San Angelo Relays over the weekend. The Bobcats were impressive in foot races, taking medals in the 3,200, 800, 400, 1,600 and 1,600 relays. The Bobcats claimed the top two spots in the half-mile, with Joey Flores taking the gold in 1:57.1 and teammate D.J. Fleeks finishing second in 1:58.62. The Bobcats' mile relay won the meet with a time of 3:23.55. Jerome Larra of Dimmitt took third-place honors in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. His time in the mile was 4:48.09 while he ran the 3,200 in 10:21.63. John Paul Ramos of Dimmitt finished third in the 400 with a time of 52.49. Dimmitt placed two in field events, too. Charley Sanders was the top discus thrower with a toss of 147-5, while Justin Sutton of Dimmitt cleared 13-0 for second place in the pole vault.



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# Kids, Inc. Schedule

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**TUESDAY Major Girls**  
5:30—First Bank vs. First United Bank  
6:30—Seale Florist & Gifts vs. Bobcat Barber Shop  
7:30—Pancake House vs. Mr. Burger  
**Minor Girls**  
6—First United Bank vs. Paxton Tire & Service  
7—NAPA/ Dimmitt Equipment vs. Novartis Seeds

# Longhorns race to fourth at Lockney

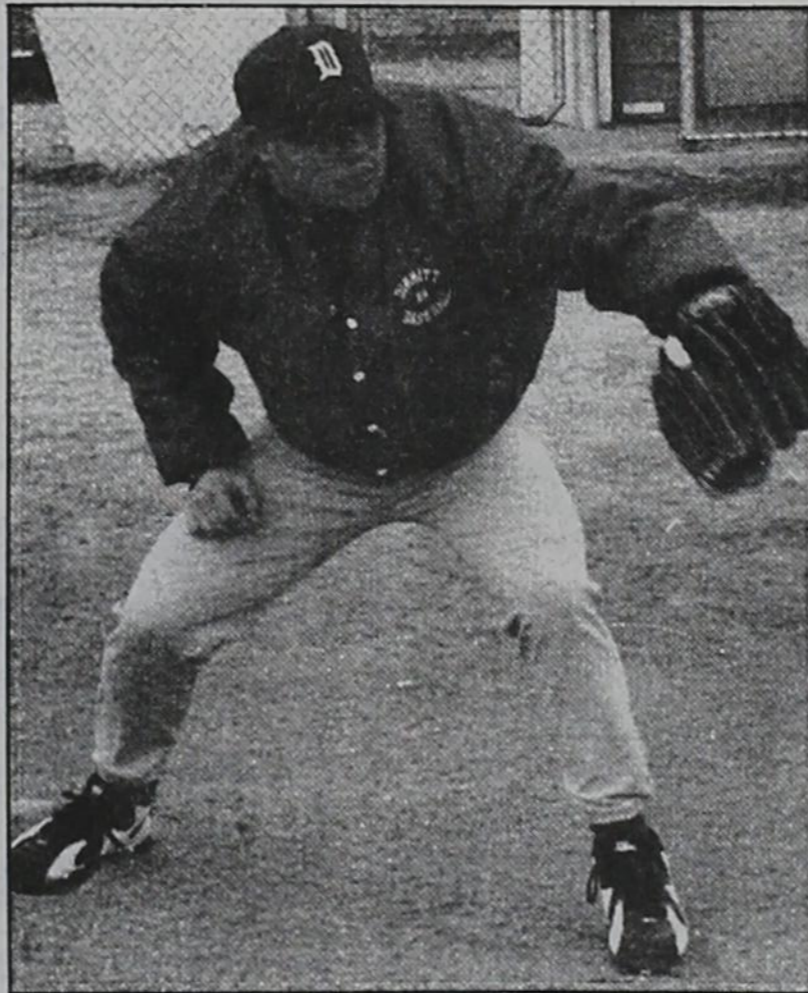
Eric Montemayor of Hart outdistanced the pack by almost 19 seconds to claim first place in the 3,200-meter run and also placed second in the mile at the W.H. Hallmark Relays in Lockney Saturday, and his effort helped boost the Longhorns to a fourth-place finish among teams. The Longhorns finished with 78 points while Farwell won the meet with 109. Lockney was second with 101 and Sudan was third with 86. Montemayor's time in the 1,600 was 4:58.90, less than three seconds off of the winning time posted by Hurtado of Ralls. T.R. George of Hart placed second in the pole vault with a good 9-6 effort, losing to Washington of Sudan who cleared 12-3. In the shot put, Dusty Ortiz heaved the ball 51-2 for second place. Armando Minjarez was second in the discus with a throw of 143-8. Lupe DeLaFuente was the only other Longhorn to place among the top three, finishing third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.94.

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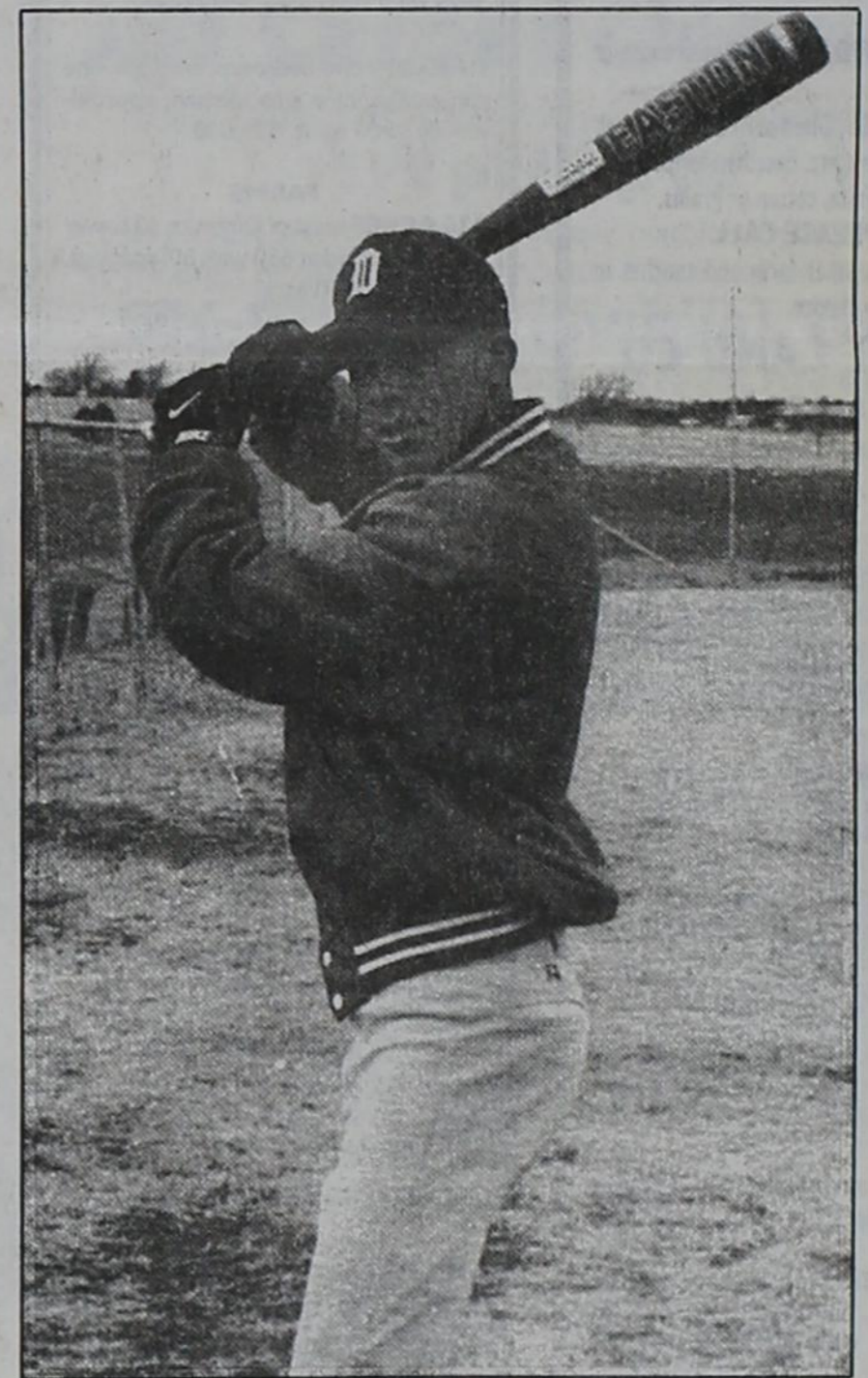
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**1/4 SECTION** with one well south of Dimmitt.  
**7 CIRCLES**, Olton area complete with wells, sprinklers, etc. Excellent for peanuts, vegetables, alfalfa, cotton or grains.  
**PLEASE CALL** for details on other farm and ranches in Texas and New Mexico.  
**SCOTT LAND CO.**  
Ben G. Scott, 806-647-4375 day or night

**OVER 2,000 SQ. FT.** in a great location! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, large den with fireplace, basement. →\$83,000. Reduced, \$58,000.  
**LARGE CORNER LOT!** Two bedrooms, one bath, large living. Very nice \$28,500.  
**VERY NICE** three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage, built-ins, fireplace and more. Good neighborhood. \$57,000.  
**NICE** three bedroom with steel siding and perma stone. Large yard. \$30,000.  
**GOOD** three bedroom, one bath brick with lots of extras. \$40,000.

**MUST SEE!** Three bedrooms, two full baths, two car garage, on large lot. Fireplace and more. \$75,000.

**GOOD STARTER!** Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, in great condition. \$52,000.

**REDUCED!** Three bedrooms, one bath, central heat, brick with carpet. Nice Morgan building. \$30,500.

**NEW LISTING!** Three bedrooms, two baths, two large living areas and lots of built-ins. \$53,000.

**NEW LISTING!** Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, good location and good condition. \$57,000.

**NICE**, three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, two living areas. Assumable loan. \$48,000.

**FARMS**  
**EIGHT MILES EAST** of Dimmitt on 194. 120 acres, one well. \$800 per acre.

**GOOD FARM NE OF HART**, three wells. \$900 per acre.

**180 ACRES** of grass north of Dimmitt. One well and some pens. \$300 per acre, negotiable.  
**GEORGE REAL ESTATE**  
S. Hwy 385 647-4174  
Jimmie R. George, Broker  
647-3274  
Mary Lou Schmucker..... 945-2679

## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

**DOUBLE-WIDE REPO**, over 1,500 sq. ft., only \$399 per month. See at Oakwood Homes, 5300 Amarillo Blvd. E, Amarillo, Texas, 1-800-372-1491. 192 mos., 11.75% APR, \$2,000 down. 1-35-tfc

**LOST MY JOB**, lost my husband, losing my home. Please help me save my credit. Call (800) 372-1491. Ask for Roxanne. 1-49-tfc

**SINGLE PARENT PROGRAM**. Special financing on new mobile homes. Call Oakwood Homes. Open Sundays. 1-800-372-1491. 1-49-tfc

**FOR SALE:** Three bedrooms, two baths, all brick, central air and heat, fireplace. A beautiful home, \$58,000. 1010 Grant, 647-2594, shown by appointment. 1-48-4tc

## MORRIS REAL ESTATE

C.W. George, Broker

**MAPLE STREET**, 2,515 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, newly remodeled kitchen and living area, corner lot, sprinkler system. \$107,000 with hot tub.

**THREE BEDROOMS**, one bath, kitchen and dining area, hardwood floors, storage building, in great shape. \$30,000.

**REDUCED—RUSKIN CIRCLE**—Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, nice size kitchen, closed in patio, large backyard. \$59,000.

**FIVE BEDROOMS**, two baths, extra large kitchen, office, game room, one car garage, cellar inside, carpet through, apartment in back with one bedroom, one bath, large living area, nice kitchen, 3075 total living area. \$55,000.

**DARLING** two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, nice size kitchen, approximately 1300 sq. ft. \$28,000.

**FARMS**  
**330 ACRES** west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60' spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

**615+ ACRES** west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, five wells—two gas and three electric. Highway on two sides. \$550/acre.

**300 ACRES** close to town, three wells, one quarter mile pivot, perfect cattle farm. \$425/acre.

**160 ACRES** in the Sunnyside area, sprinkler, good water. \$850/acre.

**TWO 10 ACRE TRACTS** with one well per tract, between Dimmitt and Nazareth. \$15,000 per tract.

**COMMERCIAL**  
**OFFICE SPACE**—1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

**SCOTT MORRIS**  
112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt  
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647-3686, Night 647-9325, Mobile

## 3—Real Estate For Rent

**Stafford Apartments**  
One, two and three bedroom apartments. Call for availability. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

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

## 5—For Rent, Misc.

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

**RENT TO OWN** TVs, VCRs, stereos, air conditioners, appliances and more! Gifts/collectables on sale! Yes! We have "Calorad!" We service appliances and VCRs! Special: VCR cleaning/maintenance only \$19.95! "Saturday's" 130 E. 5th, Hereford, (806) 364-1592. 5-51-1tp

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**FIREWOOD! FIREWOOD!** \$60 pickup load. **FARM FRESH PECANS**, \$1 per pound. 938-2206. 6-35-tfc

**FOR SALE IN DIMMITT:** Upright freezer, chest freezer, recliners, sofa and chairs. (806) 995-2270 after 6 p.m. 6-46-tfc

**LARGE AQUARIUM** for sale. 75-gal. tank on redwood cabinet, with all accessories. \$200. Call 647-4387 after 6. 6-50-tfc

## 9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

**FOR SALE:** Five-inch irrigation pump, 25HP, vertical electric motor with panel. 647-3400 or 748-1260. 9-50-tfc

## 10—Agricultural Services

**ROUND BALE HAULING.** Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

**WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING.** Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-tfc

**CUSTOM SWATHING** and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

**CUSTOM SWATHING** and baling. Call David Schulte, 647-7740, or (806) 965-2489. 10-51-16tp

## 14—Automobiles

**1995 SUBURBAN**, loaded, 4-wheel drive, 350 S.I. Approximately 53,000 miles. Call (806) 647-4375, day or night. 14-50-tfc

## Scott's Trading Post

Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer  
S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

**1991 BUICK PARK AVE.** Loaded, white, very nice luxury car.

**1994 CHEV. EXTENDED CAB 1/2 T PICKUP** All power, white/red, sharp.

**1990 FORD XLT 1/2 T PICKUP** Loaded, 40,000 miles, one owner.

**1992 FORD RANGER PICKUP** 6-cyl., automatic, 56,000 miles. See this one.

**1990 FORD CUSTOM 1/2 T PICKUP** 6-cyl., automatic, low mileage.

**1990 CHEV. SILVERADO** Short wide, 350, V-8, all power, lots of extras

**1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY** 4-dr., 4-cyl., automatic, well equipped.

**1984 GMC SIERRA 1/2 T PICKUP** With shell, V-8, automatic, all power, very nice.

## Kent's Auto Sales

116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027  
(806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561

**1993 Ford Aerostar 7-Pass. Van.** white/red interior, extra nice.

**1993 Chev. 4-Dr. Corsica**, V6, loaded, nice, low miles.

**1993 Ford 4-Dr. Tempo**, low miles, extra nice.

**1992 Buick 4-Dr. Century LTD**, low miles, V6, all electric.

**1991 Dodge Dynasty 4-Dr.**, V6, low miles.

**1991 Buick LeSabre Custom 4-Dr.**, low miles.

**1990 Oldsmobile 98 Regency Brougham**, nice.

**1989 Oldsmobile 88 Brougham**, 4-Dr., gold, loaded, extra nice, low miles.

**1989 Mercury Sable LS**, 4-Dr., loaded.

**1985 Pontiac 6000 LE**, 4-Dr., low miles.

**1983 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Brougham**, 42,000 actual miles, one little lady owner.

**1985 Lincoln Mark VII Cpe.**

## 15—Recreational Vehicles

**FOR SALE:** 1987 Prowler Travel Trailer, 29', sleeps five. Very good condition. Includes equalizer hitch. 706 W. Grant. 647-4591. 15-46-tfc

## 17—Business Opportunities

**"AVON" & "AVON OUTLET."** Representatives needed now! No inventory required, IND/SALES/REP, 1-800-236-0041. 17-51-4tp

**OWN YOUR OWN** apparel or shoe store. Choose Jean/Sportswear, Bridal, Lingerie, Western Wear, Ladies', Men's, Large Sizes, Infant/Preteen, Petite, Dancewear/Aerobic, Maternity or Accessories Store. Over 2,000 name brands. \$27,900 to \$39,900: Inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, etc. Can open 15 days. Mr. Loughlin, (612) 888-6555. 17-51-1tp

## 18—Services

**Paper Dolls, Etc.**  
**Paper Hanging**  
**Miscellaneous Painting**  
**Signs**  
Diana Wilhelm  
945-2507  
Nazareth

**RIDDICK'S APPLIANCE REPAIR**, 420 E. Broadway, Tulla, 995-2337. We work on all major brand appliances and will come to Dimmitt or Nazareth. Call and leave a message. We also buy and sell used appliances. 18-43-tfc

**George's Service Station**  
**FULL SERVICE**  
Oil Changes  
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George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

**DOUBLE D ELECTRIC**—For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-tfc

**Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair**  
**Hi-Plains Irrigation**  
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Olton, TX  
1-800-687-3133  
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## 20—Help Wanted

**SWISHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** has the following positions open: Home Health: One RN/LVN, one nurse's aide. Correctional Clinic Services: One RN/LVN. Hospital: One RN/LVN. If interested, please send resume to Human Resources Dept., Swisher Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 808, Tulla, Texas 79088. 20-50-2tc

## TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED

Local and OTR in the four state area including Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma.  
Weekly paid with good pay rate. Home most weekends.  
Requirements include: class "A" CDL, two years tractor/trailer experience, clean driving record, drug free, clean and neat appearance with a good attitude towards this profession.  
If you meet these requirements and are looking for a good job with a growing company please call 1-806-647-3135.

## 20—Help Wanted

**!!!! NOW HIRING !!!!**  
**PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES**  
Openings are for the 3-11 and 11-7 shifts. Starting salary ranges from \$5.00 per hour to \$5.25 per hour. Excellent benefits, health insurance, paid sick leave, two weeks paid vacation, retirement plan, stock purchase plan and college tuition reimbursement program.  
Applications are available at:  
**Town & Country Food Stores**, 406 N. Broadway, Dimmitt  
Drug Testing Required. EOE

## 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:

- Homes and land for sale
- Farms for sale
- Homes and apartments for rent
- Things people want to rent
- Miscellaneous items for rent
- Miscellaneous items for sale
- Garage sales
- Household goods for sale
- Farm equipment and supplies
- Agricultural services
- Feed, seed and grain for sale
- Farm produce for sale
- Livestock and pets
- Automobiles for sale
- Recreational vehicles
- Auto parts and supplies
- Business opportunities
- Services
- Insurance
- Students seeking work
- Help wanted
- Wanted, Misc.
- Notices
- Lost and found
- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

## 20—Help Wanted

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

**HELP WANTED:** Part-time secretary (20 hours per week) at Castro County Extension Office. Salary based on experience and training. Position currently available. Deadline for receiving information is April 4, 1997. Basic qualifications: High school diploma or above; two years experience in clerical skills, **computer skills a MUST!** Major job responsibilities: Computer processing and general office duties. Persons interested in being considered as an applicant should contact Greta Schuster, Castro County Extension Office, (806) 647-4116. 20-51-1tc

**SERVICE TECHNICIAN** needed at John Deere dealership in Tulla. Call Steve at Briscoe Implement, (806) 995-4065 or 1-800-749-4955. 20-51-2tc

**BOOKKEEPING POSITION:** Mature, responsible bookkeeper for busy public office. Position requires a minimum of four years full-time bookkeeping/accounting experience, and two years advanced computer experience. Must have excellent organizational skills and the ability to work well under pressure. Application packets will be accepted through March 28, 1997, at Hale County Community Supervision and Corrections Dept., 519 Broadway, Plainview, Texas. EOE. 20-51-1tc

## 21—Wanted, Misc.

**PANHANDLE COMMUNITY** Services Housing Authority is seeking private rental properties to be placed on the Housing Assistance Program. Rental addresses and landlord contacts will be listed for qualified families seeking rental assistance. All units must meet HUD Housing Quality Standards. Contact PCS local office, 647-3244. Stella Devers, Center Coordinator, Dimmitt Office Contact, (806) 647-3244. 21-51-1tc

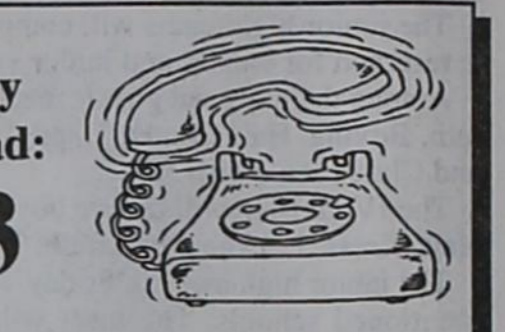
## 22—Notices

**NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOAN**  
The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any High School located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard of religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Plainview Trust Dept., of Norwest Bank Texas, N.A., 205 West Fifth, P.O. Box 580, Plainview, Texas 79073-0580. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1997. 22-51-1tc

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 647-2577. 22-48-4tc

## 20—Help Wanted

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES**  
1-800-AHA-USA1



**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The City of Dimmitt is accepting bids for the 1997 seal coating. Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received at City Hall, 200 E. Jones, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 until April 21, 1997, at 2 p.m. for construction of Seal Coat Improvements including all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for seal coating city streets. Bid documents are on file at City Hall, City of Dimmitt, Texas, and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers Architects Planners, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas 79101.  
CITY OF DIMMITT  
By: Mayor Wayne Collins  
25-51-2tc

## 25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for an original package store permit to be located at 605 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of El Viejo Package Store.  
Lucia M. Fuentes, Owner  
25-51-2tp

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: KENNETH YOUNG  
D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent:  
**GREETINGS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable MARVIN MARSHALL, 242nd DISTRICT COURT, Castro County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of THE TEXAS DEPT. OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES, Petitioner, filed in said court on the 5th day of March, 1997, against KENNETH YOUNG, D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent, and said suit being numbered B-6975-09-95-FL on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of JOSHUA SORRELS AND KENNETH RYAN, children, the nature of which suit is a request to second amended petition to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born on the 30th day of May, 1982, in McLennan County, Texas.  
The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.  
If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Dimmitt, Texas, this 5th day of March, 1997.  
JOYCE M. THOMAS, Clerk  
242nd District Court  
Castro County, Texas  
By Ronda M. West, Deputy  
25-49-4tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids on the following: One (1) new tandem-powered motor grader.  
Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 1997. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 14, 1997, at 10 a.m.  
Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.  
IRENE MILLER,  
Castro County Judge  
25-50-2tc



# DMS honor students named

Dimmitt Middle School honored its top students and recognized those who made the honor roll during the third nine-week grading period.

Seventh-grade honor students include Kelsey Welch, English and history; Thomas Brockman, history; Tanner Self and Jose Garcia, pre-algebra; Albert Campos, math 87 and reading improvement; Amanda Rivera, math 76; Self, Welch and Ryan Hays, reading enhancement; Esmer Ramirez, Lyndee Behrends and Patricia Cruz, most AR points; Self and Welch, science; Cliff Wright, Industrial Arts; Jason Harris, mechanics; Tara Delamar, food production; Sandra Reyes, life management skills; Raul Casas, band; April Tijerina, choir; Welch and Jacy Weaver, computer; and Thomas Brockman, Behrends and Sharla Kenworthy, health.

Eighth-grade honor students include Joshua Hardwick, English, reading and health; Daniel Lopez and Daniel Proffitt, history; Stephanie Casas, algebra; Jeremy Furr, pre-algebra; Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb, computer; Sam Espinosa, Industrial Arts; Derrick Reyes, mechanics; Priscilla Peralta, food production; Tony Sifuentes, life management skills; Jessica Salinas, band; Lupe Fierro, choir; and Mary Bradley, science.

Students making the "A" honor roll during the grading period include:

**Fourth Grade:** Lilita Aguilar, Jorge Alvarado, Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Kristin McClure, Callen Mixson, Layne Penney, Ignacio Sifuentes, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.

**Fifth Grade:** Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Katy Louder, Reynaldo Medrano, Tyler Myatt and Matthew Sanders.

**Sixth Grade:** Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda.

**Seventh Grade:** Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Tara Delamar, Jose Garcia, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Jace Weaver, Kelsey Welch and Cliff Wright.

**Eighth Grade:** Stephanie Casas, Joshua Hardwick, Rachal Harman, Cherie Norman and Lori Schulte.

Dimmitt Middle School Students making the "A-B" honor roll include:

**Fourth Grade:** Kayla Acker, Corrie Black, Christopher Casas, Jaime Cavazos, Angelica Covarrubia, Carlos Cruz, Jessica Delgado, Lori Garza, Matthew Larra, Megan Lemons, Raul

Melendez, Ryan Miller, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Jose Ontiveros, Rigo Presas, Christina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Maribel Rivera, Stuart Sheffy, Yvonne Sifuentes, Felisha Starling and Adam Zambrano.

**Fifth Grade:** Adriana Arcos, Jimmy Armstrong, Delia Arredondo, Cynthia Barrera, Christina Campos, Samuel Cavazos, Jordan Delamar, Isaac Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzales, Jared Griffith, Alicia Heard, Todd Jansa, Shayla Kenworthy, Tabitha Laurent, Chris Lindsey, Kayla Luna, Jorge Martinez, Kendra Martinez, Mindy Maxwell, Justina Navarro, Joel Puente, Daniel Rodriguez, Marcella Salinas, Kami Sanders, Lisa Sears, Shantell Self, Sarah Silva and Adam Wright.

**Sixth Grade:** Elvis Birdwell, Lee Brown, Elizabeth Cartwright, Juan Delgado, Isabel Garcia, Efran Gomez, Gina Gonzales, Natalie Jimenez, Ma-

ria Ontiveros, Emilio Porras, Ramey Rice, Leticia Rodriguez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Roxie Saenz, Abraham Salinas, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle, Jody Stovall, Colby Williams and Annette Zambrano.

**Seventh Grade:** Lyndee Behrends, Albert Campos, Angela Cartwright, Patricia Cruz, Gabriel Garcia, Dana Gonzales, Jason Harris, Ryan Hays, Johnathan Jimenez, Brent Josselet, Sharla Kenworthy, Jake Laurent, Kody Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Saul Medrano, Jarod Newland, Charley Nutt, Rae Odum, Jason Riggs, Biane Saucedo and Omar Torres.

**Eighth Grade:** Georgina Arredondo, Buddy Birdwell, Heather Black, Mary Bradley, Casandra Casas, David Garcia, Lyndsey Heard, B.J. Hill, Emanuel Jaramillo, Marcus Larra, Ernesto Olmos, Debbie Peralez, Carmen Pineda, Daniel Proffitt, Jose Ramos, Jessica Salinas, Leticia Sanchez, Jade Vick and Kylie Webb.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dimmitt Middle School are (front, from left) Gus Correa and Albert Campos; (middle, from left), Carmen Pineda, Emilio

Porras, and Sally Stahl; and (back, from left) Maribel Montiel, Amelia Esqueda, Lisa Sears, Shantell Self, and Steven Caballero.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

I finally got to see the Hale-Bopp Comet last Thursday morning at 4 by looking east to where the sun comes up and then looking north from that point. It was easy to find. It was closer to the horizon than where I had been looking and showed up well with only the naked eye, because it was below the stars.

I also saw it in the northwest that night. It was a little higher up and I had to wait until after dark to find it. Glenn and LaWanda Wilson and Johnnie B. And Shorty Lilly found it before, in both places, by using binoculars, two or three days earlier.

LaWanda and I also tried the equinox theory by placing an egg on its big end and see if the elements would hold it that way. We set two eggs up at 10:45 and 10:46. Mine stayed up until Sunday morning, when it was leaning on the east, but still in the same spot. Monday morning it was over on its side.

It was Shorty who told me we could also see Mars. I saw it before I heard on television that we could. All of us mentioned above watched the eclipse of the moon Sunday night. Others who mentioned watching the eclipse were Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright, the Prestons at Hart, the Clyde Damrons, and Clara Vick and some of her family in Dimmitt. Probably others in the community also watched. Bennie told me he didn't want binoculars, he wanted a big telescope.

Janelle Haydon is still in Lubbock

Methodist Hospital and doing about the same. Eddie and Sherry Haydon went down Saturday afternoon to visit with her and Milburn.

James Norrell is doing better. He is able now to get out of the house and walk around some, which helps.

Lillian Carson spent Saturday and Sunday with Dorothy Carson of Olton, her sister-in-law, who needed someone for those two days. She is unable to stay alone and her caregivers were unable to help.

Kelby Bradley has had his kids, Colton and Jessica of Lubbock, with him this week since they were out for spring break. He took them back to Lubbock Sunday.

Kelley Green went back for a checkup this week, and got a good report.

Alton and Betty Louder and Doug and Judy Louder left last Thursday morning for Stamford Lake for a few days of fishing. Doug and Judy got home Sunday night. Alton and Betty came home Monday.

Bob Hammon of Hereford, a Gideon speaker, was a guest speaker at Sunnyside Baptist Church for the Sunday morning service.

Ezell and Verba Sadler spent the week at Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge, checking things and doing some work in and around their lake house.

Lori Duke of Lubbock brought their girls to visit Robert and Frances Duke through Saturday. Robert

and Frances took the girls back to Lubbock Saturday and watched Alyssa's basketball game Saturday evening. They came home when Larry and Lori came home.

Jimmy and Jo Ann King of Hobbs, N.M., visited with Billy and Emma Jean King Friday night and stayed the weekend. Marshel and Kaye King and Lance and Lincoln of Earth joined them for Sunday dinner and an afternoon of visiting.

Emma Jean King attended the ROW meeting in Dimmitt March 19.

## Little Theater to present Cline show in Hereford

The Amarillo Little Theater will perform its traveling show, *Always... Patsy Cline* for the Hereford Community Concert Association on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium.

Because this is an added show to the association's season, the group is charging admission for this show. Members who purchase advance tickets will pay \$5 to attend while non-members will be charged \$7. Admission at the door will be \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Advance tickets may be purchased in Dimmitt from Ed and Betty Freeman or Doris Flynt.

## Locals to take part in MS Walkathon

The Dimmitt office of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will be well represented at the "MS Walk" in Amarillo Saturday, April 12.

Employees and their families will all join the walkathon to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

They hope to be representing a lot of local donors as well.

Walkers representing the local office will include Mike and Shelly Huseman, Beth and Jackie Roberts, Justin and Josh Roberts, and Martha and Javier Ibarra.

The Husemans will be pushing their year-old son, Tristen, in a walker.

10K walkathons will be conducted in both Amarillo and Borger on the same day. The Amarillo event, entitled "Walk Historic Amarillo," will begin at 1000 Polk St. and end at

Sanborn Park.

The MS Walk is a fund-raising event which supports the National MS Society's efforts to provide support services and fund research.

Anyone wishing to pledge a donation through the local walkers may do so at the Dimmitt office of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

This year, an estimated 200,000 Americans in more than 400 cities will participate by raising pledges and walking.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks your nervous system, wearing away the control you have over your body.

Most people diagnosed with MS are between the ages of 20 and 40.

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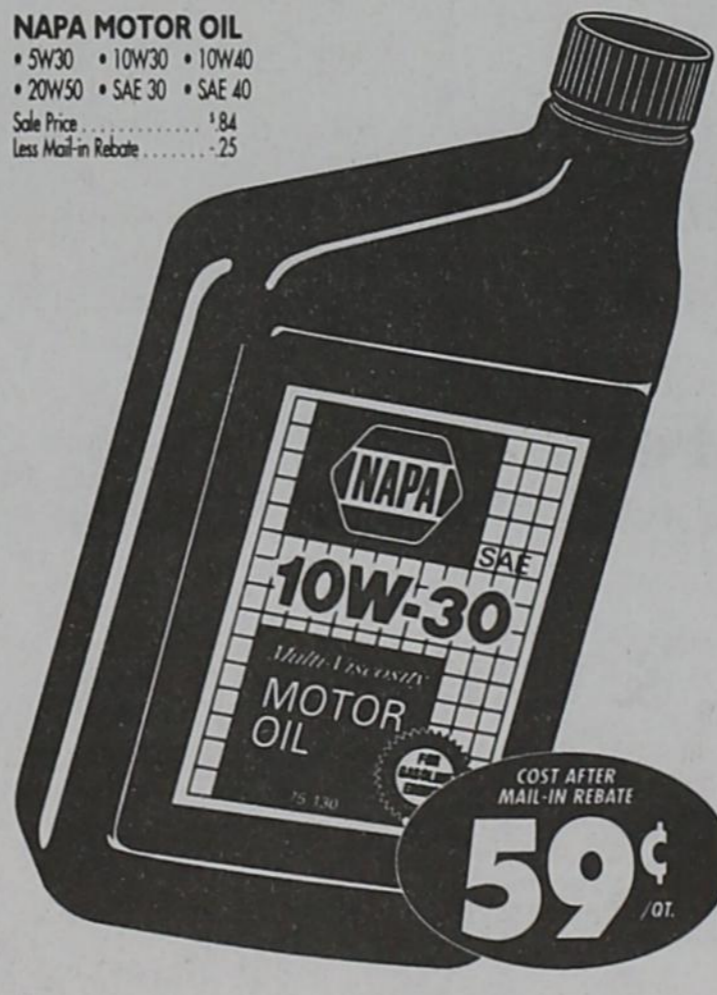
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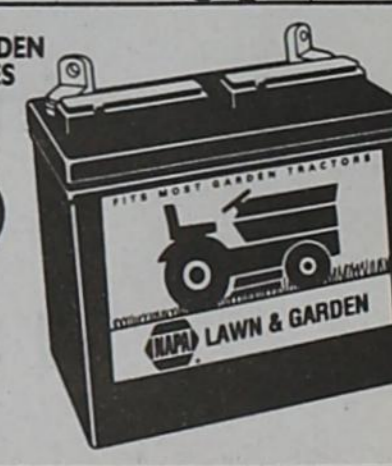
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*Matthew 28:1-6*

*May the miracle of Easter  
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